

Notts County Golf Society

AGM Minutes 2015

Date Time **Saturday 21st November 2015 11:30**

Venue: **Don Masson Suite Meadow Lane Stadium**

Present: Nick Galpin, Andrew Bryan, Malcolm Voce, David Sadler Paul Cottee, Tony Cottee, Nick Everitt, Mark Beal, Richard Parsons, Nigel Hammond, Terry Lee, Jon Hickman, Cliff Leader, Gordon Burden, Ian Roberts, Matt Simpson

Apologies: Lee Houston, Stuart Wiltshire

Minutes of Last Meeting:

David asked if everyone present had read the minutes on line and if they had not hard copies were passed around.

The minutes were considered a true representation and passed.

RP commented on the quality of the Minutes and passed his thanks onto NG and Christine.

Chairs Report:

“A warm welcome to this the 6th AGM of the Notts county Golf Society.

Paid up membership increased to 21 this year and I'd like to extend a particular warm Welcome to Cliff Leader, Gordon Burden and Matt Simpson who joined during 2105.

The cold Statistics are that we played eight qualifying competitions at a wide range of courses [Chilwell, Rufford, College Pines, Trent Lock, Bulwell Forest, Norwood, Six Hills and Oakmere plus the weekend away at Breadsall Priory] and across these we had eight different winners, with Nick E and Mark winning 2 events each. Events were reasonably well supported and we had 14 out of the 21 members who played in at least 5 Qualifying events.

The statistics only tell half the story and what I think we all enjoy is the camaraderie and fun of the society, that for me has been a constant theme for the 2015 season and I hope that continues for many years to come. We are very fortunate to have some hardworking officials in the society and we

just say a big thank you to Nick, Andy & Malcolm who organise everything from the fixtures to money and website.

In particular to Nick who took over the role of secretary from Malcolm at the AGM last year and he has really worked hard on our behalf.

Malcolm has been an excellent captain this season and for me Captains day at Bulwell Forest was one of the highlights of the season so I will now hand over to Malc for his thoughts of the season “

All agreed with the Chairs comments and again expressed their gratitude to the officials

Captains Report:

“The 2015 season has been a good year; in fact it has been a rather exceptional one.

Firstly we have managed to attract 4 new regular members, secondly we have once Again had next to no rain or bad weather to speak of on any of the Society days, long may that continue!

I would ask you to cast your minds back to 2 of our past members, Alan Molloy & John Smalley.

Alan was a stalwart golfer that gave many an etiquette lesson in no uncertain terms to anyone in his company that did not obey the rules of golf on match days, Alan had to retire to serious back injury, thank you Alan.

John Smalley, our society's first captain, a very good player and a thoroughly nice bloke, John, as some may know, has only one leg due to a mining accident years ago, unfortunately his prosthetic leg has been giving him a lot of trouble the past 12 months or so, so John has had to “retire” from golf for a while but no doubt will be back amongst us when he can.

My captains' day was played in great weather at Bulwell Forest GC, it was a superb day all round, great golf scores returned, good prizes presented, and a lovely 2 course Sunday lunch, I thank all that attended my nominated day.

There is talk about adding a couple more games to the diary during the summer months, this will enable more mid-week games which is welcoming and I am sure will

be received gladly at the meeting.

Lastly I would like to welcome my successor, Ian Roberts, Ian will bring another dimension to the captaincy, as we know Ian is "on the board" of Notts County Football Club, this is evident by the boundless questions that he gets thrown at him with regards to the football team & matters on the pitch, Ian takes it in his stride and duly provides information when he can.

Thank you all for your support"

Treasures Report:

At this present time there is a total of £1183.90 in the account from this there is a deposit of £50.00 for Newark (1st game of Season) and £60.00 to cover the cost of the trophies and engraving.

This gives a balance of £1073.90 but the cost of today's event will need to be deducted.

Due to Work Commitments Andy is going to have to step down from the role of Treasurer.

The chair praised Andy for all his efforts over the years.

