

Fairfield Golf Society

Annual General Meeting
Date : Saturday 11th Jan 4:30PM
Venue: Somer's Social club



Minutes

Attendance and Apologies;

Attendance – RB Chair, Jim, Andrew S, Ed, Danny, Pud, Rich, Hubby, Pablo, Tex, Mike, Jeff.

Apologies_ Andy W, Ken, Todd, Stewart.

Acceptance of minutes from last meeting

A copy of last meetings minutes were handed round and appears on the website. Acceptance was proposed by Hubby, 2nd by Jeff and carried unanimously

Chairmans Report

2024 season and competitions were reviewed briefly with an average attendance of 8 matching that of 2023. Order of merit closed with 3rd place Pablo, 2nd place Hubby and the trophy awarded to Jeff for a good win. Congratulations to all three.

Fixtures 2025

RB presented a proposed fixture list members drew lots to decide who was allocated each date on traditional basis of each member organising one fixture each. Numbers were drawn by those present for each of the absentees. The fixtures will now be posted to the usual page on the website. Discussion was held on the following issues brought up by RB.

Friday fixtures to continue same as last year with Friday being preferred day for those present who still work. Possible increase as time goes by and more members retire.

Danny drew the fixture traditionally the weekend 3 day competition. Discussion of how to continue resulted in a general agreement to conduct it in the traditional manner of a going away for 2 nights/3 games over Friday to Sunday. Danny to suggest venues in near future with suggestions welcome from other members. Criteria of location to be within 2 hours drive. Rich asked for a show of hands on interest for a 3 day event which showed a majority present would go.

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Membership

One new member joined in 2024, Ed Claridge was welcomed.

1 new proposal has been received from Andy W that his son, Alfie Walters wishes to join the society which was welcomed by all those present. The usual process of 3 cards submission will start with the new season. Rich asked if this will need an extra fixture added for him to participate in organising. It was pointed out the due to volunteering to organise the memorial game again Jim had 2 fixtures then Alfie could take a slot.

Treasurers Report

Hubby presented all the details on the financial position of the society Discussion of finances, insurance, hole in one fund, showed our position to be solvent without any excess of funds that are not needed.

All agreed that generally we would continue with the following Subs to continue at £30 and fund the purchase of insurance. If premiums increase an extra amount can be levied once cost is established. Hubby to conduct and asked for subs to be paid to him by start of season.

Purchase of club clothing

To go ahead via funding out of hole in one fund, Jim sourced good quality product and generally all present happy to go ahead.

A unanimous vote of thanks for his work was offered to Dave.

Senior Head of IT Report

The main item in Andy's absence was the welcome news that a solution to the issue of event booking has been solved. From now on :

- Each event will have a Registration form which automatically posts you intention to play or decline.
- You will be sent automatically an email confirming your registration with an option to edit / change your decision.
- The organiser can see immediately a timestamped list of people both attending or declining.

RB added - All is asked that all members to register your intentions as early as possible. All have suffered the anxiety of non-registration when trying to organise a fixture

A note that when a password is required on the website it is

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Handicap Secretary's Report

Jim presented various forms of data for each players scores and handicaps for the season. RB asked if the change to criteria adopted last year had performed. He assured all that it had affected positively by giving a faster response to changes in players performance. In all declared its working and needs no fixing.

All declared unanimous vote of thanks to Jim.

Members Proposals

1. Mike Buckley – rules and etiquette

Mike asked to present a number of issues that concerned. Two on the general non-compliance to rules 8 and 14. The rules were summarised by Mike but is not possible to reprint here but general discussion was on the principle that all R&A rules should be observed. Mike however proposed that the full wording of the rules be appended to our society local rules and to ask all players to review and act upon. This proposal was seconded by Jim and passed unanimously.

RB reminded all that already on the website is the edited version of **R&A rule 20 on Rule dispute resolution** which basically states that we are all responsible to police ourselves and our playing partners in protection of all and should not be afraid to challenge a fellow player if an infringement is witnessed.

Etiquette on the course

Mike felt that conduct was slipping in consideration of our fellow players in a couple of ways. Firstly acting considerately while a player is trying to tee off or take a shot. Secondly that during play, to be aware of players that might be behind us on the hole and given opportunity to play there shot.

All agreed that these points be observed and generally considered.

Election of Officers

- a. Chairman
- b. Treasurer
- c. Handicap Sec.
- d. Senior Head of I.T.

All current officers were prepared to continue in post for another year and voted in unanimously

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Rich asked all that were posting comment on the public platform always consider whether the post is respectful and inoffensive.

Meeting was closed as the bar opened.