

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2017

Present: The Captain and 80 Adult Playing Members.

The Captain opened the meeting and welcomed the members to the 104th AGM of AULGC. He particularly welcomed the 3 and 5-day 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: Rod Barber, Barry Sidebottom, Frank Murray, Joe Wray, Ken Dodd, Barry Ogden, Brian Davies, Roy Horton, Bernard Higginbotham, Derek Hartle, Warwick Francis and Alan Kenyon.

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

- David & Jinty Mackinnon
- Richard & Susan Grainger
- Mike Barlow
- Moira Davies
- Geoff & Rene Stocks
- Joe Davidson
- Rachel Cuthbert
- Darren Shenton
- Charlie & Sandra Qualters
- Steve Barlow
- Steve McGee
- Dave Hufton
- Kath Watson
- Beryl Harrison

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 24th November 2016 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 2016 meeting.

There were no questions.

Martin Wild proposed and John Dawber seconded that they be accepted as a true and correct record of the 2016 AGM and the vote in favour was unanimous.

The Captain asked the Hon Sec to present the Independent Accountant’s Report on the Financial Accounts for the Year Ended 30th September 2016 in the absence of Mike Warburton of Moss & Williamson. Hon Sec 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 had recently thanked the Accountant, Mike Warburton personally.

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 2017. The Report had been sent to all members with the Notice and Accounts and the Hon. Treasurer commented on the significant issues:

- The year has again been busy with capital projects in a number of areas and the committee has worked hard to bring these projects in on budget and to manage general expenditure.
- The final result for the year was a small deficit of £3,556 after reversing the rates provision now that we have regained our CASC registration.
- Bar takings and gross profit are both ahead of budget with Cash:Card sales improved at 50:50.
- Although the total number of adult playing members has increased steadily over the last few years, changes to the category mix have had an adverse effect on subscription income which fell £27K short of budget.
- Competition Fee income has done tremendously well at £10K above budget.
- The Seniors Section contributed £1700 from the proceeds of their Open Competitions.
- Unbudgeted spend included the new door and windows in the pro shop, magnetic locks on the clubhouse, carpets in the bungalow and flooring behind the bar.
- Sundry expenses are over budget by nearly £3,000 this mainly relates to a £1,500 joining fee for PlayMoreGolf, £500 in insurance excess payments regarding the two insurance claims for the robberies and £450 paid out by the club to repair a car damaged by a golf ball.

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:

As seen in the figures in the Report and in the Accounts, membership numbers have stood up well in the face of the national picture. Testament to our Special Offers. That said we have managed to sustain a deficit for the first time in 4 years, largely as a result of falling short of our Subscriptions budget figure.

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

Conclusion

We continue to operate in difficult market conditions and will do for some time yet. We continue to develop our commercial approach. Our 3-Day membership is now an outstanding success, bar sales are progressing steadily and we continue to strive to maintain the right balance in looking after the members whilst sweating our assets for their benefit. Once again, the work behind the scenes represents a really top quality team effort. Much has been achieved this year and I continue to look forward with great optimism.

There were no questions.

Item 4 on the Agenda:

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution – the Captain asked the Hon. Sec. to Propose and Peter Sidebotham to Second the resolution that the Honorary Treasurer be elected for a period of three years and Clause 8.4 be amended accordingly to read *The Club Treasurer shall be elected by the Adult Playing Members and shall serve for three years but may seek re-election.*

There were no questions and the motion was carried unanimously.

Item 5 on the Agenda:

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution – the Captain asked the Hon. Sec. to propose and the Hon. Treas. to Second the resolution that the following be added to the end of Clause 4.1. *The Committee may introduce incentive schemes to encourage new members to join and existing members to step up a category or categories of membership.*

There were no questions and the motion was carried unanimously.

Item 6 on the Agenda:

The Captain asked the Hon. Treasurer to speak on the proposed subscription rates for 2017. Hon Treasurer brought out the main points from the Report circulated. The proposal was that the subscriptions should remain at the same levels as 2015, 2016 and 2017 with a slight increase in the 3-day subscriptions.

