

**SILVERSTONE GOLF CLUB (2005) LIMITED  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON THE 27 FEBRUARY 2020  
AT SILVERSTONE GOLF CLUB A 7.00 PM**

**PRESENT:** 29 Members were present- see attached attendance sheet.

1. **Apologies:** Dave Norton, Gill Greenhalgh, Helen Marshall
2. **Welcome:** Richard Whitehead, Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Committee for their work during the year

He thanked Rob Marshall for the work he has done as chair of the Captains Committee. In future, the Chairman of that Committee will be the retiring Club Captain. Best wishes to Simon Gregory the new Chairman of the Captain's Committee.

3. **Minutes of the 2019 AGM:** Copies of the minutes of the previous AGM had been distributed.

Rob Marshall commented that the Course Director had promised to post regular updates of what is happening on the course, however, this hadn't been done and so he asked for it to be done in future. Richard commented that there had been some notifications but asked Peter Green to ensure more information is available on a regular basis.

Rob Marshall proposed that the minutes be accepted and Mike Greenhalgh seconded the proposal - all present were in agreement.

4. **Receipt of the Club Accounts:** The Statutory Accounts had been approved by the directors but now need to be ratified by the meeting.

Paul Heaps proposed and Mike Greenhalgh seconded the proposal with all in agreement.

The one page summary is more important, this is historic up to the end of 2019. For 2020 our forecast is that we will have a surplus of £1728 so we will have effectively spent all the income, which is good as our aim is not to make a profit but to spend the money on anything that benefits the Club. The course maintenance costs in 2019 were £16,000 however, we are forecasting spending £30,000 this year. Money has recently been spent on trying to improve the supply of water this summer.

Moving on to 2021 we are predicting a surplus of £2,000, based on an income of £288,000 with an estimated expenditure of £286,000 which is allowing us to spend more on course maintenance. The remainder of the spend is based on estimates - the licence fee will remain the same and the wages bill will be

similar which are the main factors we have to consider. Peter said he was quite confident with the proposed budget. The only thing is we don't know for certain is what the top line income will be, but we have based it on this years membership and the revised fees which should see us with a surplus of £2,000 next year.

Questions - Dave Spink asked about the course maintenance figure in 2019 which was exceptionally low but has now returned to what other years have been. Peter said there was no specific reason why this happened.

## **5. The Outgoing Captain's Report:**

Simon started off by saying how much of an honour it had been to represent the Club even though it had not been an easy job.

This year saw the introduction of the Captain's Committee which sits directly below Steering. Its main function is to deal with the social side of the Club and other issues Steering passes down to them. This year we dealt with Inauguration Day, the Summer Ball and the Captains Charity Day. As Club Captain, he has been the link between Steering and the Captains Committee.

We have also been involved in managing the new World Handicap System at the Club and are in the process of purchasing a new computer and software to deal with it. Thanks go to Josh Dicks, Tina Spink, Charmaine Locke, Hugh Williams, John Pirnie Charmaine and Rob Marshall who chairs the Committee for the work they have done this year.

Captain's Charity Day, one of the highlights of his year, was a huge success and raised over £6,000 for good causes. Special thanks to Steering, Rodney, Jordan and Silverstone Golf Club. With a special thanks to Tony Hunter and his team for ensuring that the course was in tip top condition.

Congratulations go to all the competition winners.

Inauguration Day 2021 will see Board Competition winners being presented with their trophies, a fitting way to celebrate their victories.

Finally it has been a pleasure and an honour to be the Club Captain and I would like to wish next year's captains all the very best for their year - Hilary Williams, Josh Dicks and John Pirnie

## **6. Course Report:**

This year has been a mixed bag of weather starting warm in February and then recording more rain than normal which has meant it has been a challenging and frustrating time for both members and the Greens Staff

Fortunately the course has been kept open and members have used winter wheels on their trollies to protect the course and allow them to play throughout the year.

The greens have suffered from the previous 2 years hot summers and will be dealt with when the weather improves

With the purchase of the Pro-Core machine we will be able to carry out aeration throughout the year. Work has been carried out along the 10th fairway. The irrigation pond has been increased to give a higher capacity of water.

Martin Ellis has now moved on to work on a country estate, everyone wishes him well. Chris Carey, who has a wealth of knowledge, will take over from Martin.

Storm Dennis has caused flooding on the course for the second weekend in a row, but hopefully the weather will begin to improve. A big thank you to Tony and his team for all their hard work throughout the year, it is much appreciated. They have kept course in good condition in spite of the weather and limited resources available to them.

#### **7. Executive Directors Report:**

Richard thanked the members of Steering for all their hard work and commitment over the past year.

He also thanked the members of the Captains Committee, formed last year, to bring the three sections together to organise events. He thanked Rob Marshall for chairing the committee successfully during its first year. Rob will be standing down at the end of March. It was agreed at Steering that the retiring Club Captain will become the chair of this Committee each year. I wish Simon Gregory well when he takes over from Rob.

Currently, the membership is the same as year. Although we have increased costs, we aim to keep the new fees similar to last year.

#### **8. Election of Officers:**

Richard Whitehead - Executive Director - two years of his term remaining.  
Pat Ward - Marketing Director and Secretary - two years of her term left.  
Peter Jeskins - Treasurer elected for a further year  
Josh Dicks - Club Captain  
Peter Green - Course Director - 1 year remaining.

Sectional Representatives:

Ladies Section:

Lady Captain - Hilary Williams - No Vice Captain  
Treasurer - Fay Eales

Mens Section;

Captain - Josh Dicks  
Vice Captain - Stuart Holmes  
Treasurer - Steven Beck

Seniors Section:

Captain - John Pirnie  
Vice Captain - David Spink  
Treasurer - Barry Hancock

All the above were unopposed

#### **9. Notification of the renewal Fees:**

Richard pointed out that they haven't gone up by much because the membership of the Club is relatively stable

Acceptance of the fees was proposed by Matt Bishop and seconded by Richard Horth.

**10. Any Other business concerning the Clubs Objectives -** None received within the timescale

**11. Questions from the Floor:**

Julian Baker asked if a handicap Secretary had been appointed as it is required by CONGU that the Club has a Handicap Secretary. Simon Gregory is taking the job on.

The points system will continue but other similar options are being considered.

Richard thanked everyone for attending the meeting which closed at 7.20.

