

## **Present**

Stephen Brown

Michael Gallagher

Peter Thorpe

Zaro Matev

Ray Cooper

Keith Neave

## **Apologies**

Anne James

Gus Payne

Neil Gray

Dave Clements

1. Minutes of previous AGM were read out and agreed by the floor.  
Proposed by Steve Ward seconded by Ross Baker

## 2. Chairman/President Address

SB thanked all for attending and explained why this is the first time the club have held an AGM at this time of year. The president thanked the committee for all their efforts. He also welcomed Gareth Reynolds to the committee. There is a lot to be positive about the club. Stephen explained that Mick and himself along with input from the committee are working with the council to find a way to re-instate the back 6 holes. The council are exploring ways that this can be done. The club

has said that we would support the suggested landfill if we always had access to 9 holes in the interim. There were no further questions for Stephen.

### 3. Secretary/Treasurer's Report Feb2020-Jan2021

The accounts were presented to the floor with printed accounts made available to all. We have 93 paid up members, expense is down however so is income. This is down to Covid events. The accounts have been audited and were accepted.

### 4. Annual Subscriptions

The committee proposed that the annual subscription be increased to £100 Adults £50 Senior with Juniors free of charge. There was a question from the floor as to why the increase was required. The main reason being that as the club wishes to carry on with the activities, we do then this increase is required. The committee explained that if there was any member who had difficulties with fees please let us know and we will support. After much debate it was agreed that the age of a senior be raised to 66.

### 5. Handicap Report

#### WHS

We saw a major change in the way HC is administered and calculated-the WHS system was introduced at the end of 2020. Due to lockdown it's real use began in April. COVID restrictions imposed by the council by introducing the booking system also influenced the slow adaptation to the new system as competitions over 12 holes could not qualify for HC purposes. 12 months after the introduction of WHS, it is still not very well understood. Partly because it is relatively complex and does not allow for easy calculation of a

handicap change after completing a round. Reliance on computers and online system is essential.

The new computer system in the clubhouse and online score entry via Master scoreboard was another major change necessitated by the introduction of WHS and by COVID restriction on handling paper cards. The main result of that is now a player takes more responsibility for entering their own cards. The paper cards still need to be posted into the comp box and will be used in cases of disputes or clarification.

### Slope Rating

Until very recent we were using a temporary slope rating for the course which did not include a rating for 9 holes. This meant that a 9-hole score could not be used for an initial score when allocating handicaps to new members at the time of AGM I do not know slope rating for 9 holes. One further change which resulted from the slope rating assessment is that we can now play the 6<sup>th</sup> hole as par 4 from the ladies' tee box and the 18<sup>th</sup> as a par 5.

### Handicap Reports

Name	Start Index	End Index	Difference	Scores Returned
G Gallagher	29.8	22.7	-7.1	15
S King	13	8.7	-4.3	20
L Morgan	18.3	14.6	-3.7	23

### 6. Captains Report

Captain thanked all for their fantastic support. In the Clapham we struggled and with hindsight we should look at the mix of HC we select. We did get to the final of Bon venick which is a great achievement. We will look to compete in the Presidents foursomes

next season this is a comp for low HC. The club was my chosen charity and we raised £2k for the club. Smithy's day was a fantastic success although a sad occasion of course but the club have raised funds for Merlin passes for Pete's family and a memorial event. Pete thanked all for the fantastic support that he has received and thanked Ray who was a great vice-Captain and wishes him every success.

Ray announced that Steve Little John will be his VC for the coming season and is looking forward to a fantastic year.

### **Competition report for AGM November 27<sup>th</sup>**

As we were unable to hold an AGM last season this report will cover competitions from March 2020.

We have held 51 competitions and there have been 29 winners of both boarded comps and monthly medals.

All competitions have been well supported by the members.

The Summer knockout competitions have been a challenge to complete this season. This has been for many reasons, club external competitions, Covid have been the main reasons for the delay in completion and therefore the competition committee took a very flexible approach to completion dates.

As we move forward with Winter golf and the Winter knockouts, we must be timely with completion dates of the knockouts. Unless there are external reasons i.e., Covid or course closures we will not be offering extensions. Please be aware of the completion dates. Just as a reminder the onus is on the first name out of the hat to give your opponent 3 dates to play your match.

On a personal note, I will not be around the club from Jan through to March so you will see reminders from other members of the committee regarding the club competitions. I will be recovering from knee surgery.

There being no AOB Stephen Browne closed the meeting