



**MINUTES OF THE 120TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING /2ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
HGC LTD HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON FRIDAY 25TH MARCH 2022 AT 7.30PM**

THE PRESIDENT

'Mr Captain, Lady Captain, Fellow Members,

Good evening, and welcome to what is our 2nd AGM for Hale Golf Club Ltd but the 120th for our Golf Club

We have now completed our first 12 months as a Limited Liability Company and we have to apologise for one or two minor hiccups in getting all the information out to you but hopefully you do now have everything you require for the meeting.'

The President then confirmed that everyone had signed in.

NOTICE OF THE MEETING

Notice of the meeting was taken as read on the proposition of Jane Perks, seconded by Ian Hunt. The proposition was passed unanimously by the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from members noted in Appendix 2.

The President suggested that this be taken as read and included in the minutes.

This was agreed by the meeting.

The President then asked those present to stand in silent memory of the following members who had passed away during the last year: Joe Kennedy, Sarah Dewhurst and her husband Alan, Della von Arx, Philippa Nichols, Pam Bramwell, Sheila Hill, Terry Hope, David Gandy, John Heathcock, Christine Harrison and Andrew Richards.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It was suggested that the minutes of the previous AGM held on 25th March 2022, be approved by the meeting. This was proposed by Howard Gill, seconded by Johnny Yates and the motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the meeting were duly signed by the President.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE AGM OF 25TH MARCH 2022 There were no matters arising.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer, Glyn Isaac, presented the following report for the financial year ending December 31st 2022.

'President, Captains, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Club has finally emerged from 2 years impacted by Covid restrictions to some degree or another. 2022 saw us operating for a full year but we have been challenged by the cost pressures facing all businesses and individuals at the moment – the club results have, of course, been impacted by these but show a reasonable set of figures and a strong cash and balance sheet position remain.

The Club's Net Assets increased by £18,004 to £957,241 accounted for by:

- a deficit for the year of £8,651
- a net increase in the Capital Reserve of £26,655

The Club generated cash for the year of £46,373. Capital expenditure totalled £47,025, of which £30,000 was for the Trilo 3 vacuum sweeper, £15,600 for the Kubota utility vehicle and £1,425 for some smaller items. The vacuum sweeper was funded through hire purchase finance with the other items paid for outright.

An inflow of £20,563 was created from working capital, with the key items being:

- -£26k increase in debtors- just a timing issue around year end.
- +£46k increase in subs paid in advance- there was a system problem with Club V1 in December 21 which meant this figure was unusually low last year.
- +£16k increase in trade creditors – again just a timing issue around year end.
- -£8k decrease in Sundry Creditors as the rates relief grant has been fully utilised.

We have now generated £139,000 towards the repayment of Members' Loans in 2026 (£1000 has been repaid during the year). This is £20,000 ahead of schedule and is held separately from General Funds.

The increase in Creditors due over one year is mainly due to the hire purchase agreement taken out on the Vacuum sweeper.

Subscriptions showed a strong increase of £26,412 with increases in all playing categories apart from a minor reduction in the non-playing category.

The Income and Expenditure Account emerged in reasonable shape with the club returning to a full year of operations following Covid led closures in part of both 2020 and 2021.

Entrance fees have grown strongly with 20 full playing members being admitted this year (13 men and 7 ladies). We are fortunate that our pipeline of prospective members also remains in a strong position.

Bar wet and dry sales have both grown strongly, with wet sales at £147k and food sales at £136k- well ahead of last year (Covid affected) and exceeding our budget expectations. We are fortunate as a club that our members support these two areas so well. Margins in wet sales are similar to last year and in line with budget; dry sales margins are down a bit on last year and against forecast and reflect our decision to hold back price rises to May of 2022

Course Expenditure increased to £244k, an increase of £19k from 2021 -course expenditure reduced slightly to £58k with less expenditure on the new hole development. Main areas of increase were in wages £6k- inflationary and as budgeted; machinery repair costs- up £4k- couple of major repairs needed; fuel up £5k- higher prices; depreciation up £4k- new assets acquired last year and this year.

