

Minutes of David Lloyd Hampton Golf Club Annual General Meeting
March 29th 2017

Present:

Golf Club Members:

Luke Coleman
Ingrid Deane-Williams
Janet Dewey (Ladies Captain)
Derek Grant (Treasurer)
Ginny Greig
Peter Hargreaves
Nigel Lurrie
Neil Macfarlane
Don MacKenzie
Sheila Miller
Steve Sauvarin (Men's Captain)
Carolyn Smith
Sarah Wills
David Kaile
Darren Costa

David Lloyd Hampton:

Mark Richecoeur (Golf Professional)
Linden Henson

Apologies:

Horace Branch
Maureen Ginn
Reginald Ginn
John Grafton
Joyce Macfarlane
Clive Mansfield
Mike Nowjee
Jenny Yamamoto

1. Welcome

Mark Richecoeur welcomed the Members to the Meeting.

2. Chairing the Meeting.

It was agreed that Steve Sauvarin chair the meeting.

3. Minutes of AGM 2016

Steve Sauvarin confirmed from the meeting that there were no amendments to the previous Minutes. The 2016 Minutes were agreed.

4. **Matters arising**

Shoe cleaner: It was agreed that an electric machine was needed to avoid excessive mud in the car park. Ideally it would be placed inside the golf course boundary which would entail the running of cables and also needed to be encased to guard against vandalism. This would be priced up and there was some optimism that funds might become available from the golf course budget in 2017.

Action: Mark Richecoeur

Advertising signs for DL Golf: It had been decided that signs along the main road advertising the golf course would not be appropriate.

Club Jumpers: There had been no action on this matter.

The course: Action points from 2016

These will be addressed under Item 8

5. **Captain's report.**

Steve Sauvarin read his report.

Steve confirmed that £1295 had been raised for the Princess Alice Hospice in 2016. This comprised the proceeds from the Charity Day plus Members' contributions when playing into the Captain's bunker (right hand bunker on the 3rd hole). He thanked the Members for their generosity. A representative from the Hospice attended the day and expressed their appreciation to the Club.

Steve formally thanked Nobby Clarke for running the Thursday evening stableford. He also thanked the Ground Staff for keeping the course in such good condition.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Derek Grant submitted his report (attached). Income over Expenditure was £558.40 and a balance of £29.16 had been brought forward from 2015/16. Therefore the Club Account's current balance was a healthier £591.56 in credit.

There had been greater success in collecting the summer and winter knockout fees. The cost of medals had been reduced and golf balls had been given as prizes for the new 9 hole competitions.

7. **Election of Captains and Vice-Captains:**

Luke Coleman and Joyce Macfarlane were appointed as Men's and Ladies Captains for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

Don MacKenzie was appointed Men's Vice-Captain for the current year. Ginny Greig was appointed Ladies Vice-Captain (midweek).

MR thanked the out-going Captains, Stephen Sauvarin and Janet Dewey, for all their efforts over the previous four years.

8. **David Lloyd Hampton and the Golf Club**

MR reported that it was his intention to effect continuing improvements to the course.

The copse on the right hand side of the 9th hole had been cleared to improve safety on the 7th tee.

New 9 hole course: It had been agreed that a new 9 hole course would be created within the current 18 holes to provide all Members with a different challenge and variety for those Members who preferred to play 9 holes only. A new tee box had been built on the 9th hole and yellow tee markers had been embedded to distinguish the new course with various holes having a new par rating and stroke index. Qualifying 9 hole competitions would be held on Mondays and Saturdays.

Re-measurement of the course/new stroke index/tee boxes and markers: MR reported that the 18 hole course had recently been officially re-measured in addition to measurement of the new 9 holes, and yardage plates would be embedded in the next few months. This had been delayed because England Golf and the USPGA had agreed that the slope system used in most countries would be introduced to the UK. It had been necessary to wait until this had been formalised in order that the new tee markers would contain the correct information. Work would continue to smarten up and maintain the tee boxes.

The stroke index would be adjusted alongside the re-measurement. The aim was to equalise the standard scratch score with the par of the course.

Ladies tee boxes on 2nd and 8th holes: These had still not been maintained despite many complaints over several years. It was noted that it required effort to water these manually but already this year it was almost impossible to get a tee into the ground on the front 8th tee. MR reported these tees would be scarified and watered in 2017.

Bunkers: Sand in the bunkers would be topped up in the next couple of months.

Captains Charity Bunker on 3rd hole: It was planned to erect a sign by the bunker to encourage donations.

Leaves: MR agreed that leaves needed to be removed more quickly to prevent them blowing back onto the course after collection into piles.

Ball Washers: There had been complaints that these had been smelling unpleasant. It was agreed that MR would ensure their maintenance.

Driving Net: MR agreed to investigate the cost of this.

Club Shirts and Jumpers: It was agreed that these were a good advertisement for the Club and should be available for Members to buy and wear. Previously they had previously been worn only for matches. MR would investigate the cost and advertise to Members.

Greens: The greens had been hollow tined recently and maintenance was incorporated into the monthly golf course budget.

Paths: The paths would continue to be renovated over the coming months.

Winter tee on 3rd/12th hole: There had been complaints about the current mat which had become slippery in the winter. MR would investigate the cost of a new permanent mat.

Fairways: The fairways had been left a little longer as requested.

Scorecards: The redesigned card had been issued and would be reprinted with the new yardages and stroke index in due course.

Action: MR to address all of the above

Membership: There were currently 212 members

9. Events for 2017

MR had organised a printed schedule of Club competitions as last year.

The draw had been successfully implemented for Sunday competitions and there had been an improvement in Members signing up for competitions on the website.

Thursday evening Summer Stableford: Nobby Clarke volunteered again to run the Thursday evening stableford competition throughout the Summer.

All other competitions and social events would continue as for the previous year. These are listed on the website in addition to the Club 2017 Diary.

New 9 hole Qualifying Competitions:

Senior 9 hole Stableford twice monthly on Mondays

Members Mixed 9 hole Stableford twice monthly on Saturdays

Golf Tours

- Two Short Game Golf Academy tuition tours had been arranged for 2017:
Hardenot from 15-18 May and Portugal from 8-15 October

10. AOB

Thursday evening stableford: It was queried whether there were sufficient tee times booked for the Thursday evening competitions. MR said this had been addressed last year and was dependent on the previous week's turn out.

Lockers in changing rooms: MR agreed to get quotes for lockers in the changing rooms

Action: Mark Richecoeur

New stroke index: The computer had produced a new stroke index based on statistics for each hole. However, other factors had to be taken into account to ensure balance and the Committee could make alterations as they saw fit.

County Cards: These would be issued shortly. Ladies would no longer have to pay for these.

Signing in at Reception: By the end of April it would be necessary for all golfers to sign in at Reception before proceeding to the golf course. They would receive a receipt from Reception which must be handed to the Starter. It was hoped this would prevent Members and the public from walking straight onto the course without a tee time.

14. Next AGM

Wednesday 28 March 2018