

HELSEBY GOLF CLUB POWERED WHEELCHAIR APPEAL (HGCPWA)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:30pm Thursday 27th October 2022

Minutes

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| 1 | Present: 25 members attended the meeting. |
| 2 | Apologies: 10 members sent their apologies |
| 3 | Minutes of last meeting <p>The Chairman, Steve Cunniffe welcomed the Captain and Lady Captain and thanked members for attending the delayed 15th A.G.M. As we were unable to hold an AGM in 2021 due to Covid, an update on the last 2 years will be provided.</p> <p>A minute's silence was held in memory of Bert Dyson who passed away in March 2022. Bert was one of the founder members of the Appeal and was its Secretary for 25 years. Without Bert the Appeal would not be what is today. He worked tirelessly to ensure everything ran smoothly and somehow managed to get support for the cause from all over the North West and sometimes further afield. Even after he retired as Secretary, he remained a trustee of the Appeal and its greatest supporter until he died.</p> <p>Approval of the minutes of the last meeting was sought. The vote of approval was unanimous and the minutes were signed.</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p> |
| 4 | Report and Accounts <p>Steve Cunniffe presented the report for the 12 months to 31st January 2022.</p> <p>During 2021, we raised £21,181 and 6 powered wheelchairs were presented bringing the total number of wheelchairs to 410.</p> <p>The main fundraising events during the 2 years were as follows: -</p> <p>Our 2nd Race Night was held on 20th March 2020 just before Covid took hold and everything went into lockdown. It was enjoyed by all who attended and raised £1,555. A wheelchair was presented to Abbie Dobson from Little Sutton. Since the presentation, Abbie sent us a picture of her 1st day at Neston High School using her new chair. Lizzie Bailey was unable to receive her chair at the Race Night as she is very vulnerable so Steve presented it to her at her home in Kelsall in September 2020.</p> <p>Because of Covid, we were only able to run 2 events in 2021 and these had to be delayed.</p> <p>The 38th Wheelchair Classic was held on Thursday 4th August. There were 88 players and our thanks go to them for their continued support during difficult times. The winners of the men's trophy were Paul McCabe and Steve Milnes who were delighted as they had been trying for many years to win the tournament. The ladies' trophy was won by Val Pritchard and Jarmila Lee. We presented 2 chairs to Lily Wakeling from Pensby on the Wirral and Andi Owens from Bootle in Liverpool. We would like to thank all our sponsors and helpers on the day, also our supporters & local businesses who donated prizes for the auction and the raffle. The day raised £13,021.</p> |

Our 19th Mega Day took place on 29th September. Chairs were presented to Kelsi Mae Kehoe from Elton, Aine McDonagh from Rode Heath in Stoke and Matthew Piper from Hartford, Northwich. Thanks were given to David Syddall of Optimum Cost Consultants for his sponsorship. The event raised £1,564.

Two other great supporters of the Appeal had passed away since our last AGM.

Peter Alliss, the Voice of Golf, was an honorary member at Helsby and we had a special place in his heart. He visited us when he was in the area and helped us raise funds by speaking at our Charity Dinners and presenting chairs to our local children.

Also, Roger Hunt the England and Liverpool footballer, who quietly supported the Appeal for a number of years. He regularly played in the Wheelchair Classic and presented chairs to the children.

Messages of thanks were read out from Lily Wakeling and Matthew Piper, who both highlighted the difference the chairs were going to make to their lives by giving them independence.

Steve thanked everyone for their support which makes it possible for us to help so many children.

Special thanks were given to a number of people who support us every year.

Thanks were also extended to a number of people behind the scenes, without their help we would not be as successful. All the members of the committee plus Keith Ainsworth, Brian Prince, the Professional, Phil Barker, Rob Kirk and Karen Applegate.

Accounting Information:

- £19,633 brought forward from last year
- £14,585 was raised during the year at powered wheelchair events
- £6,595 came from donations
- £1 came from interest
- £15,706 was spent on 6 wheelchairs
- £82 was spent on general expenses
- £25,026 is carried forward to next year

A vote took place and the Accounts were unanimously adopted and signed.

5 **Election and Appointment of Officers and Trustees**

In accordance with the Constitution of the Helsby Golf Club Powered Wheelchair Appeal the following were unanimously re-elected as Officers and Trustees of the charity for a period of 3 years:

Secretary, Penny Ainsworth Proposed by Mr Steve Cunniffe and Seconded by Mrs B Prince

Trustees for a period of 3 years

Karen Fozard Proposed by Mr S Cunniffe and Seconded by Mrs P Ainsworth

Kathryn Hoather Proposed by Mr S Cunniffe and Seconded by Mrs P Ainsworth

Alex Walters Proposed by Mr S Cunniffe and Seconded by Mrs P Ainsworth

Howard Pay Proposed by Mr S Cunniffe and Seconded by Mrs P Ainsworth

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Forthcoming Events

- Wheelchair Classic on 11th June 2022
- MEGA Day on 5th August 2022
- End of Season Party on 26th November 2022
- Chinese Banquet in January 2023

In 2023, it is a special year and we will be celebrating our 40th Birthday in September with a Ruby Ball to be held in the Pavilion at Chester Racecourse on Saturday 23rd September. Steve asked everyone to put the date in their diaries and hoped to see them there.

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Any Other Business

There were no members propositions or any other business.

The Captain thanked Steve for his presentation and the committee for all their hard work.

The meeting was closed.