Clubhouse expenditure increased significantly to £206k -up by £55k from last year- the main increases are in wages (£30k increase)- we have been hit by the same problems as many hospitality industries in hiring and keeping staff- staff churn has been high and pay rates have been increasing. The other main increase (£24k) has been in electric and gas costs – last year was artificially low as we were closed for 3 months but none the less, we have been hit like everyone in this area (we are, at least, in 2-year contracts with fixed prices so costs should stay the same for 2023)

Administration costs increased by £7k to £51k. Rates have increased by £5k – still at low levels historically but most of last year was at nil. Card process charges have increased by £2k as more and more transactions at the club are via card payments.

In total, controllable expenditure increased by £81k to £501k- this on the face of it is an exceptional increase and well ahead of budget (£470k) but the main elements (bar staff wages and utility prices) have impacted pretty much all businesses in our field.

Non-recoverable VAT has reduced slightly and although costs have increased the proportion recoverable has increased slightly due to our growth in bar and food sales.

The outcome for the year was a surplus of £18,004 prior to transfer to the Capital reserve which is a reduction of £18,886 from last year. This is I believe a respectable result given the cost increases we have suffered in pretty much all areas of our business (utilities, wages, fuel, food, and drink costs to name the major constituents). We are, as ever, indebted to the club officers, staff and our members for the support given to the club during the year.

Also, a big thank you to Clare Withey who has taken over the role as assistant Treasurer – (not sure she expected to stand in for me for a month when I was missing in action) - she has picked up the role seamlessly from Louise and deals with all our suppliers and making sure they get paid. And finally thank you to Janet Grant, who deals with everything regarding the monthly payroll process.

I am pleased that we have a good set of figures to present to the members. Although we have suffered an overall small deficit for the year, we have ridden out the worst of the cost

increases impacting most businesses, without having to increase members costs significantly. We have an engaged membership who use the club and its facilities regularly, plus a healthy waiting list of new applicants. Our balance sheet is strong, and we continue to grow our cash and we are well placed to repay the loans to members in relation to the Club redevelopment. I believe we are in good shape for 2023.

These accounts have been prepared to provide members with a comparable view of the golf club between 2021 and 2022. The official accounts for Hale Golf Club Ltd will be filed with Companies House with just a balance sheet at 31 December 2022 which will be the same as the balance sheet shown on Page 10 of the accounts. ‘

There being no questions for the Treasurer the motion to approve the accounts was proposed by Robin Holden, seconded by Paul Gilbert. The motion was carried unanimously.

On behalf of the membership the President thanked the Treasurer and the Treasury Team for all their hard work, recognising the incredible amount of work that has been done and the changes required now that HGC is a Limited Company.

SECRETARY’S REPORT & UPDATE ON STANDING COMMITTEES

The Secretary Vicky Chamberlain, gave the following report,

‘President, Captains, Ladies and Gentlemen,

2022 was a very busy year for HGC Ltd. We started off with a much smaller Council (Board) of 9 people. Ably chaired by Roger Sheen we have managed to get through a significant amount of business.

The Treasurer has given us his report and it falls to me to tell you what else your Council has been up to. The best place to start is with the course itself. The new Par 3 was duly finished and opened, the course re-measured and new cards printed. Just as we were all getting used to the new numbering, unfortunately the new hole had to be closed due to the development of thatch and drainage problems. All agree that this is a very attractive hole and after a lot of hard work by our Green keeping team it is hoped that it will reopen within the next few weeks. Changes have been made to various bunkers, tee boxes & greens maintained, paths have been up graded, trees have been managed all with the intention of making this one of the best 9 hole courses in the North West. Greens and Council have also had to deal with the sink hole now filled and the loss of our trees next to a neighbour’s boundary. The replacement planting of mature shrubs and trees looks very attractive. Our course is maintained to a fabulous standard. Much golf has been played, competitions won and lost, some by that most frustrating of results – a card playoff. Even I managed to win one Ladies comp this year, not a major but I will take them where I can get them.

The return of TNC, Ladies Tea, FNC and other staples of our club life have made a welcome return on a permanent basis. Hurrah, I hear you say. I am sure I speak for us all when I say how great it is to be together again as a Club with no restrictions. A full Social Calendar was delivered by our social committee with gourmet dinners, a Summer Ball and some excellent Christmas celebrations to name but a few. Bridge is back, with club and match bridge in full swing. I would like to thank Robin and Sue Holden, Jan Ravenscroft, Gill Kay and Chris Wood for organising the various bridge events. The annual Quiz night hosted by John Gower-Jones, Andrew Kay and Jim Mossop was great fun although Jim's eclectic sport knowledge had several of us stumped!

