

## Hampshire Golf Club AGM held on Sunday 15th April 2018 at the HGC

Committee Attending: Don Pearson, Dean Cresswell, Paul Ridge, Ian Maslin and Steve Hatcher.

In Attendance: 17 Club Members

- 1. Welcome:** The outgoing Captain was unable to attend the AGM, so the Senior Captain chaired the meeting in his absence. He welcomed all to the meeting and thanked John Beattie for all his hard work during the past year.
- 2. Apologies:** Apologies were received from Wilf Soper, Rosemary Parnell, Dave Mathews, John Beattie and Dave Sanders.
- 3. Minutes of last AGM on 23 Feb 17:** The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and there were no matters arising. Proposer Alan Dixon and Seconder Alan Griffin.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer reported that the value of the members funds stood at £2000, a reduction from £3800, which was in line with the proposal at last year's AGM. The decrease in cost of entry for club competitions from £5 to £3 was offset by the midweek competition contributions. Expenditure for next year was expected to be around £750 with an estimated income of £800, which means we would break even leaving the retaining fund at £2000. The accounts were accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposer Barry Thorne and Seconder Barry Crane.
- 5. Competition Secretary's Report:** The Competition Secretary said that It had been difficult to get people to play in club competitions during his year in office. He said he wanted to thank all the people who had assisted him in organising competitions, particularly Barry Crane.
- 6. Handicap Secretary's Report:** The Handicap Secretary was unable to attend the meeting, however, the Senior Captain reported that there were 217 members with active handicaps and that the Annual Review had successfully been completed.
- 7. Senior Captain's Report:** The Senior Captain said his year had been filled with highs and lows: fortunately the highs have far outweighed the lows. The low points this year, had been the sad passing of 3 of our long-standing seniors; Ron Wake, Mike Withers and Alan Jones; as a lasting memory there are 3 new plaques that were presented by their families on the seniors' bench on the 4th hole, which was refurbished last year by the Seniors. He said although we started the year not knowing whether the Seniors' Captain would be granted honorary membership, this issue had been satisfactorily resolved. He said that we had also seen significant improvements both on the course and in the clubhouse; the introduction of Club V1 software has made life much easier for those running competitions, albeit that there have been some teething problems due to the fragility of the WiFi.

He said the Seniors' Section remained healthy with its membership averaging at around 56 throughout the year and the participation in the seniors' competitions has increased with an average of 28 (50% of seniors membership) attending each competition. Last year the Seniors' Section participated in 29 inter-club fixtures. While we did not have the best of seasons in the competitive North Hants Seniors' Jubilee Winter League, narrowly losing a number of matches, we finished 5th overall. However, we did much better in the summer friendlies making our home venue once again a fortress, losing only one of our 11 home matches. Overall, we won 12, halved one and lost 6. Most pleasing was the fact that over 60% of the seniors' membership participated in at least one summer friendly during the season. Additionally, 2 of our seniors Richard Hale and Vince Klass achieved a

hole-in-one in qualifying competition. He said he had also organised 2 very successful and well supported seniors' away days; one at Paultons Park Golf Club in the Spring, where Norman French had a hole-in-one and the other away day was at Rye Hill Golf Club in the Autumn.

He said he would like to thank everyone who supported his 'Help for Heroes' charity events throughout the year. The Seniors' Captain's day was a huge success with 48 members playing a multiplier competition with 61 attending the evening dinner raising £1060. Putting for Heroes competition, the brainchild of Alan Griffin, was run on a monthly basis and had raised £342 over the year. The year culminated with the Seniors' Captain's Final Fling, which again was well supported with 48 participating in a Texas Scramble competition and 47 attending the 'black tie dinner' on Sunday evening. Over the year, we raised £2845.90 for 'Help for Heroes'.

He said he would like to thank the Seniors' Section for the opportunity of being its Captain, an honour that he had thoroughly enjoyed. Finally, he said he would like to wish his successor Steve Hatcher every success during his year as Seniors' Captain.

**8. Ladies Captain's Report:** The Ladies Captain was unable to attend the meeting.

**9. Outgoing Captain's Report:** The outgoing Captain was unable to attend the meeting.

**10. Election of Officers:**

Captain: Don Pearson

Secretary: Dean Cresswell

Competitions/Handicap Secretary: Paul Ridge

Senior Captain: Steve Hatcher

Ladies Captain: Rosemary Parnell

Treasurer: Don Pearson

Proposer Ray Neath and Seconder Alan Dixon

**11. Incoming Captain's Report:** The incoming Captain said his main aim was to encourage as many members to play golf as possible. He said he wanted to appoint a younger man as his Vice Captain as he did not want the Committee to be dominated by Seniors. He said he was going to revise the layout of the of the Club Notice Boards to make it easier for members to access information. He also intended to review the format of Monthly Competitions once he had a clearer picture of membership numbers post the 1<sup>st</sup> May re-joining date. He also intended to introduce a Suggestion Book for members whereby they could register any recommendations to the Committee to improve playing conditions.

**12. Proposals:** There were no tabled proposals submitted to the committee.

**13. Any Other Business:** Barry Thorne said that he was still the secondary signature in respect of the Club Accounts even though he was no longer a serving Committee member. It was agreed that this was unacceptable, and that an Assistant Treasure needed to be appointed from within the Committee. (N.B. Dean Cresswell subsequently agreed to take on this responsibility) The issue of rescheduling the Captain's Putting/Driving Out was discussed with a provisional date of the 22<sup>nd</sup> April being agreed. Finally, after discussion, it was agreed that the current club email address for

members needed to be reviewed, as not all members were receiving electronic notification of club matters.

**14. Date of next Meeting:** The date of the next AGM is scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup> March 19.

D. Cresswell

18 April 2018

HGC Secretary