

**SOCIETY OF HERTFORDSHIRE GOLF CAPTAINS  
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEEETING AT ALDWICKBURY PARK GOLF CLUB  
ON THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019**

**PRESENT** Jan Cembala Captain and in the Chair, Richard Blanchflower Vice-Captain, Bob Howell Hon Treasurer, Messrs: Tansley, Rees, MacDonald and Eric Diment Hon Secretary

**Apologies** – Neil Hewitt and Melvyn Rose Hon Auditor

**Minutes** – Those for the meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising**

**Membership** - This is on a comparable level with last year at 506 and there are only 7 outstanding subscriptions. Each of these individuals had been contacted in January, February and again in March both by email and letter. If there is no response this time it was agreed that their names would be removed from the membership list. Of the 506 members we now have 90 honorary members.

**Crameri Cup** –Bob Howell, the organiser, reported that the competition was on track and progressing well.

**Society Website** – This has been updated throughout the season by Eric Wyllie and remains an excellent source of information. Following a discussion, the Hon Sec agreed to speak with the webmaster to try and improve the visibility of match information and draws on the website in real time.

**Retiring Captains Gift** – The Hon Sec has found suitable tankards but unfortunately the first sample was rejected and apologises that they will not be available for Captains Day and the AGM.

**Captains Report**

The Captain, Jan Cembala produced a comprehensive report that has been circulated to all committee members and these minutes reflect a precis of those.

The Captain described the events he had and attend as well as those within the Society that had taken place since his last report starting with the Annual Dinner on the 7<sup>th</sup> March at the Holiday Inn where as usual the Society entertained guests from various counties we play matches against. This was deemed to be a success with the change in entertainment to Martin Toal and Sally Potterton as in 2016. This was quickly followed by the Captain and Hon Sec attending both the Essex and Cambridge Annual Dinners later in March, the latter being held in Queens College.

Past Captains Dinner on 10<sup>th</sup> April quickly followed with 15 Past captains attending before Jan's final match with the Herts County Boys at Essendon on the 16<sup>th</sup> April, which as always proved to be an enjoyable day as we witnessed the skills and abilities of another generation of golfers.

**Treasurer's Report**

**Financial Position for 2018/19** - The Hon Treasurer produced accounts up to the end of March plus a summary of the Annual Dinner income and expenditure. There was a slight loss made on this year's dinner against a surplus of £600 last year. However, the entertainment was deliberately planned to be more expensive and we had set aside £750 from last year to offset this cost. It was noted that the surplus on the Xmas Fayre had decreased but the Hon Sec reminded the committee that it had now been agreed to assist financially with the cost of the Xmas Fayre half way house to the tune of £250 which hadn't always been the case in the past. Clothing continued to sell well and surplus was made of £123.

### **Hon. Secretaries Report**

**Fixtures 2019** – The Hon Sec confirmed that all the fixtures and matches for 2019/20 have been confirmed and that dates and venues for 2020/21 have now also been agreed. He also reported that the number of members submitting requests for consideration to be selected for external matches was poor and therefore at this juncture several commitments were unfulfilled. Inevitably everyone wished to play in what is seen as the prestigious events but as always, all members who ask to play in matches will be selected for at least one during the season. The Hon Sec is confident however that all the match commitments will be fulfilled shortly, and he hopes to distribute the match matrix after the AGM.

**Nominations of Committee Members for election at the AGM** – A discussion took place around suitable candidates and the Hon Sec. agreed to speak to the 3 possible nominations, Peter Barnes of Hadley Wood, Doug Chalmers of Old Fold Manor and Ray Sammons of Royston and to report back to the committee before the AGM on the 26<sup>th</sup> April **Stoke by Nayland- Away Weekend**. There is still an imbalance regarding numbers, but 2 couples are struggling with injuries and a suitable replacement has been found so it is hopefully that the final numbers will balance.

**Society Clothing** – Ray Johnson continues to provide a first-rate service and has continued to sell stock at a steady rate.

**County Dinners** – The Captain and Hon Sec attended the Essex and Cambridge Dinners in March and future invites have already been received from Norfolk, Suffolk, Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire which have been accepted by the Hon Sec on behalf of the Captain.

**Annual Dinner** – This year's dinner was a success and the plans that the committee had made in terms of the increased financial cost of the entertainment were useful. The Hon Treasurer reported the implication earlier in the meeting but the discussion that took place concurred that inevitably we need to pay more for the entertainment going forward than historically and also whilst our finances are such we should continue to invite our guests as in previous years irrespective of any invites we as a Society may receive. The Holiday Inn has already been provisionally booked for March 2020.

**AGM** – This is well in hand and all relevant paperwork has been circulated to the membership, and those who will be appointed or re-appointed under the constitution had all been spoken to by the Hon Sec and are both willing to stand for election and able to attend the meeting.

**Any other Business** - None

Date of the next meeting..... Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at APGC wat 4.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50 pm

Eric Diment Hon. Secretary 29/04/2019