



DATE

28th to 30th April 2009

VENUE

E-meeting conducted via the internet

PRESENT

Mark Collins – Treasurer
Alex Conrad – Chairman
Andy Picton – Captain & Handicap Secretary
Benjamin Riley – President & Secretary
Stuart Ware – Vice-Captain

1. OPENING

The President opened the meeting on 28th April at 14:35. There were no absences or apologies.

2. PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

The previous meeting's minutes have already been approved and adopted.

3. ORDER OF MERIT

As discussed at the AGM, the Committee have decided to introduce an Order Of Merit this year to determine the best golfer over the course of the entire season. Three proposals have been made regarding the scoring model we should use:

Proposal (1)

Points are awarded for the President's Cup as follows:

1st - 12, 2nd - 10, 3rd - 8, 4th - 7, 5th - 6, 6th - 5, 7th - 4, 8th - 3

Points are awarded for the Open Championship (including the Crystal Ball) as follows:

1st - 14, 2nd - 12, 3rd - 10, 4th - 9, 5th - 8, 6th - 7, 7th - 6, 8th - 5, 9th - 4, 10th - 3, 11th - 2, 12th - 1

Points are awarded for the Bell as follows:

1st - 12, 2nd - 10, 3rd - 8, 4th - 7, 5th - 6, 6th - 5, 7th - 4, 8th - 3

Points are awarded for the Masters as follows:

1st - 10, 2nd - 8, 3rd - 7, 4th - 6, 5th - 5, 6th - 4, 7th - 3, 8th - 2

For tied places, the points available across the positions are shared.

If we applied this model to the 2008 season, SW would have won with 26 points, AP 22 points, JS 22 and AC 20.



Proposal (2)

Points are awarded for the President's Cup, Charity Medal, Bell and Masters as follows:

1st - 20, 2nd - 18, 3rd - 16, 4th - 15, 5th - 14, and so on decreasing by 1 point per place

Points are awarded for the Open Championship (including the Crystal Ball) as follows:

1st - 30, 2nd - 27, 3rd - 24, 4th - 22, 5th - 20, and so on, decreasing by 2 points per place

In the event of a tie for any place (except first), the points available across the positions are shared.

If we applied this model to the 2008 season, AW scored 96 points, AP just one point behind with 95, AC 78, JS 70.

Proposal (3)

Points are awarded for the President's Cup, Charity Medal, Bell and Masters as follows:

1st - 10, 2nd - 8, 3rd - 6, 4th - 5, 5th - 4, 6th - 3, 7th - 2, 8th - 1

Points are awarded for the Open Championship (including the Crystal Ball) as follows:

1st - 20, 2nd - 17, 3rd - 14, 4th - 12, 5th - 10, 6th - 9, 7th - 8, and so decreasing by 1 point per place

In the event of a tie for any place (except first), the points available across the positions are shared.

5 points are awarded to each player on the winning Riley Cup team.

5 points are awarded to each player on the winning Fourballs Championship pair.

If we applied this model to the 2008 season, SW scored 56 points, AP just one point behind with 55, AC 33, JS 30.

The Committee discussed the variances between the proposals noting that Plans (2) and (3) would have resulted in just a one point margin of victory last year, pretty exciting. However, plan (1) bunched the field up much more meaning more people are potentially in the hunt. Proposal (3) included points for the Riley Cup and Fourballs which would give a greater number of people a chance to win some points while being unlikely to have a dramatic effect on the final result. It was also noted that proposal (1) carried some additional complexity and while being right to differentiate between the Open



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Championship and the other competitions, it was questioned whether it is necessary to have a different points scheme for every competition. Proposal (1) excluded the Charity Medal where (2) and (3) included it. It was also noted that proposal (2) results in the highest number of points which is aesthetically pleasing.

After some discussion, a fourth proposal was formed:

Proposal (4)

Points are awarded for the President's Cup, Charity Medal, Bell and Masters as follows:

1st - 20, 2nd - 19, 3rd - 18, 4th - 17, 5th - 16, 6th - 15 and so on decreasing by 1 point per place

Points are awarded for the Open Championship, including the Crystal Ball, as follows:

1st - 30, 2nd - 28, 3rd - 26, 4th - 25, 5th - 24, 6th - 23 and so on decreasing by 1 point per place

In the event of any ties, excluding 1st place, the points available across the positions are shared.

10 points are awarded to each player on the winning Riley Cup team.

5 points are awarded to each player on the winning Fourballs team.

Applying this to the 2008 season would have resulted in AP and SW having to play-off, tying on 115. But it would also have meant that AC, JS and NW would all have had a chance of winning the OoM going in to the Masters. While the Committee realises we can't count on this season following the same sort of pattern but a system that promotes keeping the Merit alive all the way to New Year's Eve surely has to be favourable.

Proposal (4) was generally accepted with the only point of contention being whether team competitions, specifically the Riley Cup and Fourballs Championship, should be included. A vote was taken on the matter and the proposal as published above was approved by majority.

4. TWITTER

It was noted that the CTO has set up a Twitter account for the Society which can be found at twitter.com/barbillgolf

5. CLOSURE

The Chairman concluded the meeting on 30th April at 21:00.