

FGS minutes: AGM 5/11/2007

Present: R Blick, A Stelmasiak, M Moore, D Hubbard, M Scarlett, J Scarlett, B Williams, J Adams, S Jelf, P Devine, R Weston, B Martin, D Evans, M Buckley.

1. **Captains Report:** Roger made some general observations on the year noting that Danny had a particularly good year and can't now be caught in the order of merit. Average attendance was around 11 per event.

The second trip to Spain had gone well and there was a vote of thanks to Simon for organising it.

Roger was disappointed more didn't attend the knockout days arranged. The meeting felt this was due to loss of interest after an individual was knocked out. It was proposed (AS) and seconded (MB) the knockout be kept and run in tandem with the normal order of merit games. Carried.

It was further agreed that the slots scheduled for next years knockout (4 off) be used to play some non Order of Merit team event games. Roger proposed and AS seconded that the Christmas cracker 2008 be the last game of the season so the end of season bash could be in Jan to avoid conflicting with other Christmas events. Carried

2. **Treasurers Report :** Roger reported the treasures job had been simplified by people organising their own event and he just collected the hole in one fund.

The accounts stood at £626.65 comprising £519.86 hole in one fund and £106.75 in cash.

Roger reported there was now an ongoing cost of £35 per annum for the society website.

A proposal to use this years subs for an item of clothing was approved.

Mick informed the meeting that the cost of crystal golf balls presented to major winners as a memento had gone up to £20 each. Mick Buckley said he knew a place where they were around £7-9.

Roger proposed subs for 2008 be set at £25 to pay for clothing , web costs and momentos (subject to them being obtained cheaply), with there being an extra levy if a more expensive item of clothing was desired eg: wind cheater. Carried

a copy of the accounts can be seen here: [Accounts/2007 ACCOUNTS.xls](#)

3. **Handicap secretaries report:** Mick reported on the movement of handicaps over the last year. Some felt that cutting the winner of a major an extra shot was too harsh.

It was proposed (PD) and seconded (RW) this be abolished. Carried

Danny proposed and MB seconded that all winners should be cut a shot. Lost

4. Social Secretaries report: Dave felt he had not had a good year in this role and could have done more. There was a debate about attendance at social events and the general view was it was impossible to please everyone and as a free society people could choose or not to attend and hence turnouts to social events would be variable.

5. Secretaries report: Andrew reported on the acquisition of the new society web site and URL www.Fairfield-golf.co.uk during 2007 with enough space for videos and photos. Richard asked if there could be more photos of winners and a section for past/current Captains. Agreed.

6. Election of Officers:

Captain: Roger Blick, Proposed Mick Buckley, seconded Jeff Scarlet. Roger Blick duly elected

Handicap sec: Mike Moore, Proposed Brian Williams, seconded Pat Devine. Mike Moore duly elected

Treasurer : Roger Blick, proposed Jeff Scarlet, seconded Simon Jelf. Roger duly elected

Secretary: Andrew Stelmasiak, proposed Mike Buckley, seconded Jeff Scarlet. Andrew Stelmasiak duly elected.

Social Secretary: Dave Hubbard, proposed Jeff Scarlett, seconded, Simon Jelf. Dave Hubbard duly elected.

7. Fixtures 2008: An amendment to the start of the season was carried in the Captain's report. Roger had produced a fixture list of dates for 2008.

Richard Weston proposed that there be a rotation of organisers so people organise events at a different time of the year in future. He suggested everyone jump 3 months from the dates they had last year. This was agreed. **ACTION:** Andrew to insert names in the new list of dates and e-mail publish on the website. Individuals may swap dates with each other once the fixture list is published.

There was a debate whether some games could be held on Friday afternoons so that some of the local private courses could be played on. Jeff proposed and John seconded that 2 games out of the 2008 fixture list be arranged on a Friday. Carried (on the understanding that those with contacts at private clubs would be the ones to organise a Friday event)

Mike Buckley asked everyone to, where possible, organise an event on a course the society had not yet played on.

Simon asked for the Christmas Cracker to be on a Sat as this years was mid week and some may be at work. **ACTION:** Andrew to check 2008 fixture list.

8. Membership: Jeff said he had enjoyed the year without guests as you always play with your mates. The committee felt there was no need to

change from the current number of 17. This was proposed by AS and seconded by JS. Agreed.

9. Order of Merit Scoring: There was a discussion over whether the weekend away should count as 3 separate scoring events for the Order of Merit. It was proposed (RB) and seconded (RW) the result of the weekend away would count as one score in the Order of Merit table. Carried

10. Trophies and Green Jacket: The Committee reminded everyone that people in possession of trophies are required to get them engraved and bring them to the presentation evening or make sure they get there if they are not attending.

11. Change to COR rule: This was tables so the members could discuss whether they wanted to apply this rule which makes some clubs illegal for professional competition from 1.1.2008. The meeting agreed this rule should not apply to the society. Pat said there were 40+ rule changes due to come in shortly. **ACTION:** Pat to give Andrew relevant details for inclusion of the Rules Reminders section of the website.

12. End of season Presentation Evening: Everyone was reminded of the evening on 14 Dec at the Balti Bazaar, meet in The Railway pub next door 7.30 for drinks. £10.95 per person.

13 A.O.B. : none

Date of next AGM Tue 4th Nov, 2008 - venue TBA.