A long overdue overhaul of the Cottage has been a major project over the winter with Ben and his family moving into temporary accommodation for the duration. The other large project is the extension of the patio, currently underway, to make a much larger outside area for socialising. I look forward to spending much time on it this summer.

Membership remains healthy, with 38 Juniors, and 470 full members of which are 163 Ladies and 307 Gentlemen. We have had a steady stream of applications during the year in all categories and I hope all our new members feel welcome and are settling into the club. There remains a delay in being able to accept Gentleman members, but this is gradually improving.

I would like to thank all members of the Secretariat, especially Robin Russel-Fisher for taking the minutes at Council Meetings as well as supporting me in my role. You will notice that the office is looking much tidier and Robin and I with, help from Jo Egerton, have managed to have a good clear out. There is still a bit to do so that we can also use this as a meeting room when the club is busy. Ian Hunt, my guru for IT, deals with my difficulties with speed and patience. Ian, I thank you. David Swales and I enjoy our annual billing get-together in November, nothing stronger than coffee is imbibed, as we send out our requests for your money. I would also like to thank Chris Wood and Rosie Gerard for continuing as our archivists. I will be getting the new Club Handbook sorted over the next few weeks and I thank Tiff Fielden for her ongoing support in ensuring we get it printed.

I had hoped this year would be more straight forward than last year, but it has thrown up its challenges, the worst one being my struggle with long COVID and a brain that had turned to mush. As I did last year, I have to thank you all for your support and commitment to the club, we are only as good as our members and I think we are very good indeed. This concludes my report.'

There being no questions for the Secretary the motion to approve her report was proposed by Irene Kirk, seconded by Freda Hunt. The motion was carried unanimously.

The President thanked the Secretary for her report, recognising the time the job takes and the wide scope of duties involved.

LADY CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The Lady Captain, Judy Pinnington gave the following report:

‘President, Past Captains, Gentleman Captain and Members.

I wish to start this report by saying how much I have enjoyed my year as Lady Captain, having been helped in no small way by a very efficient Ladies Committee who I would like to thank for having worked so hard to help the year run smoothly.

I would like to welcome all the new Lady Members who have joined us this year, Kairen Seaton, Judith Guest, Caroline Harrison, Lesley Shaw, Lisa Warnes, Sally Blackburn, Kate Morris, Marcella Pabon and Jill McBurney. I do hope they have enjoyed their golf and the social aspects of the Club and I feel they have been very proactive in all aspects of the Ladies Section.

My charity this year, Red Cross Ukraine has raised over £5,000 thanks to some exciting ideas from my team and the generosity of the Ladies. I think it has been a worthwhile cause as the people of Ukraine have had their lives turned upside down.

The Ladies Section has run a number of teams overseen by our Match Secretary, Gwynneth Bramwell. Some of these have been most successful. However, we were knocked out of the Bell Cup early on as we unfortunately suffered from the illness of many of our best players.

This year the Australian Spoons was won by Terri Broadbent and Kerry Bailey and they played the final at Appleby Golf Club.

The Coronation Foursomes was won by Mary Cockbain and Min Fishwick and they played at Hazel Grove.

This year we have played serious competitions during the season and fun competitions during the Winter which has ensured that we have achieved inclusivity in order that all Lady Members can enjoy their golf

Now for my thank-you's.

A big thank-you to our House Committee led by Tracy Thompson and her team, Ben Fallows, Sandra Mossop, Robert Spark and Vicki Wells. They have dealt with the day-to-day matters ensuring the smooth running of the Club which we all enjoy.

Thanks to Ben Wetters, our Club House Manager and his excellent staff. It has been a challenging year in the hospitality sector but he has worked hard to ensure that all of the Members' needs are met.

The Social Committee led by Sandra Mossop aided by Tracy Thompson, Terri Broadbent, Val Nelstrop and Jo Egerton have once again organised some wonderful events, especially the Balls and the Jubilee Weekend for which we would like to offer our thanks.

