

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2019

1. The Captain opened the meeting and welcomed the members to the 106th AGM of AULGC. He particularly welcomed the new members to their first AGM. He then asked the members to stand in memory those members and past members who have passed away during the last 12 months: Alan Broad, Bryn Murray, Margaret Windsor and Frank Makin.

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

- Graham Hughes
- Charlie & Sandra Qualters
- John & Jacqui Dawber
- Andy Shaw
- Mike Gourley
- Eric Rostron
- Margaret Greenwood-Walker
- Bill Wrigley
- Gary Pennington
- David Mackinnon
- Tony Armitage
- Dave and Hilary Lewis
- Ian Morgan
- Maureen Doyle

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 29th November 2018 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 2018 meeting.

There were no questions.

Richard Grainger proposed and Geoff Spiby seconded that they be accepted as a true and correct record of the 2018 AGM and the vote in favour was unanimous. Captain and Hon Sec Signed them accordingly.

The Captain asked the Independent Accountant, Mike Warburton of Moss & Williamson to give his Report on the Financial Accounts for the Year Ended 30th September 2019. 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 30th September 2019. The Report had been sent to all members with the Notice and Accounts and the Hon. Treasurer commented on the significant issues:

- Monthly management accounts were prepared from the start of the financial year and this enabled us to anticipate that the surplus for the year would be above budget. It was therefore decided to invest the additional surplus back into the club on selected unbudgeted expenses. These included the following significant items; the driveway, balcony, front of Clubhouse facelift and SKY/BT Sport.
- The majority of income streams were above budget. Course expenses were below budget. The Club and General expenses were over budget, mainly due to the additional unbudgeted expenditure mentioned above.

There were no questions.

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 seeds sown last year have borne fruit in that the course has improved following the appointment of the qualified Head Greenkeeper in spring 2018 and our partnership with Albatross Digital Marketing has brought in significant numbers of new members

For the first time in a while, having completed some unbudgeted work, we've made a decent trading surplus.

- Bar sales were the best ever
- Important progress has been made on H&S
- The Lancashire Boys Championship was a great success in May
- Louisa Brunt set a new ladies' course record with a four under par 69 gross.
- The Junior Academy and Ladies Academy have made great progress
- Martin J Wild has accepted our offer of Honorary Life Membership in recognition of his outstanding golfing achievements representing AULGC and Lancashire

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

Conclusion

Still operating in difficult market conditions, we finally have some *jam today* in the shape of the significant spending and surplus you see in the accounts. The increase in Bar sales is spin-off from bringing in so many new members and the increase in green/comp fees reflects the condition of the course. As I've said many times in recent years, members are our top priority and we must continue to sweat the assets for members' benefit. Albatross have done well but have they hit saturation? Time will tell.

A great team effort has resulted in a great year with plenty of good news but most certainly no room for complacency. Again, I continue to look forward with great optimism and enthusiasm.

Item 4 on the Agenda:

The Captain asked the Hon. Treasurer to speak on the proposed subscription rates for 2020. Hon Treasurer brought out the main points from the Report circulated. The proposal was that the 7-Day subscription should increase by £15.

Seconded by the Hon Sec.

A few 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 were no questions.

Item 6 on the Agenda:

Election of the Captain. The outgoing Captain, Steve Hamner spoke about his year in office. It has been an extremely busy and enjoyable year, particularly following the birth of his youngest son in March. He felt honoured and privileged to have served the Club and thanked all for their support. He went on to propose Wayne Evans to be Captain of Ashton-under-Lyne Golf Club for the year 2019/20. Chris Sherlock seconded the proposal. Motion carried.

The new Captain, Wayne Evans, gave a proud speech of acceptance.

The Captain then asked Christine Bennett to say a few words as out-going Lady Captain. Christine had very much enjoyed her year and was particularly pleased with the success of the Ladies Academy.

Item 7 on the Agenda:

Election of Lady Captain. The Captain announced the nomination of Kath Watson, Proposed by Beryl Harrison and seconded by Susan Barlow. Motion carried.

Kath Watson made a short speech of acceptance.

Item 8 on the Agenda:

Election of Captain Elect. The Captain announced the nomination of Steve M^cGee as Captain Elect, Proposed by Lee Butterworth and seconded by Tony Lambert. Motion carried.

Steve M^cGee 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	Secunder
J. Hall	D. Lewis	G.T. Hughes
A. Lambert	J.P. Dawber	G.T. Hughes
G. White	P. Newton	A.R. Clegg
D. Lewis	B. Kennedy	J Kennedy

A secret ballot took place during the recess and Tony Lambert, Gareth White and Jacob Hall were all elected for three years and David Lewis for one year.

Motions carried.

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

Having nominated Club Talks, Men's Mental Health as his charity the Captain departed from the Agenda and asked Martin O'Keefe to provide some background. Martin did so and introduced Ryan Curtis from Club Talks. Ryan emphasised the importance of good mental health and the part golf can play in helping those who are suffering.

Item 11 on the Agenda:

Any Other Business.

Questions were raised and answered on the following subjects:

- Coloured flags on greens
- Extension to the balcony
- Divot repair

The Captain thanked members for their attendance and participation and announced the date of the next AGM: **Thursday 26th November 2020**. He informed the new committee members that the next Full Committee Meeting is Monday 2nd December 2019 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 in record time at 8.35pm.

Captain _____ Proposed by _____

Hon. Sec. _____ Seconded by _____

26th November 2020