The cost of membership is to remain at £20.00 for the year; this enables the club to pay deposits for the upcoming seasons match's

Those who had paid £25 for today's event who where season ticket holders overpaid by a total of £10 this can be taken from the membership or from the first game that they attend this season.

Election of Officials:

Chair

RP nominated DS, this was seconded by TC

There were no further nominations

David Sadler was re-elected unanimously

Secretary

NE nominated NG continue, this was seconded by PR

There were no further nominations

Nick Galpin was re-elected unanimously

Treasurer

DS nominated Malcolm, this was seconded by NG

There were no further nominations

Malcolm Voce was elected

Vice-Captain

IR nominated that he should be superseded by Andy Bryan. This was passed

Web / Handicap Master

Malcolm to Continue as Web/Handicap Master this was agreed by all present.

Increase in Number of Qualifiers:

There was a proposal to add an additional 4 midweek matches into the forthcoming season

After deliberation it was decided that it would be better if this was amended to 2 one in May and one in September. NG to rearrange the provisional dates and arrange courses. It was asked if this made for any further workload onto the Secretary. He replied that it didn't.

AB asked will these additional games have a detrimental effect onto the singles matches. It was decided that those who could see this being a problem always have the option not to enter the singles competition for that year as it was last year.

It was also agreed that the 1862 Championship increase to the best 6 from 10 from the best 5 from 8

Changes to 1862 Championship Scoring:

There was a discussion at the last game of the season what would the effect to the championship if it was based on scored Stableford points. There was a discussion to the pro's and cons of each system and a vote was taken

The vote was 8 to 4 to retain the points system based on where the player finished in the game.

Overnight Stay:

The Overnight stay was provisionally dated for the week end of the 25th June.

It was suggested that it should be this 1st week end of June, It was also suggested that we go to a different place so this ruled out Morley Hayes, The forest of Arden was also rejected.

The secretary to enquire about availability of the other courses on the new date and provisionally book it for that date.

This year there would be an increase of 4 to 16 players

Suggested Courses:

It was suggested that courses that are within a 40 mile radius of Meadow Lane.

This would add a greater choice of courses to play

The cost for each Course should not exceed £30.00

The Captain suggested that he would like his day to be at the Nottinghamshire with a meal at the end. NG to investigate

It was also suggested that if we were to play any of the premium courses that the club may be able to subsidise the cost. This will be looked into on a course by course basis.

Presentation of Trophies:

During the Meeting Ricardo Moniz entered the room and presented the 1862 Trophy to this year's winner Mark Beal and the Singles Champion to Matt Simpson.

After the presentation Ricardo spent a good 30 minutes answering any questions that those present. This was a great insight to his ethos and plans for the club.

After 30 mins he had to leave the room for other duties. All those present thanked him for his time

AOB:

New Society Shirts

It was suggested that as we have new members that we look into getting a new shirt for the coming Season, it was also suggested that we get a plain coloured one as these are in a greater supply than Stripped ones. PC will look into sourcing the shirts and also a better quality Jumper.

Game against the Ex players

RP suggested that it would be a good idea to play the ex players. All agreed and NG will try to arrange with them.

Can Singles Matches be played on society Days

PC as that if both players were in agreement could singles matches is played on society days.

There was a long discussion on this point and in the end the proposal was put to the vote

The vote was 5 yes and 8 No

Therefore NO singles matches to be played on society days.

Handicapping Issues

NE explained his proposal of deduction of points for first second and third positions and additional shots added for the bottom three as opposed to the current computer based system that we currently use. It was felt that the current system penalised winners but gave very little opportunity for players to gain shots.

NG said that the current system could be 'tweaked' and that he would look into this and does some analysis to what effect the tweaking would do and the NE proposal would have and pass his findings onto all members for information

As we were on the subject of handicaps RP mentioned that general adjustments were taking place early in each year. MV says he has not manually changed any. It was suggested that this may be a built in feature to the software that is being used and NG will investigate and keep an eye on the handicaps early next year.

Meeting Closed at 13:25