The Membership Committee led by Alasdair Kenney, aided by Roger Laitt, Vicky Chamberlain, David Swale, and Sandra Mossop succeeded by Min Fishwick, have had another very busy year processing the Applications for Membership for both the Ladies' and Men's Sections. They have streamlined the system to ensure that all applications are dealt with more simply and smoothly for which we are most grateful.

It has been an honour to have been Lady Captain of Hale and I have appreciated all the

Members who work behind the scenes to ensure the Club runs so smoothly for the benefit of us all. Gillian Brogdon provides us with fresh flowers each week and the ladies decorated the Marquee during the summer, in order to make our outside dining a pleasurable experience.

I would like to thank the Past Lady Captains for trusting me with the leadership of the Ladies' Section and Members of Council for their support throughout the year. I also thank all the Members of Hale who have given me immeasurable support.

I should like to say a massive thank-you to our Gentleman Captain, David who has been so supportive throughout the year. He has been a true gentleman, a great deal of fun and has certainly helped add to my enjoyment of the year.

My last big thank-you must go to my husband, Ian. He has been my tower of strength and I do not think that I would have enjoyed the role so much without his continued support. He can now step down from his job as Uber-Man and return our family to normality.

Finally, I should like to take this opportunity to offer my best wishes to the new Captains, Roger and Jan for their year ahead. Hale is a special club and I am sure they will receive the same loyalty and support that the Gentleman Captain and I have enjoyed.'

Gentleman Captain's Report

The Gentleman Captain, David Wainwright gave the following report:

'President, Lady Captain, Members,

I do feel that HGC is going from strength to strength not just as a limited company but also as a club. We have 12 new male members this year, John Ashworth, Marcus Davies, Martin English, James Igoe, Nigel Jenkins, Tim Kilroe (twice), Rik Littler, Frank McKenna, Colin Offland Stephen Townley and Fred Wu. We also had 9 Juniors joining this year, but I will not read out all the names, but I think that goes to show that we are on the up and up and I hope all these members get as much fun out of being a member as I do.

Hale is a limited company but that does not change the fact that all the people working on Council very hard for us, are all volunteers. They all put so much time and energy in and they have supported me throughout my year as a director. I want to thank all of Council for their support and help.

The Lady Captain has highlighted the good works from Membership and House. I would like to say a few words about the Greens Committee chaired by Brian Greenbank, with Tiff Fielden, Gill Kay, Bob Siddle, Guy Levers with Russ Lewis and Richard Booth supporting. I have spent a lot of time at the club this year, and every time I am here one of the greens committee is here. Brian is always here, mostly playing golf but, every time you round the course you notice just little things that have been changed that will improve the course. A bit of light coming onto the green because a branch has been removed. Every decision Greens makes is well thought out and they work very hard. The future plans for the course, I think are very exciting, with the goal being that the front 9 holes is as different to the back 9 as possible, so we end up with a very interesting 18 holes. If you haven't seen the

programme, it is on the club noticeboard. I also have to mention that the 4th hole will be open very soon, the rubber crumb paths look amazing. When I was playing the 3rd hole I would look over to the new hole and see a group of members lifting stones, digging holes and generally getting their hands dirty. This group have become known as 'hard labour' and come to his aid whenever Brian puts out a request. I can't name them all but Andrew Cowan, George Buchan, Roger Sheen, Mike Wells have all been digging holes, lifting things and making that hole happen. So well done Gents that's a proper bit of work.

The gentlemen of Greens, Brian, Bob and Guy have also organised the men's competitions and knockouts. This is done via the computer and help doing this is needed or it just wouldn't happen so thank you Ian (Hunt). They also help me with the presentations after all the competitions which they do with very good humour, so thank you Gentlemen. When I asked Brian if there was anything in particular he wanted me to say about Greens he said 'Russell, it's all about Russell', because Russell and his team David Taylor and Phil Shaw, well I think we can all forget how good they are and how lucky we are because the course is always presented beautifully. So, I thank them all tonight in their absence. Oh, and we mustn't forget Bill Harvey, because Bill is always out there doing something, so we thank Bill for that.

