

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

Present: The Captain and 93 Adult Playing Members.

The Captain opened the meeting and welcomed the members to the 105th AGM of AULGC. He particularly welcomed the new members to their first AGM. He asked the members to stand in memory those members and past members who have passed away during the last 12 months: Jack Bintliff, Colin Boyle, Jack Buckley, Harold Craig, Geoff Green, Nick Hanson, Tom Harrison, Dr Ian Kerr, Ken Littler and David McLean.

The Captain advised that the following members offered their apologies for absence;

- Dave Lewis (H&S) – arrived 8.09pm
- Darren Shenton
- Mike & Lynne Wood
- Moira Davies
- Sandra & Charlie Qualters
- Jacqui & John Dawber
- Rene & Geoff Stocks
- Gail Robertson
- Roy Schofield
- David & Jinty Mackinnon
- Mike Nelson
- Andy Shaw
- Peter Sidebotham
- John Connery

The Captain reminded members that questions should be raised “through the chair” and that respect should be shown for all opinions.

### **Item 1 on the Agenda.**

Captain referred to the Minutes of the last AGM held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and handed-over to the Hon. Sec.

The Hon. Sec. said he hoped everyone had read the minutes in their own time (they were sent to members with the Notice, Reports and Accounts). All matters arising had been dealt with as promised at the 2017 meeting.

There were no questions.

Nigel Kay proposed and Ian Morgan seconded that they be accepted as a true and correct record of the 2017 AGM and the vote in favour was unanimous.

The Captain asked the Independent Accountant, Mike Warburton of Moss & Williamson to give his Report on the Financial Accounts for the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018. He emphasised the comments on page 2 of the Accounts and that they reflect a true and fair view of the Club’s affairs.

The Captain thanked the Accountant, Mike Warburton.

### **Item 2 on the Agenda:**

The Captain asked the Treasurer to give his Report on the Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The Report had been sent to all members with the Notice and Accounts and the Hon. Treasurer commented on the significant issues:

- The £42K loss is very disappointing and was sustained as a result of;

- The budget for subscriptions income was too optimistic at £310K against £292.6K achieved
  - Bar Sales were £6K down on budget as Room Hires were down
  - Club wages had increased by £22K. This included a staff bonus of £4.5K that had been omitted from the budget, £2.2K in cleaning costs that should have been in the 2017 Accounts and additional Bar wages of £6.8K due to increased national hourly rates and increased hours worked during the transition.
- The increase in members numbers is excellent but as most new members have joined on special offers it will take time for the increase to reflect in increased subscription income

Numerous questions were raised and answered.

### **Item 3 on the Agenda:**

The Captain asked the Hon. Sec. to give his Annual Report. The Report had been sent to all members with the Notice and Accounts and the Hon. Sec. commented on the significant issues as follows:

The worst, wettest winter on record closed the course for a record number of weeks. And as Jonny (Hon Treasurer) has said, an optimistic subs income budget combined with several one-off costs have left us with a significant deficit to deal with.

On the good side, fabulous in terms of the improvement seen in the golf course as a result of a few changes in personnel. And fantastic in terms of final member numbers, especially against a backdrop of decreasing member numbers nationally and regionally. Nevertheless, for subs income it's all *jam tomorrow!*

Luke Kelly won the Lancashire Amateur Championship and Jacqui Dawber won the Lady Derby Trophy.

Hon Sec thanked all who have helped him personally and AULGC during the year.

### **Conclusion**

Operating in what feels like increasingly difficult market conditions, we have battled hard to produce the deficit Jonny has just spoken about. Bar sales have plateaued, green/comp fees have done well, and our efforts to generate more subscription income promise lots of *jam tomorrow*. As I've said many times this year, members are our top priority and we must continue to sweat the assets for members benefit. Albatross Digital have produced far more leads than we could ever have done without them. We are pleased with the numbers we have converted but the key is in retaining them. Once again, the work behind the scenes represents a really top quality team effort. Much has been achieved this year and, despite the challenges ahead, I continue to look forward with great optimism.

