

Minutes of the Fairfield Golf Society AGM held at the Fairfield Public House
7th Nov 2006 8.00pm

Present: R.Gilbert, A.Stelmasiak, R.Blick, M Moore, J.Scarlett, B.Martin, D Hubbard, S.Jelf, M.Scarlett, J.Adams.

1. **Chairman's report:** Richard said it was the 10th year of the society and it had been well celebrated in Spain and the Society should look forward to the next 10 yrs. It had been another successful year with events running smoothly. He reminded everyone the philosophy of the society was that everyone should have a chance to win and asked event organisers to consider this when deciding things like nearest the pin on a 200 yrd par3 or a nearest the pin in 3 on a long par 5 instead of longest drive, whether these things do give everyone an equal chance. Richard thanked everyone for their efforts in organising events.
2. **Treasurers Report:** A copy of the accounts for the year is attached to themMinutes. We started the year with £178.72, collected £340 in subs plus £110.95 towards the hole in one fund and spent £390 on prizes, leaving us £131.48 in the black and the hole in one fund at £417.35. Roger said there were some outstanding amounts owed from the Spain trip due to unexpected commission charges for paying by debit card. Roger said this varied from person to person depending on what they had already paid and if they shared a bag for clubs. All outstanding money to be paid to Roger. There was a discussion whether cash prizes at majors should continue or use the subs for something else. Barry proposed the subs be used to buy an item of clothing for each members (eg.shirt etc..). seconded by Simon and carried in a vote. Mick proposed the subs be £20 for 2007, seconded by Jeff and carried in a vote.

a copy of the accounts can be seen here: [Accounts/2006 ACCOUNTS.xls](#)

3. **Handicap Sec's report:** Mick reported that the spread of winners over this year indicated that the handicaps system was working fairly. There was much debate about getting cut an extra shot for winning a major, playing off 7/8ths etc... Roger reminded everyone playing to your handicap should be a challenge. It was agreed to keep the system the same for 2007.
4. **Secretaries report:** Andrew reported the website had been maintained and improved over the last year. It contained a lot of information such as the rules reminder page, fixture list info, current handicaps, league table,

photos, Hall of Fame for major winners over the years and even a golf lesson video. Jeff said we could use a streaming video link to save space on the server as it was limited.

5. **Entertainment Sec's report:** Dave circulated a list of the events that had been organised during the year. There was a discussion on the problem of getting a date for social events where everyone was available. The view of the meeting was that dates should be decided and set by the Ent Sec well in advance and run the event with those who can make it. Jeff felt we didn't get together enough socially. It was suggested that more could be done on the evenings after an event. It was agreed that organisers of events are free to arrange something on the evening of their event such as a curry.
6. **Election of Officers: Society Secretary,** Roger proposed Andrew, seconded by Jeff. Andrew re-elected for 2007. **Chairman:** Richard was not willing to stand as chairman. Dave proposed the post of Chairman be change to one of Captain but this should attract no privileges. Seconded by Simon and carried. After much debate about whether roles could be combined and the lack of volunteers to take on any of the other committee posts it was proposed by John that Roger be Captain and Treasurer. Roger agreed to stand in this capacity while it was tenable to do so. Seconded by Jeff. Roger duly elected Captain and Treasurer for 2007. **Handicap Secretary:** Mick was proposed by Simon, seconded by Roger and duly elected for 2007. **Entertainment Secretary:** Dave was proposed by Mick and seconded by Barry. Dave duly elected Ent Sec for 2007. It was also agreed the post should be a full committee post.
7. **Fixture list 2007:** There will be 16 events plus the knockout comp. The first event, and Christmas Cracker major, has already been booked by Richard at Ombersley on 27th Dec. Roger will set dates for fixtures next year and who gets what date will be done by drawing balls. If you get a date you can't do, swap with someone else. The Captain will organise the knockout comp.
8. **End of Season Presentation evening:** This has been arranged by Dave at the Hill Tavern Clent for 16th December. Bar until 11.00pm. Previous winners to get trophies engraved ready to hand over on the night.
9. **Membership:** No issues, remains at 17
10. **Speed of Play:** A number of people felt play was too slow at times and rounds of 5.5 hrs were too long. Everyone should be aware of simple things

to keep play moving like , who's put it, when it's your turn on the Tee, if you can't score pick up, line your put up while someone else is putting etc...Organisers are to remind players at each event. Roger said he would make a list of tips for speeding up play

11. **Next Anniversary Event:** There was a discussion on what to do for the 11th anniversary event. There was a high interest in going to Spain again. Simon volunteered to organise an event abroad with Dave's assistance. There was also talk of a short weekend away with wives, men play golf while wives shop and we all go out on the night.

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Thank you to Richard: Andrew gave a personal thank you to Richard for his work as chairman over recent years and reminded everyone the Society runs as well as it does today largely due to the ideas implemented by Richard. Everyone was in full agreement on this.

Guests: There was a debate on inviting guests to events. It was agreed that no guests should be invited as some people wound up playing with people they didn't know and the purpose of the society is to play golf with your mates. As a consequence of this, it was suggested that organisers do not use course where a minimum number of players is required. Also, anyone dropping out at the 11th hour after previously confirming attendance to an event is liable for any cost incurred as a result of them dropping out.

Major Events: There was a debate on whether all major events should be over more than one round. The meeting decided to leave things as they are. Simon proposed an entry fee of £5 for the knockout comp to pay towards the final round on a good course. Seconded by Mark and carried in a vote. Dave said he would also sponsor the comp to the amount of £100.

Tarnished trophies: Simon said his trophy had gone black, the meeting suggested elbow grease and brasso.

Date of AGM: Simon thought 2 wks notice of the AGM by e-mail was inadequate. The general view of the meeting was although the official notice went out 2wks before, which in itself should be sufficient, it was generally know before then what the date was. It was pointed out by Richard we always held it on the first Tue in Nov. Hence the date of the next meeting is Tue 6th Nov 2007.