Richard has done sterling work in the pro shop with his assistants Will and Phil. Richard is such a lovely guy, anything you wish to know, any questions he is very helpful and a very good teacher. So, we thank him, He is also the driving force behind the Junior Section, which is nearly 40 now, 38 is that right? He is providing competition he is doing coaching sessions, along with the help of Peter Hindle and Phil Hickson. We have also started competing against other clubs in the Mid- Cheshire Junior League, which we enjoyed. I don't think we won but it's the first time we have competed like that, it is a good thing, and we will be doing it again. This was under the Captaincy of Dan Turkington who had a wonderful year and is off to St Andrew's University. We wish him well and thank him for all his hard work.

This year's Junior captain is Matthew Hodder. I met Matthew this summer as he won the Summer Stableford. I was very impressed with the way he spoke in front of all the gentlemen. I think we have a very good Captain here and wish him good luck.

Now, to the other end of the scale and the Seniors. I would like to thank the organisers of the Seniors and we have a few here, Chris Adams, Alan Kemp, Robin Holden, David Swale, Mike Massey and Tony Adamson. I don't know what goes on in the Seniors, but they seem to be having a great time, so we won't worry about them.

I have had my Captain's matches this year and I love them; they are great fun. I'd love to tell you how many we won or lost but I have absolutely no idea. I'm pretty sure we won more than we lost which is massively important, I think. David Rodwell organised that for me and did a wonderful job so thank you David.

What I've found, when you talk to other clubs, the match they want to play in is the Hale match at Hale, because we do it properly here because the food is so good, we're so hospitable, it makes me very proud. So, we are doing something which is very good. We also

played the Archie Preston this year. Unfortunately, we did not get past the 1st round, but the last pair went to the 20th hole, so it wasn't too bad. That was organised by Jonny Gray and Rosie Gerard. I have to apologise to the Lady Captain, she had to chip our form behind so many trees that day, and she did it with a smile.

Another great tradition of the club is TNC, and I have really tried to support that as I thoroughly enjoy it. It's been going on since 1957 and is a great tradition of the club. Albert White has been doing the draw for the last 15 years and passes it on to Tom Sloan. I thank them both for their efforts.

I've also got to thank Paul Bramwell who has run the 200 Club for many years. Now the 200 Club isn't just a little windfall occasionally, the monies go towards projects on the course and the club. So, thank you very much Paul.

Now I have a few personal thank-yous: I have to thank the two Jonny's; Jonny Gray organises all the gentlemen's dinners and not just that advises and helps me wonderfully. Our previous past captain Johnny Yates just gave me wonderful advice, anything I don't know, I have spoken to him, and it has just been wonderful. I have to thank Brian Greenbank as well. I am not an organised man fortunately he is, so I turned up everywhere on time with playing partners so thank you Brian. The President, who when I became captain said David you can ring me anytime and I really have. He has been happy to take my calls and help me with any problems. So, thank you very much Barry. Thanks also to the Lady Captain, Judy. At our first meeting we didn't know each other at all, we both sat down to plan our drive-in, and both had exactly the same ideas as to what to do. We agreed with everything, and we have done that all the way through the year. She has just been great fun and you can tell by the strength of the ladies' section how well she has done. So well done Lady captain and I think we have become quite good friends, so it is really nice.

I nearly missed one there, I have to thank my mother and Sophie of course, not here tonight unfortunately but when people say 'I couldn't have done without them' I really couldn't have done it without them. Every time you saw me on a Saturday, I wouldn't have been here I would have been babysitting. Not that it is babysitting when it is your own child. So, mum has been brilliant, Sophie has been very patient, and I have a deficit of brownie points that I have to earn back.

And finally, when I was sent out to knock on a door as captains do to ask a member to be the next captain, I was over the moon that it was Roger's door I was knocking on and I'm so glad you said yes. I think you are going to be a wonderful captain and I wish the best of luck to you and Jan and have a great year.

That's it for me but before I sit down, I just want to thank you all again for your support and just say how proud I am to have been the Gentleman captain of Hale Golf Club.'

The President thanked both Captains for all their hard work and enthusiasm in taking the club forward during the year and wished them well in the future.

FEE WAIVER

Following the last AGM , Council invited Chris Davies, a past captain, to form a subcommittee to review this issue and report back to Council.

