

HOYLAKE GOLF CLUB

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE SENIORS SECTION - HOYLAKE GOLF CLUB

HELD AT 12:20PM ON THURSDAY, 21st MARCH 2019

1. Present: -

Mike Down – President

John Lawrence – Captain 2019

D. Armitage, H. Bevan, P. Bond, A. B'Simon, T. Coleman, D. Denton, G.R. Edwards,
D. Farley, A. Fowler, R. Goodall, K. Hanrahan, K. Hayhurst,
T. Hughes, T.A. Hughes, S. Jenkinson, M. Jones, M.L. Jones, L. Kelley, H. Large, P. Martin, P. Mobbs, C.
Ruse, I. Thompson, R. Winstanley.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted from D. Cowley, D. Grime, D. Jerome, T. Kerkhofs, D. Lloyd, M. Neilan.

AGM MINUTES

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2018

Members noted that the minutes for the Annual General Meeting held on 22nd March 2018 had been posted on the notice board for the last 12 months to enable everyone to familiarise themselves with the contents. It was proposed by Pat Martin, seconded by Mike Down and resolved unanimously that the minutes be accepted as a true record of proceedings without discussion.

4. Chairman's Report: -

The Chairman, Harry Bevan, stated that he had enjoyed the Presentation Dinner held at Prenton Golf Club and that he had enjoyed his term as Chairman and as a member of Hoylake Seniors Section. He thanked the members for their support and stood down as Chairman. The members applauded and thanked him accordingly.

5. Secretary's Report (Ken Hanrahan - Assistant Secretary) In the absence of Tonny Kerkhofs, the Club Secretary's Assistant reported on the organisation of the Club during the past year and on the activities planned for the season ahead. The 2018 season had been successful, and it is hoped that this will continue this coming season. The spot-the-balls have subsidised major events and extended the senior prize fund. The Annual Dinner at Prenton had been well attended and was a great success with the food once again excellent. There will be a new venue this year for the dinner to be held at The Function Suite, The Manor, Greasby on Thursday 7th November.

The Christmas Frolic golf & meal at Hoylake golf course will be on Thursday, December 5th – probably with the same caterer as before with full carvery & dessert – cost TBA.

The two 2019 Calcutta matches with West Hoyle Ladies will be on Wednesday, 17th April (Ladies hosting) & Thursday, 15th August (Men hosting). Tee times @ 8:30 am.

The Wirral League is now defunct (until further notice).

Members should be aware that whilst the notice board displayed information about the significant changes to the Rules of Golf, we would encourage them to collect a hard copy of the rules or download the R&A electronic version in order that they could become fully conversant with the changes. Members noted that the Club would not be exercising the option of a local rule with an alternative response to out of bounds or lost ball because CONGU would not accept it in competitions affecting handicaps.

The top 20 changes to the rules of golf are printed on the back page of this year's fixture list.

6. Treasurer's Report (Martin Jones)

The Senior Section Treasurer introduced his Annual Financial Statement for the year ending 31st December 2018 and thanked Mike Baker and Alex B'Simon, the Club's auditors, for their diligent work in certifying the accounts and for the support they had given to him and his predecessor Maurice McMahon during the year. The statement of account showed a loss of £58.29 on the year and that the Senior's overall reserves remained healthily above £2000.00.

The Treasurer answered questions from members in relation to specific lines of income and expenditure referred to in his Annual Financial Statement. It was proposed by Alan Fowler, seconded by Tom Coleman and resolved unanimously that the Treasurer's report be accepted, and members applauded his management of the Senior's funds.

Structure of Annual Subscriptions

The Annual subscription for membership of Hoylake Golf Club is £50.00.

The Senior's subscription will be £10 plus 2 x £2.50 per competition. A total of £15.00.

Senior members must be aged 60+ and also be members of Hoylake Golf Club.

Thursday mornings - The entry fee payable of £1.00 still applies.

7. Handicap Secretary's Report (Mike Jones)

Mike stated that the computer system will continue this season and members must enter their scores after each round. The up to date Handicap List is posted on the noticeboard and is also available on the Club's web page.

A discussion with Phil Mobbs and the members present brought about a commitment to displaying the ongoing leaderboards for the stableford & medal competitions on the club's web site. This was suggested to continue throughout the winter season and Mike agreed that this was possible too.

8. Election of Officers 2019.

Chairman – Captain Mr. John Lawrence (Provisional); **Secretary** – Mr. Tonny Kerkhofs; **Secretary Assistant** – Mr. Ken Hanrahan; **Treasurer** – Mr. Martin Jones; **Treasurer Assistant** – Mr. Rob Goodall; **Handicap Secretary** – Mr. Mike Jones; **Handicap Secretary Assistant** – Mr. Dave Denton; **Committee Members** – Mr. Dave Denton and Mr. Alan Hughes.

Proposed by Tom Coleman; seconded by Mike Down. Supported unanimously by the members present. The Captain agreed to **provisionally** take on the Chairman's role for this season.

It was agreed, by all members present, to advertise the post of Chairman on the noticeboard and to urge all members to seriously consider/canvass the person suitable for this position.

Election of Auditors

It was proposed by Alan Fowler, seconded by Rob Goodall and resolved unanimously that Mike Baker and Alex B'Simon be appointed to serve as the Senior's auditors for the ensuing year. Members passed a vote of thanks to them for their continuing commitment to the Club.

9. Any Other Business

A letter to Cath Hughes, Alan's wife, from Autism Together thanked her & the Seniors for their generous donation of £200 through the sale of cake baked by Cath.

Alan raised a request to consider the introduction of 12 hole competitions in the summer months to facilitate members who are no longer able to complete a full round of 18 holes. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that those members concerned would be able to trial a 12 hole game by following on from the main 18 hole competition and thus finishing closer to the time of the main competition. This would enable them to also be a part of the social side of our club activity thus promoting inclusivity.

Rob Goodall raised the matter of improving communication within the Seniors by using email addresses. As a result, he collected addresses from the members present. This data will be protected in accordance with the Data Protection Act. Rob will also try to obtain entry to the Club Website in order to make use of that medium in order to update information for the benefit of the Senior Section.

Course Measurement

Members noted that as part of the process towards the introduction of a World Handicap System clubs in this country would need to employ the SLOPE system used in the United States and Europe and that this in turn meant that all courses would need to be remeasured.

The Wirral Borough Council had contracted agents to measure its municipal courses and they would be assisted at Hoylake, by the local knowledge of Dave Sefton, Phil Mobbs and Martin Jones, from our club, on Tuesday 26th March.

A discussion took place about assisting the groundsman with staking out penalty areas around the course, particularly where the ponds and water hazards exist. It was decided that any help from members would have to be a personal and informal decision.

The Captain, Mr. John Lawrence, added that we need to discuss the options on the colour of stakes in the various places. This would be to the benefit of players.

The President, Mr. Mike Down, advised that the minimum number of players required for the competitions is twelve not fifteen.

A proposal to have the AGM 2020 at 11:30 was proposed by Rob Goodall and seconded by Henry Large and agreed unanimously by the members present without discussion.

Before closing the meeting, the Captain, Mr. John Lawrence presented our retiring Chairman, Mr. Harry Bevan, with a gift of a carriage clock, a gift voucher and a signed card conveying our thanks for the admirable and loyal service given to us by him over the years.

Harry thanked the membership for the unexpected gift and was warmly applauded with a standing ovation.

The meeting then closed at 1:30pm.