Seconded by the Hon Sec.

A variety of questions were raised and answered.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Item 7 on the Agenda:

To receive the Social Secretary's Report. Captain invited the Hon Sec to present the Report in the absence of Rachel Cuthbert. There were no questions.

Item 8 on the Agenda:

Election of the Captain. The outgoing Captain, Lee Butterworth spoke about his year in office. He felt honoured and privileged to have served the Club, thanked all for their support during a memorable year in office and went on to propose Mr C I Sherlock to be Captain of Ashton-under-Lyne Golf Club for the year 2017/18. Mr A H Jackson seconded the proposal. Motion carried.

The new Captain, Chris Sherlock, gave a proud speech of acceptance.

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

Item 9 on the Agenda:

Election of Lady Captain. The Captain announced the nomination of Mrs A Lomas, Proposed by Mrs H Lewis and seconded Mrs J Gaskell (in the absence of Mrs M Charlesworth). Motion carried.

Anna Lomas made a short speech of acceptance.

Item 10 on the Agenda:

Election of President. The outgoing President, John (JJ to you and me) Lewis spoke about how much he had enjoyed his time as President and went on to propose Mr I W Sherlock to be President of Ashton-under-Lyne Golf Club for 2017-19 with an option to 2019/20.

Mr G E Spiby seconded the proposal.

Motion carried.

Ian Sherlock made a short speech of acceptance.

Item 11 on the Agenda:

Election of Captain Elect. The Captain announced the nomination of Mr S Hanmer as Captain Elect, Proposed by A Lambert and seconded by J P Dawber.

Motion carried.

Steve Hanmer made a short speech of acceptance.

Item 12 on the Agenda:

Election of Honorary Secretary. The Captain announced the unopposed nomination of Mr S Martin, proposed by N Higginson and seconded by D Hufton.

Motion carried.

Item 13 on the Agenda:

Election of Honorary Treasurer. The Captain announced the unopposed nomination of Mr J Orchard, proposed by P Sidebotham and seconded by M Haughton.

Motion carried.

Item 14 on the Agenda:

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

Item 15 on the Agenda:

Election of Members to the Management Committee.

The Captain read the nominations from the Notice of AGM:

- Mr W. Evans proposed by P Newton seconded by J P Davidson
- Mr M. Wild proposed by D Harrison seconded by B Robinson
- Mr Jacob Hall proposed by Jeremy Hall seconded by I Morgan
- Mr S. Craig proposed by G Andrew seconded by S Oddie

And asked all to stand and be recognised.

A secret ballot took place during the recess and Wayne Evans and Martin Wild were elected for three years, Jacob Hall for two years and Simon Craig for one year.

Motions carried.

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

Item 16 on the Agenda:

Any Other Business.

Questions were raised and answered on the following subjects:

- Boundary fences
- Piles of rubbish in front of the 6th tee and adjacent to the green-keepers' shed

- Dead trees
- 14th tee and adjacent path is extremely wet
- Raking bunkers in winter
- Grids on the car park and around the clubhouse are blocked
- Quality of turf used to repair the 6th green
- Divot repair bags
- Repairing pitch marks on greens
- Divots on fairways in winter
- All players to report to pro shop before play – communication of playing conditions
- Practise facilities
- Presentation of the golf course
- New water hazard at 7th hole – Winter Rules/Rules of Golf to be sent to members
- Pin positions/crowned holes
- Artisans
- Quality pins
- Credit Assessments by Premium Credit when we move to Direct Debit rather than Standing Order
- Signage re access to Golf Club private land
- Long term plans for the golf course, particularly the length of the 5th hole

The Captain thanked members for their attendance and participation and announced the date of the next AGM: **Thursday 29th November 2018**. He informed the new committee members that the next Full Committee Meeting is Thursday 7th December 2017 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 10.25pm.

Captain _____

Hon. Sec. _____