**PEGO Golf Society – Notes from Committee Meeting held on 9th July, 2019**

The meeting was called to Order at 14:35. Present were Bill Pike, Penny Barden, Fiona Sankey, David Phillips, Malcolm Wise, Brian Barden and Paul Sankey.

1. Minutes of last meeting

These were accepted as read – proposed to accept by Dave Phillips and seconded by Bill Pike.

Matters arising

* Outstanding subscriptions: Only one was now outstanding. PS had spoken to the individual who was unlikely to be re-joining Oliva Nova in the short term.
* The ongoing issue with bank charges remained outstanding and Brian Barden confirmed that he intends to talk to the bank manager in Ondara ASAP.

1. Captains Report

**Captain’s Report July 9th**

Patrick Lynch, having had a knee operation a couple of months ago, needed further treatment, and will not be playing again until October. he is also selling his property in Spain, and consequently has decided to withdraw from the Committee. I’m sure the Committee will join me in thanking him for the work he has put in over the last few years, and wish him the best of luck in his recuperation.

Society day attendance continues to run at around 35 players per week, but some members who have been absent through long term injuries or illness are returning over the next few weeks, and should boost numbers. Barry Levett and Jon Nicol are now back playing with us, Michel Grin and Peter Brown will be resuming during July, but Alan Simpson and Patrick Lynch will be unavailable until September or October. Our overall membership is approaching the maximum of 100, but this has not caused any problems to date.

Our team in the Summer League is doing well, and we are currently in third place of the nine teams. We thank Shaun for his sterling work in captaining the team, following on from the Costa Blanca League.

The summer dinner and dance at El Cid was an excellent evening, and enjoyed by over 60 members and guests. Thanks to Malcolm for arranging a great night. The Captain’s charity benefited by 330 euros from the raffle, with excellent prizes donated by Oliva Nova, El Cid, La Boheme Restaurant in Javea, Le Gourmand Restaurant in Jesus Pobre, Campbell Lamont Golf Shop, and prizes donated by our Committee members. Thanks to all of them.

Following the request from members at the AGM, I met with the events staff at La Sella to provisionally book our Xmas venue. We then checked with members how many of them would be supporting this choice of venue, but despite our best efforts, we could only raise a maximum of 40 attendees, including partners. Many of those responding were very enthusiastic regarding the event, but unfortunately, we would need a minimum of 60 people to confirm our booking, so we must think again. Other options for Xmas will be discussed in this meeting.

1. Secretary’s Report

Paul Sankey ran through his short report. Current membership is now 99, with one new member admitted during the month.

A recent application had brought into sharp focus the issue of the maximum handicap limit. The handicap system was discussed and it was confirmed that the cap for new members is 28 for men (excluding slope) and that this has been a long running requirement in Pego. The applicant concerned (who did not have a handicap) had played two rounds with various Committee members and was not felt to be at the required standard. PS would confirm this to him (done).

Despite a number of Emails to confirm his PEGO membership a member had claimed that he was not aware of his membership status. PS would make a final attempt to contact him to confirm his intentions but if this proved to be abortive his membership would be terminated.

1. Treasurer’s Report

Brian Barden gave his usual comprehensive report. Society finances were healthy and a discussion took place regarding the potential for the use of funds to enhance the quality of events/parties staged by the Society. We could enhance the overall “experience” to attract attendee’s by subsidising events more and despite issues regarding costs overall this was accepted.

A question was asked about raising the weekly fee to 3 Euros which would automatically enter players into the balls in the water and the 2’s. This would clearly reduce the match day administration overhead but it was felt that it wouldn’t be a good idea as some individuals would not want to go into either competition.

It was agreed to bring it up at the AGM and ask for a show of hands.

1. Social Secretary’s Report

Malcolm Wise gave his report highlighting the success of the recent EL Cid event and running through his recent discussions with Oliva Nova regarding Tapas following weekly competitions, something very close to member’s hearts!

The discussion quickly focussed on the Christmas event and the question was asked why we could not change the event into a Spring event in March / April when we would not be competing with members other commitments and might even benefit from better rates with providers. We could not simply repeat the same format and hope that somehow this would lead to increased attendees.

The venue remains a crucial issue and it was very unfortunate that la Sella which had looked extremely promising would not be viable due to insufficient support from members. A discussion was held about having a meal at Oliva Nova and how this might be enhanced to make it more appealing to members, recognising the strength of feeling expressed against this at the last AGM. A more formal event with a demonstrably better quality of meal added to enhanced entertainment from such as Rob Sweeney with possibly another artist might be sufficient but it would need very careful “selling” to members.

Such an approach could be seen as going against the members stated wishes and because of this an alternative had to be presented to members. Bill Pike has explored the issue with La Basta in Denia and there is a possibility of staging a mid-week event with them. Bill has used this restaurant regularly and recommended it.

Malcolm Wise would now be taking this forward with La Basta and Bill would forward contact details to him following the meeting.

It was felt that the end of November or beginning of December would be a good time for this.

1. Summer League Update

Bill Pike had covered this in his report but it was noted that the PEGO team were doing well and matches were being enjoyed by a number of members who were being selected by rotation.

1. Website and Webmaster duties

Agreed that Paul Sankey will send a note out asking if anyone is interested in learning how to operate and use the website.

1. Any other business

* Penny Barden has sent in a list of tee times and buggies as requested by the Oliva Nova Administration – we require less tee times nowadays and they have asked us to lower our requirement.
* Penny to check on Handicap Master on the numbers of members in Division 1 versus Division 2.
* Committee membership issues were discussed and it was recognised that new members were needed for the coming year.

1. Next Meeting

Tuesday September 3rd