There was some discussion on precisely what the Committee intends to do to retain the new members and suggestions were made including;

- Everyone should try to include them and make them welcome
- Free social event tickets would help to integrate them
- Free 4Ball voucher would enable them to bring their friends (this was started recently)

- Half hour competition slots would introduce them to existing members and help to integrate them

**Item 4 on the Agenda:**

The Captain asked the Hon. Treasurer to speak on the proposed subscription rates for 2019. Hon Treasurer brought out the main points from the Report circulated. The proposal was that the subscriptions should increase by £40.

Seconded by the Hon Sec.

A variety of questions were raised and answered.

The motion was carried unanimously.

**Item 5 on the Agenda:**

The Captain asked the Social Secretary, Jacob Hall, to present his Report. There was some discussion on the variety of functions and profits/losses and Bar Sales.

**Item 6 on the Agenda:**

Election of the Captain. The outgoing Captain, Chris Sherlock spoke about his year in office. He felt honoured and privileged to have served the Club, particularly with his father Ian as President. He thanked all for their support during a memorable year in office and went on to propose Steve Hanmer to be Captain of Ashton-under-Lyne Golf Club for the year 2018/19. Lee Butterworth seconded the proposal. Motion carried.

The new Captain, Steve Hanmer, gave a proud speech of acceptance.

The Captain then asked Anna Lomas to say a few words as out-going Ladies Captain. Anna had enjoyed her year tremendously.

**Item 7 on the Agenda:**

Election of Lady Captain. The Captain announced the nomination of Christine Bennett, Proposed by Susan Barlow and seconded by Hilary Lewis. Motion carried.

Christine Bennett made a short speech of acceptance.

**Item 8 on the Agenda:**

Election of Captain Elect. The Captain announced the nomination of Wayne Evans as Captain Elect, Proposed by Alan Jackson and seconded by Tony Lambert. Motion carried.

Wayne Evans made a short speech of acceptance.

**Item 9 on the Agenda:**

Election of Independent Accountants. The unopposed Nomination of Moss & Williamson was carried.

**Item 10 on the Agenda:**

Election of Members to the Management Committee.

The Captain read the nominations from the Notice of AGM:

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
M. Barlow	K. Shoel	N.P. Kay
S. Craig	S. Oddie	N.P. Kay
L. Butterworth	J.P. Davidson	N.P. Kay
D. Howles	G. Brooks	N.P. Kay
D. Clarke	P. Garside	A.J. Lomas

And asked all to stand and be recognised.

A secret ballot took place during the recess and Mike Barlow, Lee Butterworth and Dave Clarke were all elected for three years and Darren Howles for two years which unfortunately meant that Simon Craig was not elected this time. The Captain thanked Simon for serving last year said how delighted he was that there was competition for places on Committee. Motions carried.

Captain thanked all for standing and the independent adjudicators for their diligence in organising the ballot.

#### Item 11 on the Agenda:

Any Other Business.

#### Questions were raised and answered on the following subjects:

- Boundary fences
- Grids blocked on car park/drive
- Divot repair bags
- Own-a-Hole
- Tidy the area around the shed
- Curtains
- Pictures
- Slow play
- Practice Nets
- Lettering on front of Clubhouse
- Integration of new members – move touch-screen into Bar Area
- Mounds 15<sup>th</sup> hole
- Plans for course for next year – Newsletters/pathways & bunkers/decompaction of fairways
- Catering, particularly on Tuesdays
- Room set-up

The Captain thanked members for their attendance and participation and announced the date of the next AGM: **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**. He informed the new committee members that the next Full Committee Meeting is Monday 3rd December 2018 commencing at 7.30pm, business dress.

The Hon. Sec. proposed a vote of thanks to the two Captains for their diligence and professionalism in chairing the meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hon. Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

28<sup>th</sup> November 2019