

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2012

ATTENDEES

Roger, Jeff, Mike M., Rich, Hubby, Jim, Simon, Tex, Barry, Danny, Pud, Brian, Todd

APOLOGIES

Andrew, Bucko, John, Marc

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

Tex gave us his thoughts and thanks for his season as captain, which is attached for all to read.

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 with the hole in one fund continuing its inexorable growth into a sizeable fortune now standing at £1359.36. The subs have now been invested in insurance for 3 years and carried unanimously 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.

Andrew proposed a cessation in the fund until it is won. Discussions arrived at a proposal to continue at the current price until our 20th Anniversary, blow the lot on a celebration then start again was voted on and carried. A spreadsheet of the finances will be attached for scrutiny. A vote of thanks to Hubby for his efforts from all though grudgingly from a couple.

[Copy of accounts here](#)

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Roger reported on the following points:

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. All agreed that it was a great reference point for the society.

2. Google

The google document has proven on the whole a success in proactively communicating with the organiser. This makes one single effort by the member instead of the organiser having to chase up who is playing. Tex as captain reiterated his mantra of communication to those few (Pud) who do not use it and those (Pud) resolved to get to grips with it.

3. KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

The KO is again not yet concluded with the final still to be played and we are in to November. Simon proposed changing to a pairs competition to shorten it this was not seconded so rejected. Discussion continued with options offered from all which resulted in the following proposal;

Proposer Jim and seconded by Danny

KO rounds to be allowed at Order of Merit events with strict deadlines set which all agree would result in none qualifiers being disqualified.

MOTION CARRIED

FIXTURES

Everybody is happy to continue with a fixture per member with a rolling of dates to progress people through the seasons. With the rise in popularity and the potential turn out for another Spain trip next year it was suggested that it should be an order of merit fixture – all agreed. Jim suggested an idea for the summer "home" weekend away, which received interest and for which Jim was happy to firm up and organise.

5. HANDICAP SECRETARY'S REPORT

As acting handicap sec Roger summarised the season so far under the system of counting "blobs" for handicap purposes.

The attached spreadsheet for info and consideration for all.

Again there was a spread of winners over the season so far with contenders for the order of merit offering the certainty of a winner who has not previously won or not for some time. This was again from an average turnout of 11 shows handicaps are making most players competitive.

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

Knockout Handicaps

Brian raised the issue of handicaps for the knockout should be a maximum of 28 and played off ¾ difference. This was 2nded by Jeff and carried by a majority vote.

There were discussions on the merits of other changes or modifications. Danny proposed a 2 shot cut for event winners, which received no seconder. Jim proposed the use of an average of match scores as the "par for the day" to take into account course and condition difficulties. This was seconded by Rich and Carried by a majority vote.

N.B SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSSION WAS OPENED AT NEXT EVENT AS FOLLOWS:

Rog suggested that we would now have 2 mechanisms that moderated the handicaps. The "blob" would counteract the average the more difficult the conditions, raising the average back up when a difficult course produced low scores. This means more people would get more shots back. (a general complaint is handicaps are too high now). A high average stableford score on an easy track would slow the degree of cut. As there would be fewer blobs recorded, by the very nature of the easy conditions this dilutes the affect of the blob rule. (Though there are plenty of examples of a 40+ score with 1 or 2 blobs still on the card!)

To gain peoples vote on this a google document voicing the proposal will be posted with chance to vote on line for all before the next season starts. This will save the calling of another meeting.

6. SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Richard described the success of an undoubtedly peerless performance (though we joked that Jeannie did all the work) for the year then immediately decided to quit while ahead. No level of persuasion could turn him so all gave a vote of thanks.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

1. CAPTAIN

Hubby (2nded Simon) proposed Brian – who was willing to stand – voted in unopposed –

CAPTAIN 2013 – Brian Williams

2. TREASURER

Hubby willing to stand again – re-elected unopposed

TREASURER 2013 – DAVID HUBBARD

3. SECRETARY

Roger willing to stand – re-elected unopposed

SECRETARY 2013 – ROGER BLICK

4. HANDICAP SECRETARY

Position now not required

5. SOCIAL SECRETARY

Jeff volunteered to stand and try to improve on his last effort – voted in unopposed –

SOCIAL SECRETARY 2013 – Jeff Scarlett

A.O.B

6. Jeff proposed (2nded by Todd) that captain not to automatically be given draw No 2 but pick from the hat as all members. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7. Simon (2nder Jeff) proposed that buggy users are not relegated to final tee off, but draw a combined number and tee off where they draw. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8. Rich proposed all new officers start at beginning of new season, which was agreed not needing a vote.

9. Hubby proposed a new member – Andy Walters. No objections at this stage meant he would be invited to 3 events and then decided on by vote.
10. Jim Proposed an extra event between November and Xmas games – all agreed as a non order of merit event.
11. Jeff resolved to introduce a different Golf rule at each event to improve knowledge.
12. Mike made the point that the tradition of the Weekend away winner should wear the green jacket to all games. The current holder acknowledged.
13. Meeting closed with vote of thanks to Hubby for venue and beer with plans for next AGM to be held same date next year.

Appendix 1

PROCEDURE FOR ACCESSING GOOGLE DOCUMENTS

Open up your internet browser and type in or go to Google.com

in top right there is a log in window - our log in name is fairfieldgs@gmail.com

Our password is ***** (in lower case no gaps)

then find "drive" on the drop down menu

Then you should see documents titled by the venue date.

Click on the document you may need to go to

"openwith" select google spreadsheets

post your name on the appropriate list

press enter to save your change.

log out.(to return to the docs home page point mouse to left of the document name, an arrow should appear)

SUMMARY OF AMMENDMENTS PASSED AT AGM AS RULES OF THE SOCIETY

- Knockout handicaps will be a maximum of 28 and played off $\frac{3}{4}$ difference.

- Hole in one fund will be continued at current price, winner takes all, until society 20th Anniversary, then blow the lot on a celebration then start again.
- KO rounds to be allowed at Order of Merit events with strict deadlines set which all agree would result in none qualifiers being disqualified.
- Handicaps will be adjusted based not on the standard 'par' of 36 but the use of an average of match scores as the "par for the day" to take into account course and condition difficulties.
- That captain not to automatically be given draw No 2 but pick from the hat as all members.
- buggy users are not relegated to final tee off but draw a combined number and tee off where they draw.
- all new officers start at beginning of new season

CAPTAIN 2013 – Brian Williams

TREASURER 2013 – David Hubbard

SECRETARY 2013 – Roger Blick

SOCIAL SECRETARY 2013 – Jeff Scarlett