The amounts agreed were as follows: -

200% to the Gentleman Captain

150% to the Lady Captain

100% to the Secretary and the Treasurer

50% to the President, the Chairs of House, Greens and Council, the Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

ELECTION OF GENTLEMAN AND LADY CAPTAIN

The President dealt with the Election of the two new Captains.

Jan Ravenscroft, proposed by Judy Pinnington, seconder Irene Kirk was elected unanimously by the meeting.

Roger Laitt, proposed by David Wainwright seconder Johnny Yates was elected unanimously by the meeting.

Following the vote both new Captains were invited to take their place at the top table.

Both new Captain's addressed the meeting with kind words of thanks.

NEW LADY CAPTAIN'S ADDRESS

The newly elected Lady Captain Jan Ravenscroft gave the following address:

'President, past Captains, Ladies and Gentlemen,

This is a very special moment for me....I've always thought this pendant very attractive but nonetheless quite a weighty responsibility!

I am, of course, delighted to be appointed as the new lady captain and look forward,very much, to working, golfing and socialising together with new Captain, Roger, President Barry and Junior Captain Matthew and hopefully many of you in the future. I do want to say a huge thank you to past Lady Captain, Judy and the whole of the Ladies section for all she has achieved during her incredible year for the club and for her charity, Aid for Ukraine. It has been a lot of fun along the way for all of us. As I pointed out back in October last year Judy will indeed be a hard act to follow. I am sure you will have a string of holidays planned Judy and hope that you can now enjoy a well-earned break.

Thank you.'

NEW GENTLEMAN CAPTAIN'S ADDRESS

The newly elected Gentleman Captain, Roger Laitt gave the following address:

'President, Lady Captain, Gentlemen and Ladies of Hale,

What a privilege it is to be stood here before you at a time when this club is more vibrant than I can ever remember. I've been a member here since 2001 and I think that the people who have led this club over the last few years have led it into an amazing place. It's fantastic. It's going to be a hard act to follow. Now what I like about standing up in front of you is, as I look round the room, is the puzzlement on people's faces 'What's he going to say? Is he going to do it this time?' well. I am pleased to say I have retained the services of the Roald Dahl story company for the whole of the next 12 months. So that will bring some sanity into what I am going to be saying to you and hopefully will keep me in order. I have been told I need to use filters. Thank you David and I'll do my best.

I would like to thank the gentleman's conclave for selecting me as captain. I was surprised to learn that their decision was unanimous for the first time in the history of the club. I didn't realise they were quite that wise, but I commend you for your selection. But none should be surprised by that because 12 months ago they selected a member of the junior section to be Gentleman captain of this golf club. I think we'll all agree how much he has grown up over the last year. Probably the tallest member of the junior section we have ever had. But luckily for everyone here we've got a grown up back in the room. For those of you who know me some of this is true and some of it isn't. David what an amazing job you have done as Captain. We have seen you grow as a human being; we were surprised really by how well you had done, but those of us that knew you were really surprised! Many of us in this room have known you since you were a boy, I think you were the same size then. Many congratulations and good luck with the childcare.

Judy, I would just like to say on behalf of myself and the gentlemen, what a brilliant thing it is to see the ladies' section so vibrant. The club is far better for it, and I intend to try and keep us going on that journey. I think it is amazing to see so many ladies down here on a Thursday and Friday. We really are a mixed club, and we should celebrate that and keep integrating and growing together.

I know David states that all the volunteers do great work for the club, I would also like to thank them in advance of my year. We should be aware of how much time they give up selflessly, without complaining. They get a bit of an allowance but let's be fair, that nowhere near substitutes for the time they give to the club. So, we should be grateful.

I would like to thank the employees of the club because they add to this great family that we're part of, the green's staff, Richard in the Pro Shop, Ben and his staff. We are very lucky to have them. And if you need to be reminded what a great family this is, I saw John Webb this week, I spoke to him, today, on the phone and this club has kept this man going. He is the most stoical person I think I have seen. Everyone in this room sends him their best

wishes. Many have been to see him, written to him. It's a hard illness he is going through but it's this club that keeps him going, so we should be very proud of that.

