

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2015

Present: The Captain and 82 7-Day and 6-Day members.

The Captain opened the meeting and welcomed the members to the 102nd AGM of AULGC. He asked the members to stand in memory those members and past members who have died during the last 12 months: Dorothy Wright, Tina Butterworth, Roy Ferris, Peter Brunt, Margaret Wood and Win Jones

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

- Jerry Hall
- Mike Wood
- Lynne Wood
- Graham Brooks
- Justine Hadfield
- Sandra Qualters
- Charlie Qualters
- Moira Davies
- Richard Grainger
- Susan Grainger
- Phil Hibbert
- Joe Doyle
- Margaret Walker
- Phil Pattison
- 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 27th November 2014 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 2014 meeting.

There were no questions.

David Mackinnon proposed and Graham Hughes seconded that they be accepted as a true and correct record of the 2014 AGM and the vote in favour was unanimous.

The Captain asked the Independent Accountant, Mike Warburton of Moss & Williamson to give their Report on the Financial Accounts for the Year Ended 30th September 2015. Mike 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 2015. The Report had been sent to all members with the Notice and Accounts and the Hon. Treasurer commented on the significant issues:

- The final result for the year was a satisfactory Surplus of £7,800 resulting in an improvement in liquidity.
- Bar sales and profit were both ahead of budget reflecting the hard work of all involved.
- Member numbers had fallen during the year resulting in a shortfall of £8K subscription income against budget
- Green Fee income was above budget but Competition Fees were £3K below budget.
- Budgets had been controlled well particularly given the number of capital projects completed.
- Hon Treasurer thanked our professional advisers and those members who had provided loans to enable the purchase of the Practice Field.

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:

Membership numbers nationally are still declining, though the rate of decline has slowed. Despite that backcloth 2014/5 was another good year for AULGC. Finances are stable and we have generated a surplus for the second year running following a series of deficits. And the Practice Field is now ours.

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

Conclusion

Operating in difficult market conditions, our increasingly commercial approach is proving successful. If that success is to continue it's absolutely vital that all of our members support all of our efforts by welcoming all of our visitors. 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 the Hon. Treas. to Second that Clause 4.4 of the Constitution be amended to read: “If a members subscription be unpaid or payment arrangements not be set up on the 25th March or such date the management committee may decide after this, but not later than 30th April, the committee shall, after due notice has been served to the said member by the Secretary or Treasurer, remove the members name from the list of members, and this member will no longer be welcome at the Club.”

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 that Clause 6 of the Constitution “Expulsions and Suspension of Membership” be withdrawn and a new clause introduced to read:

“ 6 Refusal of Membership. 6.1 The committee may refuse membership only for good and sufficient cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or the sport into disrepute. Appeals against such a decision may be made to the Club in writing, preferably email, to the Secretary and this appeal must be heard by a disciplinary subcommittee consisting of three members, chaired by the Club President or other senior member of at least 10 years standing, none of whom were party to the decision to refuse entry. 6.2 An applicant shall not be refused membership, unless he is given 14 days’ notice of the meeting of the disciplinary sub-committee, at which his refusal is to be considered and written details as to why the management committee is considering this action shall be given. The applicant shall be invited to attend the meeting and if he so wishes be accompanied by a representative or friend. The majority of this panel must vote in favour of refusal if the motion is to be passed.” And a new Clause 7 be introduced to read: “7 Disciplinary Procedures. 7.1 All complaints against members shall be dealt with under the National Golf Clubs Advisory Association Disciplinary Codes and procedures.” All subsequent clauses to be renumbered accordingly.

In response to a question Hon Sec explained that all new members receive a written welcome encompassing details re standards of behaviour and golf etiquette.
Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6 on the Agenda:

The Captain asked the Hon. Treasurer to speak on the proposed subscription rates for 2016. 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.

Seconded by the Hon Sec.

There were no questions and the motion was carried unanimously.

Item 7 on the Agenda:

To receive the Social Secretary’s Report. Captain invited Wayne Evans to present the Report. There were no questions.

Item 8 on the Agenda:

Election of the Captain. The outgoing Captain, Tony Lambert, spoke about a great year in office alongside an excellent President and Lady Captain. He was honoured and delighted to have served the Club and went on to propose Mr A H Jackson to be Captain of Ashton u Lyne Golf Club for the year 2015/2016. Mr J P Dawber seconded the proposal. Motion carried.

The new Captain, Alan Jackson, gave a speech of acceptance.

The Captain then asked Rachel Wood to say a few words as out-going Lady Captain. Rachel had thoroughly enjoyed her year and was surprised and delighted at how much work goes on behind the scenes.

Item 9 on the Agenda:

Election of Lady Captain. The Captain announced the nomination of Mrs J Mackinnon, Proposed by Mrs B Taylor and Seconded by Mrs M Baines. Motion carried. Jinty Mackinnon made a short speech of acceptance. Motion carried.

Item 10 on the Agenda:

Election of President. The Captain announced the nomination of Mr J J Lewis as President proposed by Mr G E Spiby and seconded by Mr W S Wrigley. Motion carried. John Lewis made a short speech of acceptance.

Item 11 on the Agenda:

Election of Captain Elect. The Captain announced the nomination of Mr L Butterworth as Captain Elect, Proposed by Mr J J Lewis and seconded by Mr N P Kay. Motion carried. Lee Butterworth made a short speech of acceptance.

Item 12 on the Agenda:

Election of Honorary Treasurer. The Captain announced the unopposed nomination of Mr P Sidebotham, proposed by Mr M Haughton and seconded by Mr R Baker. Motion carried.

Item 13 on the Agenda:

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

Item 14 on the Agenda:

Election of Members to the Management Committee.

The Captain read the nominations from the Notice of AGM:

- Ms R Wood Proposed by Mrs S Barlow Seconded by Mrs B Harrison
- Mr S P McGee Proposed by S Butlin Seconded by M Garton
- Mr S Rawson Proposed by I W Sherlock Seconded by A W Shaw

and asked Stephen Rawson to stand and be recognised.

A secret ballot took place during the recess and R Wood and S P McGee were elected for three years and S Rawson for two years. Motions carried.

Item 15 on the Agenda:

Any Other Business.

Questions were raised and answered on the following subjects:

- Local Winter Rule re play from bunkers
- Curtains in the main lounge
- Hollow-tining the greens
- Fairway mats
- Unwelcoming feel of the main lounge
- Snooker table
- Producing a quality golf course April – October
- Benefits of wider fairways and shorter rough – given very strong support
- Machine sharing with other clubs
- Closing the golf course in inclement weather

All members are to be invited to sub-committee meetings to lend their support.

The Captain thanked members for their attendance and participation and announced the date of the next AGM: **Thursday 24th November 2016**. He informed the new committee members that the next Full Committee Meeting is Thursday 10th December 2015 commencing at 7.30pm, Jacket and tie required.

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

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Captain _____

Hon. Sec. _____