

FGS AGM 2008

Present:-

MickM, Rog, Big Rich, Pat, Danny, Hubby, Bazza, J4, Marc, Scarly, Brian, Bucko, Razor, Gibbo.

Apologies:-

Andy, Pud, Tex.

Captains report.

Another enjoyable and successful year. Many new venues visited. Some old favourites revisited.

Bucko mentioned the cost of travelling and golf is getting higher and higher. We should be doing more with 2-4-1 vouchers or similar.

Brian said that the Xmas cracker was booked for Ombersley as usual.

Rog asked what members thought was the role of captain.

Generally to keep things moving and try to make sure things get done.

Discussion about "Captains knockout" (4 days set aside for non-OOM games)

J4 said that there should be 1 special event (captains day) which should be a full day. i.e.

Breakfast, midday, and evening meal in best bib and tucker, and 27 or 36 holes.

After some discussion this was proposed by J4. Seconded by Bucko. Voted and carried.

Hubby commented that "Captain" should be looked after by members and get free Captains day food/golf/drinks. Other goodies as well.

Treasurers report

Accounts published. Hole-in-one fund noted. Some hole-in-one monies had been borrowed from time to time to cover incidentals.

Gibbo suggested that some of the subs should be kept as a float and Hole-in-one fund kept in premium bonds.

A proposal to maintain subs at £25 to cover website costs and create the float, but not to include any new society clothing, was voted and carried.

A proposal to cap the hole-in-one fund was voted and rejected.

a copy of the accounts can be seen here: [Accounts/2008 ACCOUNTS.xls](#)

Handicap secretaries report.

Pretty much the same as last year.

All stableford points taken from scorecards entered into database and a single button push calculates new handicaps based on rules set at last years AGM.

OOM points are calculated at the same time.

Social secretaries report

List of social events published

Not good attendance at any of the published events though calling a 10K run a "social event" was again questioned (light heartedly)

Dave was reminded that the "Beatles" night at Robin2 was a resounding success.

It was emphasised again that the social secretaries job was to organise/advertise/publicise events that members are invited to join in.

Not everyone agrees what makes a night out and not everyone can make the date of an event.

100% participation is impossible. Don't expect to please everyone.

Presentation evening to be organised
Suggested 24th January – proposed – carried.
Big Rich said that this should be golfers only as “partners aren’t interested”

Secretaries report

Rog deputised for Andrew.

Election of Officers.

Captain – Rog – proposed by Pat – seconded Scarly – carried
Treasurer – Rog – proposed Big Rich – seconded Danny – carried
Secretary – Andy – proposed Brian – seconded Pat - carried
Social secretary – Scarly – proposed/second/third Hubby – unanimous
Handicap Secretary – Delayed until after new handicap proposals discussed

Next year’s fixtures

Rotation of names by three months to be done by Andy (as last year) and applied to new calendar – yet to be specified.

Rog said that members who attended non-OOM events enjoyed the change of format and asked if we should continue with such events. ??

A general discussion about the knockout competition followed :-

How do we get more members to attend after they have been knocked out? Particularly the final.

Is it taking too long to get a result?

Unresolved

A proposal to fix a date for the first round was made.

Unresolved It was decided to set a fixed date for 1st round early in season, each round to have a deadline for completion with a fixed date for the final (august) Any players not completing by specified date will be scratched.

Membership

A proposal that membership numbers should stay the same was voted on – carried
Discussion then continued.

Big Rich suggested “Big Jim” as a new member.

Although concerns were raised last year about increasing the number of members to 17 it never became a problem because turnout never reached 100%

Scarly said that new members had become new friends.

Bucko said that former members of Manchester Inn GS had asked about joining.

Concerns about FGS becoming too big and difficult to administer were raised.

(Possibly limit increase to one per year) No proposals carried situation to be reviewed on merit as they arise.

Proposal to increase numbers to 18 by introducing Jim Harper – carried

OOM scoring

Rog asked whether the three round event at the weekend away should be changed back to three separate scoring rounds.

Same arguments as previous year

Proposal for “No change” – carried

Trophies

Gibbo pointed out that it is the responsibility of any trophy holder to make that trophy (and Green Jacket) available for presentation to the new winner the next time it is played for.

End of season Presentation Evening

Covered in Social secretaries report

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Handicap calculation

Bucko and Pat presented and explained their proposals for changes to the handicap calculation rules.

Bucko's idea is slightly more complicated but follows closely the recommendations of the Golf Union for handicap calculation – except cut for winning.

Pat's version introduces a fluid definition of "par" and includes multiples in increases as well as decreases in handicap (+.1 for every stroke above par and -.2 for every stroke below par)

Danny says that anyone winning (or even coming second) at any event should be cut.

Bucko asked "Why do we only use 7/8ths of our full handicap in competitions?"

Finally a proposal that Pat's version using full handicaps and disregarding highest and lowest scores to calculate 'par for the day' was voted and carried.

Continuation of previous business – vote for handicap secretary – MikeM elected.

Rotation of captaincy

J4 suggested that everyone should take turns at being captain.

Marc said that this cannot be compulsory but anyone who wants it should have the opportunity.

Selection could be made by drawing lots.

Hubby again stated that the captaincy should be a privilege not a job.

Etiquette

Standards need to be better. Both Danny and Bucko mentioned that noise levels on the course were getting too high. A recent occurrence causing some consternation.

Big Rich and J4 agreed that silence during shot making is necessary but let's not lose the fun element of the day's golf.

Next AGM

Set for the first Tuesday in November 2009

A great big THANKS to Hubby for the venue and refreshments.