

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2011-11-08

ATTENDEES

Roger, Jeff, Marc, Mike M., Rich, Hubby, Jim, John, Andrew, Simon, Tex.

APOLOGIES

Barry, Brian, Todd, Pud, Bucko, Danny

1. Minutes of the last meeting were posted, to all previously. Minutes taken as read and accepted unanimously.

2. CAPTAINS REPORT

Jeff summed up the season so far as another success with the highlight so far the weekend away in Buxton offering thanks to Pud for organising. He congratulated Simon on winning the captain's Knockout in defeating Brian in the final. Summed up on comments that handicap system currently in operation seems to be a success.

3. TREASURERS REPORT

Dave gave out documents accounting the club transactions of the year with main business being the transfer in and out of funds to finance events. We continue to operate on a very low balance of assets £85.77 with the hole in one fund continuing its inexorable growth into a sizeable fortune now standing at £1157.36. The subs have now been invested in insurance for 2 years all discussed to continue at the current level of £25 subject to confirmation of the premium in the new year with any excess required by an additional small levy. Simon proposed continue in this manner for 2012 2nded by Andrew – carried unanimously. A vote of thanks to Hubby for his efforts from all.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Roger reported on the following points:

- 4.1 Website

Roger continues to update the site with match info and modified handicaps with technical help from Andrew on the more intricate parts of web site maintenance for which he thanked him for the support. Last year Rich commented on the desire to have a historical record of the society to which he is continuing to compile and will submit it for the website when he can. All agreed that it was a super reference point for the society and agreed its continuation and growth.

- 4.2 Google

The proposal from Roger of introducing the google document as a central means of registering intention to play a fixture was discussed and generally agreed as a step forward. The main think all agreed was essential to its function was a return to the society tradition of each player acting responsibly in proactively communicating with the organiser. This makes one single effort by the member instead of the organiser having to chase by email/phone/text/pigeon post and telepathy to find out who is playing. It is understood that some have difficulty in planning with any certainty whether they can play until last minute (PUD especially) and that life happens that changes plans due to work / family or other complications.

HOWEVER

All agreed the posting of your name to the google document is easily done at any time right up to the fixture and it should be the individual members responsibility to register their intention and if your name is not posted on the notice or you have not contacted the organiser by other means you are considered not to be playing.

Roger committed to posting the fixture sheet to google at least four weeks in advance. With space for information on any special terms and conditions such as none refundable deposits they may need to commit. Roger referred all to the earlier memo and is happy to guide anybody who needs it as will anybody else with experience of using google.

(The procedure is repeated in the appendix at the end of this document.)

This concluded in a PROPOSAL (Roger, 2NDED Andrew)

That there be a return to the culture of responsibility of notification rests with the player and not the fixture organiser and you are considered not playing until you register your intention. - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

Roger opened discussion on the KO comp revueing the issues that occurred through this and previous seasons of prolonged and delayed completion of matches, clashes with order of merit fixture. Rich sited worry at inconsistent methods of scoring witnessed. Several commented on dissatisfaction around these general points and that the original premise of the additional competition leading to playing more golf rather than just duplicating scores for a number of means on the same game.

Andrew commented that he had intended to propose the competition be dropped but from the conversation modified his opinion to proposing it be separated.

Mike commented that nothing is compulsory so should it be optional to those interested in it as a separate set of fixtures.

Rich commented that he has always opted out, as he could never commit to extra fixtures. Tex agreed with points on timing and asked for a defined set of rules is published to clarify.

Jim volunteered to draft a set of rules for the committee to approve and then publish. – Thanks Jim.

This concluded in a PROPOSAL (John 2nded Roger)

That the KO competition be run apart and separate from the order of merit competition with a google document posted to allow members to register for the competition if they wish and be played to published rules approved by the committee.

FOR 8

Against 3

MOTION CARRIED

4.4 Membership

Current level of membership were discussed with no changes proposed or new people submitted. No changes

5.HANDICAP SECRETARY'S REPORT

As acting handicap sec Roger summarised the season so far under the change adopted last year of counting “blobs” for handicap purposes.
The attached spreadsheet for info and consideration for all.
A couple of notable statistics

10 different winners in 15 competitions so far from an average turnout of 11.5 shows handicaps are making most players competitive.

7 people have increased handicap – maximum increase 1.4
7 people have decreased - maximum decrease 3
3 are unchanged of which 1 is inactive (Pat)

There are no statistics on what the difference would have been without “blobs” included only the case that they would be higher.

There were discussions on the merits of other changes or modifications
Rog suggested change from “blob” rule to calculation on average stableford score as par rather than a standard ‘36’ to take account of relative difficulty and conditions.
Jim suggested return to a 0.1 only change in scores under par.
We woke those members who fell asleep and prevented a couple of attempted suicides and conclude there would be NO CHANGE for the coming season.

6. SOCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT

Don’t have one since Todd’s early resignation so no report.
Rog voted for thanks to Rich and Jean for researching the Christmas dinner that is planned – all agreed.

7. PROPOSALS FROM SIMON

7.1 That hole in one fund be frozen at current value and new birdie competition introduced. Discussions led to following modification.

PROPOSALS – To consider a new competition for a £1 bet to win the pot on posting a gross birdie at a designated hole. – MOTION CARRIED

7.2 That the hole in one pot continue but as winner takes all rather than in £500 lots – Proposed John, 2nded Jim – CARRIED 8 v 2

7.3 Simon then proposed (2nded by Jim) That captain be given privilege of always playing at No 2 with organiser in 1st tee off. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 Simon proposed that final tee off should be reserved for competition leaders – discussion found no seconders so motion rejected.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All officers officially stood down with a general vote of thanks for their efforts.

8.1 CAPTAIN

Jeff only willing to stand if no other willing candidates.

Hubby (2nded Simon) proposed Mike Moore – Mike declined

Hubby (2nded Simon) Proposed Tex – who was willing to stand – voted in unopposed

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CAPTAIN 2012 - TERRY PENIKET

8.2 TREASURER

Hubby willing to stand again – re-elected unopposed

TREASURER 2012 – DAVID HUBBARD

8.3 SECRETARY

Roger willing to stand – re-elected unopposed

SECRETARY 2012 – ROGER BLICK

8.4 HANDICAP SECRETARY

Position now not required

8.5 SOCIAL SECRETARY

Roger (2nded John) Rich Gilbert – Who was willing to stand – voted in unopposed –

SOCIAL SECRETARY 2012 – RICHARD GILBERT

A.O.B

SIMON - That Value of Hole in1 fund be announced at each OOM game at start as per past tradition. – Hubby happy to comply.

Marc – announced intention to move to Australia next year but wish to participate inf back in country – every body agreed as long as Jeff pays his subs (and therefore insurance) Jeff happy.

Meeting closed with vote of thanks to Hubby for venue and beer with plans for next AGM to be Monday 12th November 2012