

HAREFIELD PLACE GOLF CLUB

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Held in the Clubhouse on Sunday, 12 March 2017

The Meeting was quorate.

1. Minutes of 2016 AGM

The Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 13 March 2016 were proposed by Andrew Pibworth, seconded by Mick Gallagher and were approved.

2. Apologies for Absence

Anne James, Terry Mitchell, Steve Browne

3. Chairman/President's Address

In Steve Browne's absence Andrew Pibworth read out the following report:
"Firstly apologies to all for not being able to attend today due to a family engagement which I am unable to miss. I am sure that Mick, the Club's Vice President will be a much more entertaining chair.

Thank you to all of the committee for everything you have done in maintaining the Club. It is recognised how difficult 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 and the new Captain, Scott Hartley and his Vice Captain, Justin Moore in bring in a number of new members, with the fresh enthusiasm they bring, is most welcome and appreciated.

There are many 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 club matches. Inter club competitions being either in the Clapham Common, Middlesex Sixes or Coronation Bowl knockout competitions and there are also club matches against local clubs where anybody can put their names down to play and all will get a chance. These opportunities are generally not available at other clubs so when discussing the club let people know.

The composition of the committee has changed over the past few years and it is great to get Botty back as Handicap Secretary, Daniel Booth was a new addition last year and did a great job as Captain and it's good that Dan is continuing on the committee.

Again thanks to Dan for his efforts last year as Captain during a successful year and I wish Scott our new Captain and his Vice Justin a successful and enjoyable year".

4. Secretary/Treasurer's report and Presentation of Accounts for 1 February 2016 to 31 January 2017

In Anne's absence you should all have a copy of the accounts for the year ending 31st January 2017 which have been audited by Andrew Pibworth.

“We began this financial year with £6993.18 against £8373.06 last year. Annual Subscriptions and New Members income was down by £2,254 in this financial year.

Dan Booth’s Captain’s Day raised £400 for Club Funds.

This year expenses were down £5519.87 on the previous year.

We currently have 85 members (12 of these are new members who joined this 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 £43 for Full Members and £23 for Senior Members.”

*I confirm that I have fully audited the Harefield Place Golf Club’s accounts for the financial year just closed and that I am entirely happy to sign them off as correct. As usual the records have been kept impeccably by Anne James, at no cost to the Club. I record the Club’s and my own thanks for her assistance. The Meeting added their thanks to Anne for her efforts.
Andrew Pibworth, 11 March 2017*

There were no questions on the Accounts.

5. Competition Secretary/Handicap Secretary’s Report

Keith Bott reported that all handicaps were up to date and the competitions have now started. He asked the members to make sure their scorecards are filled in correctly.

6. Senior Section Report

Andrew reported as follows:

“Sadly there is no longer a functioning Senior Section.

It has proved impossible to raise a full team in recent years, and the situation has further deteriorated. This is due to a number of factors, a significant drop in the number prepared to play, due to age, long term sickness and death. Also of course the continuing effects of the gas pipe line and the threat from HS2 works.”

7. Junior Section Report

Mick Gallagher reported that the programme would hopefully be started in April. A grant had been received from the MCGU for £375. Mick asked for parents or members to help with the section but would need to be CRB checked.

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	A Pibworth	M Gallagher

Vice President	Mick Gallagher	A Pibworth	S Browne
Treasurer/Secretary	Anne James	M Gallagher	S Browne
Captain	Scott Hartley	S Browne	J Moore
Vice Captain	Justin Moore	S Browne	S Hartley
Past Captain	Dan Booth	-	-
Handicap Secretary/ Competition Secretary	Keith Bott	M Gallagher	A Pibworth
Committee Member	Andrew Pibworth	M Gallagher	S Hartley
Junior Section	Mick Gallagher	S Hartley	S Browne

9. Past Captain's Address

Dan Booth was unable to attend and no report received.

10. New Captain's Address

The new Captain Scott Hartley was unable to attend so his Vice, Justin Moore, reported that Scott was looking forward to his year and requested support from the members for club matches. Scott is keen to try and integrate the new members into the club matches.

The meeting formally ended but general discussion took place as follows:

Thanks were recorded to Mick Gallagher, Keith Reynolds, Andrew Pibworth and our supporters in the Ickenham Residents Association and the North Uxbridge Residents Association for their efforts in opposing the HS2 plans for our course. This involved numerous meetings and preparation and presentation of our points of opposition to Select Committees of both the House of Commons and the House of Lords at meetings in the Palace of Westminster. It is thought that work will start either late this year or early in 2018. The committee are keen to get the golf course reinstated.

Buggies are now allowed to be used in all Competitions.

It is now known that Ruislip G.C. will close for approximately 10 years, and will reopen as a 9 hole course and a 6 hole Academy short course.

Ruislip G.C. Committee have approached your Committee and a meeting will be arranged in the near future.

It was confirmed that entries have been submitted for the NAPGC, Middlesex 6's, (2 x high, 2 x Mid and 2 x low handicaps) and a Haste Hill Competition on 23 April aimed at new members. Sign up sheets are on the Board and it is our intention that all interested members will get a game or games.

We are grateful to Keith Bott for taking up the Handicap system work again.

Members are reminded that cards must be FULLY completed and sign sheets will be in the Shop for all Competitions. Updates to handicaps are normally completed within the week.