Finally, I'm not in this for a long time, I'm in this for a good time. I'm not going to be captain for a long time, I'm going to be captain for a good time, and I think if I am having a good time, you'll have a good time. If I am standing here in 12 months' time and there are as many people in this room smiling as there are now, I will know I have done a great job. Thank you'

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Election of all the directors to the board and the deputy directors for the various committees were then made.

The remaining committee members will be co-opted by the Chairs of each committee.

The nominations for all officers except the President were dealt with first.

None of these nominations for Directors or Deputies were contested.

Election of the President The President gave some background as to why this was being dealt with separately:

'I am dealing with this Election separately because, as explained in the Secretary's note circulated to all members on 21 March, the Election of the President will take effect from the second Thursday in July 2023 not immediately following this AGM as applies to all the other elections made tonight.

I will just remind members that this is the traditional timing for the hand over of the Presidency and it is the wish of the Past Presidents and of Council that this should continue within our Limited Liability status.

This has been done to ensure that the election does not in any way over shadow the election of our new Captains. The AGM has always been seen as their day. The accession of the New President will be celebrated at the Club on Thursday 13 July and that date is already in the Club calendar.

There are other good and valid reasons why the July date should be maintained, particularly to provide some continuity within the Council Meetings. This is even more important now that all the other 8 Board positions are subject to annual election at the AGM. You could theoretically have a situation where all 8 of them were attending the April Council meeting with no prior experience of such events.

I would remind you that I was appointed President in July 2021 for a two year term of office and that 2 years will come to an end when I hand over to John in July (assuming of course that he is elected!) Having given the background It is my great pleasure to move onto the election. John is a very enthusiastic and popular member of our Golf Club.'

The motion is carried unanimously and John Gower-Jones was elected as President for 2 years from 13th July 2023. **Directors:**

President	John Gower-Jones (from July 2023) Barry Jefferies (continue until July 2023)
Gentleman Captain	Roger Laitt
Lady Captain	Jan Ravenscroft
Secretary	Vicky Chamberlain
Treasurer	Glyn Isaac
Chair of Council	Roger Sheen
Chair – Green Committee	Brian Greenbank
Chair – House Committee	Tracy Thompson
Chair- Membership Committee	Al Kenney

Deputies

Vice President	John Gower-Jones (to continue until July 2023)
Assistant Secretary	Robin Russel- Fisher
Assistant Treasurer	Clare Withey
Deputy to Chair – Greens Committee	Tiff Fielden
Deputy to Chair – House Committee	Tony Adamson
Deputy to Chair – Membership	James Munnery

APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINING ACCOUNTANTS

The treasurer recommended that Thompson Wright (Hale) Ltd was appointed for another year. This was proposed by Howard Gill seconded by Peter Veitch. The motion was carried unanimously.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The President, Barry Jefferies thanked the Chair of Council Roger Sheen with the following words:

‘ During the course of tonight’s Meeting many Club officers and members have been thanked for their work over the year but there is one person who has worked tirelessly for the Club but received little recognition. That man Is our Chair of Council Roger Sheen and I would like to thank him for all the help he has given not only to me personally but also to the other Council members. He worked tirelessly on the Club’s behalf to sort out the insurance claim resulting from the vandalism to our trees on the peninsular tee and I am pleased to see that he is happy to continue that good work for another year.’

There being no other business the President reminded members that the Captains’ Drive in would take place the following morning, Saturday 25th March at 12.45

The meeting was then closed at 20.35.

