



**SOCIETY OF HERTFORDSHIRE GOLF CAPTAINS
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING AT ALDWICKBURY PARK GOLF CLUB
ON TUESDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2022**

PRESENT Captain and in the Chair, Neil Hewitt, Vice-Captain Simon Tansley, IPC Richard Blanchflower, Bob Howell
Hon Treasurer, Messrs: Rees, Macdonald, Barnes, Brookes, and Eric Diment Hon Secretary.

Apologies – None

Minutes – Those for the meeting held on Wednesday 24th November 2021 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

- a) **Cramer Cup** – This is progressing well with 45 clubs invited and 13 entries still outstanding, but this is in hand. As in recent years most clubs are entering 2 teams except for Ashridge and Berkhamsted.
- b) **Website** – This has been updated to reflect all the recent developments and communications.

Captains Report

A brief update from Neil highlighted his comments from the January Papers recently circulated of a successful event at Old Fold Manor for the Xmas Fayre which saw the return to a full clubhouse and our invite to the London Captains Annual Dinner in December which he had been unable to attend but was represented by the VC, Simon Tansley.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported a surplus of £358 from the Xmas Fayre event and that now most of the subs were in we have received around £7,500 this year compared to £8,000 last year. 12 overdue payments are in hand which will assist in reducing the deficit, but Bob does anticipate a few will not renew. Current our balance stands at around £27,500.

Hon. Secretaries Report

Fixtures 2022– With the date now agreed for the Presidents Reception on the 12th October and the past Captains Dinner on the 21st April the fixture list is complete. **Greatham Valley** – This has been re-schedule for July 2023.

Fixtures 2023 –The Hon Sec has started to discuss venues for next season but does not anticipate any issues at this stage.

AGM – Now that a date has been agreed for the Spring Meeting on the 28th April at Knebworth it seems a logical move to hold the AGM on the same date and the Hon Sec will deal appropriately with the January papers in the fulness of time.

Society Clothing – Ray Johnson continues to provide a first-rate service and has continued to sell stock at a steady rate including the new polo shirts, jumpers, rainwear, and beany/bobble hat.

County Dinners – The Society are due to attend the Annual Dinner for the Essex and Cambridge in March on consecutive Fridays. The Captain will be attending Essex and the VC Cambridgeshire along with the Hon Sec.

Annual Dinner – After concerns about the spread of the Omicron variant the dinner planned for the 3rd March was cancelled after canvassing the membership. A discussion took place within the committee to decide whether we could feasibly hold the event during the season given all the other commitments. After an in-depth discussion, it was decided that the sensible approach would be to postpone the event until next year which would mean holding the dinner on Thursday 2nd March 2023. The Hon Sec will inform all relevant parties. A further discussion then took place as to whether we would invite guests to events during the season and this was deemed sensible and would be dealt with on an event-by-event basis.



January Papers – These have been circulated with 2 variations from previous years. The first being no formal list of the sad passing of members during the pandemic. However, following a discussion a decision was made to read a full list at the AGM, before grace. The second being the reduction from the full list of events to just the next one, the Spring Meeting as prices are still variable

Match Fees – As previously discussed these are becoming extremely difficult to maintain and several events next year will see match fees increased to £50 and society days will be £60. The Autumn meeting at Hadley Wood proved very difficult and to offset the high cost the committee will look to subsidise the event, probably to the tune of £10 per member. These costs will be monitored on an ongoing basis as to whether the society can afford to provide wine at any of the main events throughout the season.

Constitution – It was agreed to raise the question of gender equality at the AGM in terms of matches and events.

Any other Business – nothing declared outside the items discussed in the minutes.

Date of the next meeting..... TBC at APGC.

The Chair closed the meeting at 4.20 pm

Eric Diment Hon. Secretary 16.02.22