

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2016

Present: The Captain and 80 7-Day and 6-Day members.

The Captain opened the meeting and welcomed the members to the 103rd AGM of AULGC. He asked the members to stand in memory those members and past members who have passes away during the last 12 months: Kevin Grove, Len Bainbridge, Les Spiby, Tony Lomas, Margaret Collings, Geoff Howarth and Derek Wild.

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

- Mike Wood
- Lynne Wood
- Eric Rostron
- Jack Bredbury
- Alan Newell
- Sylvia Haq
- Moira Davies
- Sandra Qualters
- Charlie Qualters
- Maureen Doyle
- Joe Doyle
- Margaret Walker
- Richard Grainger
- Susan Grainger
- Andy Baines
- Michelle Baines

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 26th November 2015 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 2015 meeting.

There were no questions.

John Dawber proposed and David Mackinnon seconded that they be accepted as a true and correct record of the 2015 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 2016. 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 2016. The Report had been sent to all members with the Notice and Accounts and the Hon. Treasurer commented on the significant issues:

- We have appealed against HMRC decision to cancel our CASC registration.
- 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 surplus of £3,864, and in addition we have finally received the rebate of VAT and interest on Green Fee income (£49,052 after professional fees), our claims for which date back to the early 1990s. Combined, this has given us strong liquidity which has enabled us to bring forward the car park project and to fund the development of the lounge areas. The remainder has gone some way to restoring the liquidity we lost over the difficult recessionary years from 2008.
- Bar sales and profit were both ahead of budget reflecting the hard work of all involved.
- Member numbers had recovered as a result of our recruitment campaign resulting in a surplus of £6K subscription income against budget.
- Green Fee income and Competition Fees were £5K 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 completion of capital projects ahead of receipt of our VAT refund.

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 north west of England is bucking the trend as a result of successful membership campaigns like ours. Despite that backcloth 2015/6 was another good year for AULGC. Finances are stable and we have generated a surplus for the third year running following a series of deficits.

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

Conclusion

Still operating in difficult market conditions, our increasingly commercial approach is undoubtedly successful. Our 3-Day membership now has critical mass, bar sales have achieved some momentum and we continue to strive to maintain the right balance in looking after the members whilst sweating our assets. 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. Treasurer to Second the resolution that all references to full members or 6/7-day members be changed to all adult playing members.

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 a new Clause 8.8 be inserted with subsequent clauses to be renumbered. Clause 8.8 to read "In special circumstances as defined by a majority of the Officers of the Club, the requirement for the Club Secretary or Club Treasurer to have been a member for three years may be waived."

There were no questions and the motion was carried unanimously.

Item 6 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 a new Clause 8.9 be inserted with subsequent clauses to be renumbered. Clause 8.9 to read "To enable a member to assist the Committee to perform a specific task as defined by a majority of the Officers of the Club, a member may be co-opted to the Committee until the task is completed or the next Annual General Meeting. A maximum of one member may be co-opted in this way."

There were no questions and the motion was carried unanimously.

Item 7 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 and 2016 with slight changes to the 3-day and 5-Day subscriptions.

Seconded by the Hon Sec.

A question was raised, and answered, on the projected increase in subscription income seen in the budget.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Item 8 on the Agenda:

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

Item 9 on the Agenda:

Election of the Captain. The outgoing Captain, Alan Jackson spoke about his year in office. He was honoured and delighted to have served the Club, during this his 17th year on committee, and went on to propose Mr L Butterworth to be Captain of Ashton-under-Lyne Golf Club for the year 2016/2017. Mr A Lambert seconded the proposal. Motion carried.

The new Captain, Lee Butterworth, gave a speech of acceptance.

The Captain then asked Jinty Mackinnon to say a few words as out-going Lady Captain. Jinty had enjoyed her year and was delighted to see how much work goes on behind the scenes.

Item 10 on the Agenda:

Election of Lady Captain. The Captain announced the nomination of Mrs J Dawber, Proposed by Mrs M Charlesworth and seconded Mrs B Taylor. Motion carried. Jacqui Dawber made a short speech of acceptance.

Item 11 on the Agenda:

Election of Captain Elect. The Captain announced the nomination of Mr C I Sherlock as Captain Elect, Proposed by J P Dawber and seconded by Mr J J Lewis. Motion carried. Chris Sherlock made a short speech of acceptance.

Item 12 on the Agenda:

Election of Honorary Treasurer. The Captain asked Peter Sidebotham to speak. As the motion detailed in Item 5 on the Agenda had been carried, Peter withdrew his nomination, spoke about his 9 years in office and introduced and Proposed Jonny Orchard as Honorary Treasurer. The President, Mr J J Lewis, seconded the nomination. 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:

- Mr A. Lambert proposed by G T Hughes seconded by B Robinson
- Mr T. Gardner proposed by T Pooley seconded by G T Hughes
- Mr D. Mackinnon proposed by S Suddaby seconded by P Haq
- Mr G. White proposed by M Wild seconded by G Taylor
- Mr. A. J. Lomas proposed by M N Kelly seconded by L Pattison
- Mr D. Lewis proposed by D Andrew seconded by N P Kay

and asked Dave Mackinnon, Gareth White and Dave Lewis to stand and be recognised.

A secret ballot took place during the recess and Tony Lambert, Gareth White and Dave Lewis were elected for three years and Trevor Gardner and Andy Lomas for two years. Motions carried.

Captain said it was good to have competition for places again and thanked Dave Mackinnon for standing.

Item 15 on the Agenda:

Any Other Business.

Questions were raised and answered on the following subjects:

- Local Winter Rule re play from bunkers
- Snooker table – will be debated at suitable sub-committee
- Paths on the golf course
- Loss-making social events
- Bar Area

As in 2016, all members are to be invited to appropriate 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 30th November 2017**. He informed the new committee

members that the next Full Committee Meeting is Thursday 1st December 2016 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 10pm.

Captain _____

Hon. Sec. _____