Signed by the President

John Gower-Jones

23rd March 2024

APPENDIX 1

ATTENDEES

Irene Kirk	Ron Kirk	Jonathan Gray
Johnny Yates	Gail Sampson	Jim Nicholson
Vicky Chamberlain	CJ Brown	CPR Taylor
T Thompson	Mike Thompson	Bob Cooke
Tiff Fielden	Robin Holden	Sue Holden
Bill Dixon	Jane Perks	Roger Perks
Barbara Spark	Robert Spark	John Gower Jones
Judy Pinnington	Peter Veitch	Vanessa Veitch
Jan Ravenscroft	Noelle Morris	Caroline Massey
Mike Massey	John Munnery	Andrew Hay
Keith Thompson	R Sheen	D Wainwright
James Munnery	Ian Ponter	Jez Allen
Roger Lamb	J Mossop	S Mossop
C Perkin	Roger Mattocks	Ann Mattocks
P Walsh	A Kenney	P Gilbert
Adam Hyde	E Healey	W Walsh
Jo Bryant	C Wright	R Laitt
Andrew Cowan	Howard Gill	Alan Bradley
Min Fishwick	Andrew Fishwick	Tony Bray
Barry Jefferies	Pat Jefferies	Helen Davies
Chris Davies	Glyn Isaac	Peter Atherton
Ian Pinnington	Mandy Gilbert	Ceri Hyde
Gillian Healey	Alan Cannell	Vanessa Veitch
Peter Veitch	David Smith	Rosie Gerrard
Alam Kemp	Barbara Grant	Chris Ravenscroft
Sue Fallows	Freda Hunt	Ian Hunt
Dave Swale	Paul Simpson	B Greenbank
Ken Hawes	Ian Macklin	

APPENDIX 2

APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Apologies

Conrad Nelstrop	Val Nelstrop	Roger O'Brien
Tony Adamson	Diana Hogben	Richard Hogben
John Thorne	Sharon Thorne	Robin Russel-Fisher
Jonathan Foster	Judy Sutherland	Donald Sutherland
Vicki Wells	Michael Wells	Roger Fielding
Richard Murray	George Buchan	Diana Harris
Bill Harvey	Gillian Brogdon	Ann Davies
Phil Long	Kerry Bailey	Paul Galvin
Kathleen McNairney	Bernie Wilcox	Tom Griffiths
Roger de Forno	Chris de Forno	Peter Smith
Clare Withey	Ray Briggs	Wendy Jenkins
Jay White	Peter Hardern	Helen Hardern
Tony Sampson	Albert White	Fran Adamson
Sally Budd	Richard Jenkins	Emma Dayne
M Bramwell	Lucy Daynes	Mark Daynes
Anne Webster	Jennifer Bradley	G Bramwell
Ann Coulson	Caroline Smith	Mike Kirchen
	Jane Wilkinson	Kairen Seaton



Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting, held on 18th September 2023 at 7pm in the Clubhouse

The President, Barry Jefferies, opened the meeting by welcoming all those present and thanking them for attending.

The notice of the Meeting was read by the Secretary.

2 information meetings regarding the proposed irrigation project had been held prior to the EGM. and overview of the details was circulated with the Notice of the meeting.

The meeting was opened to questions:

David Swale asked where the club stood on cost & payment for the project. Glyn Isaac (Treasurer) informed the meeting that the quote of £350 K would be made up of gifts and donations from the members. The proposed amounts being £300 in gifts/loans with the remainder, £50K, Capital Funds.

Andrew Hay (Project Leader) highlighted the contingencies that had been built into the quote to cover inflation and usual contingency for any project this large.

Peter Harden queried if the current outstanding loans for the clubhouse project would be repaid before new loans for the Irrigation project were raised. Glynn Isaac confirmed this would be the case. To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolutions, which will be proposed as ordinary resolutions:

There being no further questions the President ask the Secretary to read out the Ordinary Proposition to be voted on:

1. THAT, the Council of the Company (or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Council) be empowered to proceed with the implementation and installation of a new irrigation system on Hale Golf Club's golf course, details of which were presented to members in August 2023(the "**Project**"), subject to:-
 - a) the cost of the Project not exceeding the sum of £350,000 (the "**Cost**");
 - b) the Cost having been covered by accrued funds of the Company, donations and/or Members' loans before the Project contracts are entered into by the Company; and

- c) there being no borrowings incurred by the Company in relation to the Project, other than by way of the Members' loans.
- 2. THAT, the Council of the Company be authorised to borrow, by way of interest free loan from Members, funds to finance the Project not exceeding the Cost.

The President then summarised the position and stated that he proposed to ask members to vote by raising their hands. He reminded all Members that only Full members, Honorary life members and Non-playing members who have held full membership for at least 10 years are eligible to vote.

For the resolution to pass a 2/3 majority of those people attending and voting tonight is required. If the outcome appeared to be in doubt then he would resort to a paper vote.

Both parts of the resolution was passed unanimously by a show of hands.

The President thanked the attendees and the meeting was closed at 7. 48 pm

Signed

John Gower-Jones
President
22nd March 2024