

HAREFIELD PLACE GOLF CLUB

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Held in the Clubhouse on Sunday, 13 March 2016

A quorum was reached.

1. Minutes of 2015 AGM

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, 22nd March 2015 were:

Proposed by Andrew Pibworth

Seconded by Keith Reynolds.

2. Apologies for Absence

Terry Mitchell, Anne James, Gareth Reynolds, Paul McNab

3. Chairman/President's Address by Steve Browne

Steve Browne welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported as follows:

"Thanked the committee for everything they had done and in particular in what had proved to be a difficult year for the club with the ongoing impact of the Council's failure to reinstate the golf course to 18 holes. Keith Reynolds deserves a special mention for his continued efforts to liaise with the Council in pursuit of improvement to the course. Keith has stood down from the committee this year after a number of years and his input over this period is much appreciated by the Club.

We have two other resignations requiring recognition; John Carr is standing down as Handicap and Competition Secretary again after a number of years and John was thanked for undertaking this role without which there wouldn't be a club. There is currently a vacancy for this role and any volunteers are welcome for what is a much reduced role given the reduced number of members. Peter Edwards has also resigned as Seniors Captain and his efforts to raise teams from a limited base were much appreciated by all.

It was again recognised how hard it has been to retain players as we are a 12 hole golf course at present and for the foreseeable future and the efforts of Mick Gallagher in bringing in a number of new members in the past year was recognised and appreciated.

There are benefits in being a member of a small club which are probably not appreciated as much as they should be. Most members of our club have the opportunity to play in a full calendar of club competitions and inter club matches. Inter club competitions being knock out competitions in the Clapham Common, Middlesex Sixes or Coronation Bowl and there are also club matches against local clubs and Basingstoke where anybody can put their names down to play and all will get a chance. These opportunities for all golfers are generally not always available at other clubs.

The composition of the committee has been quite fixed over the past few years and it was pleasing to see new faces in Daniel Booth, George Edwards and Neil Willey on the nomination forms and their fresh input and hopefully new ideas will be welcomed.

I thank Dennis Deacon for his efforts last year as Captain during a successful year and wish Dan Booth, a refreshingly young addition to the Committee, a successful captaincy this year and as always and most importantly an enjoyable captaincy."

4. Secretary/Treasurer's report and Presentation of Accounts for 1 February 2015 to 31 January 2016

In Anne's absence Steve Browne presented the accounts which had been audited by Andrew Pibworth. Andrew was happy to report that he had carried out this audit on behalf of the Club and was entirely satisfied with its correctness and had accordingly signed it. Indeed, he would like to record a vote of thanks to Anne James for the exemplary way in which the records are presented and the summary sheets that are provided.

The Secretary/Treasurer's report was then read out:

"We began this financial year with £8373.06 against £5847.90 last year. Last year's increased income was due to the closing of the Ladies Section who donated £728.36 to the Men's Section, an increase in new members joining the Club, a grant of £500 from the MCGU for the Juniors Section and the committee continually trying to find ways of cutting costs.

Last year's Captains Day and this year's Captains Drive In raised £762 for Club Funds this financial year.

This year expenses have increased by £4,391.56 due to

- Expenses for the UKPCC competition
- A new laptop to produce the handicaps
- Honorarium for the Handicap/Competition Secretary
- Junior Coaching costs
- The subscription for the MCGU of £1240 should have been in last year's accounts but they sent their invoices out late so this amount was included in this year's accounts
- Extra trophies for the Annual Presentation as the committee decided to give runners up prizes instead of certificates
- Food for Club Matches and the Clapham Matches

We currently have 69 members (there were 77 members at the same time last year). Subscriptions are due on 1st April and by the end of next month we should have more idea of how many members will be rejoining the Club. Subscriptions remain the same for this year £83 for Full Members and £43 for Senior Members."

5. Competition Secretary/Handicap Secretary's Report

"It is with regret that I have decided to stand down from the Committee. I have found it increasingly difficult trying to maintain things the way I would wish to. Knockouts etc not being played on time if at all. The numbers in competitions reducing and the fact that personally I have things to deal with that have got increasingly more time consuming. I wish the Club well. I have been a member for 20 years and so hope things can get better for the Club. I wish Dan good luck with his year."

6. Senior Section Report

Peter Edwards reported:

"I have enjoyed my time in the Seniors Section and especially as Captain, we had showed after the past year that we were every bit as good as the teams offered by Ruislip and Haste Hill Seniors in a very competitive club match season last year, much pressure being put on us as we often had to field one player against two, in at least one of the eight matches, nether the less the result was a win in several cases, as it stood in the year overall, we were tied for the lead with Haste Hill going into the second half of the year, unfortunately, available members hit an all time low, resulting in us being unable to field more than six players. It was pointless playing any more matches in these circumstances.

I then decided to call it a day and resign from the Seniors, also following the ridiculous decision by the Hillingdon Borough Council to allow Footgolf to be played on our golf course on the playable holes, instead of allowing play on the holes that had not being reinstated and the HS2 project going to further encroach on the playable holes, I decided that after 42 years membership and two terms on the Committee covering nearly ten years, that it was time to call it a day.

It is such a shame that we as a golf club have had to suffer all these setbacks, most of which we can blame on Hillingdon Borough Council, I hope that HPGC survives and goes from strength to strength in the coming years and the very best of luck to Dan Booth, the Committee and the membership."

7. Junior Section Report

Mick Gallagher reported as follows:

"The programme will start again when my knee is better. The boys are continuing to play. We secured a grant from MCGU for £375 which will go towards coaching costs. I want to get them handicaps by the end of the summer. I would like to thank the members for donating golf balls for the section".

8. Election of Officers

The following proposed committee was put to the meeting and the election of officers was unanimously agreed as:

Office	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
President	Steve Browne	Mick Gallagher	Charlie Davies
Vice President	Mick Gallagher	Steve Browne	Charlie Davies
Treasurer/Secretary	Anne James	Steve Browne	Mick Gallagher
Captain	Dan Booth	Peter Edwards	Steve Browne
Vice Captain	Aaron Turner	Charlie Davies	Mick Gallagher
Past Captain	-	-	-
Handicap Secretary/ Competition Secretary	TBA		

Committee Member	Andrew Pibworth	George Edwards	Keith Reynolds
Junior Section	Mick Gallagher	Steve Browne	Charlie Davies

9. Past Captain's Address

Dennis Deacon reported as follows:

"I would like to thank all members and committee for their support through my year as captain. It was a stress free year with everyone's help. Captains Day was a great success and I hope all enjoyed it as much as I did. Good luck to Dan in his year as Captain and I will support whenever I can. Thank again to all and here's hoping Harefield continues for many years."

10. New Captain's Address

Dan Booth thanked Dennis Deacon for doing a great job as Captain last year and Mick Gallagher and Steve Browne for all their work for the Club. He felt privileged to be Captain and intended to do his best in representing the Club.

He was looking forward to the role and having the support of all the members and the Committee. He recognised that it would be a difficult year with the ongoing position of a 12 hole course and a number of long term members joining other clubs and hoped they would also find time to also support Harefield Place Golf Club.