



**SOCIETY OF HERTFORDSHIRE GOLF CAPTAINS  
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING AT ALDWICKBURY PARK GOLF CLUB  
1pm ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023**

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

**Apologies** – None

**Minutes** – Those for the meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising**

a) **Cramer Cup** – This is progressing well, and we have had a positive response from 41 clubs, sadly 3 clubs being Berkhamsted, Ashridge and East Herts have only entered one team rather than 2 and we are still waiting to hear from The Shire, Knebworth, Hartsbourne and Brookmans Park. (post meeting note, Knebworth have now responded).

**Captains Report**

We hosted the Four Counties for the first time at Brickendon Grange where we hoped to prevail with home advantage. Sadly, we came equal 2<sup>nd</sup> with Norfolk as the usual slopey, fast greens were cut high to counter the prolonged hot weather. For the first time in memory, the match vs the captains club was cancelled due to a temperature of 40 degrees. I was beginning to think I was cursed with home meetings after missing my VC Day last year due to shielding.

A close match was played against the Captains from Bedfordshire but ultimately lost and in respect for the late Queen the match against Northampton was cancelled. Some mixed matches in the Autumn proved popular and we were pleased to entertain the Herts Ladies at Letchworth GC in their 50<sup>th</sup> year. A match with the County boys was held early in the season but a diary mistake caused the Autumn match to be cancelled. The Autumn Meeting at Hadley Wood and the Xmas Fayre proved very popular.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's reported was circulated to the committee prior to the meeting and included the signed off accounts for the year ended, 31<sup>st</sup> October. There were no queries raised.

As the society accounts remain healthy there was a debate as to whether we can hold or reduce the costs of matches and events for the membership during 2023 which could lead to increased participation, as the committee is aware of rising costs throughout the golfing sector. After discussions it was agreed to keep the match costs at £45 for another year and reduce events to £50 in the hope of increasing participation and any costs incurred would be offset from our reserves.

Subscriptions are slightly down on last year and the treasurer inevitably has a few to chase. It has also been decided to streamline the process for obtaining the standing order mandate from new members which should improve this. The Hon Sec will amend the joining forms to assist with this process.



## Hon. Secretaries Report

**Fixtures 2022**– As previously discussed the fixtures this year were back to normal following on from Covid, with the exceptions of the match v Captains Club, cancelled due to extreme weather, the match v Northamptonshire, cancelled due to the funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth and the County Juniors when they were unable to raise a team due to a fixture clash in October.

**Fixtures 2023** -The fixtures for next season are complete and published.

**Match and meeting Fees** – Following on from the discussions regarding the state of the societies finances these will be set at £45 and £50 respectively for the season subject to any anomalies that could occur.

**County Dinners** – The Society have attended numerous dinners and golf events throughout the season and subject to the committee's agreement the captain or his nominated representative along with the Hon Sec will continue to do so with the next event being Cambridgeshire on the 24<sup>th</sup> March. Therefore, all the counties will be invited to our annual dinner as in previous years.

**Committee Membership** – A discussion ensued regarding the size of the committee as we can elect up to 6 members in addition to the Captain, VC, IPC, and Hon Treasurer. Currently, we only have 3 members but acknowledge that as an elected member you can only serve for 3 years but shall be eligible for secondment thereafter. It was decided at this point to keep the committee as elected and the Hon Sec will speak with 2 potential members acknowledging that in the near future Melvyn Rose will stand down as our Hon Auditor and serve on the committee.

**President Elect** – Don Bailey from Hadley Wood has agreed to stand as President from April 2023 and the committee acknowledges and accepts his limited availability and look forward to supporting him.

**Society Clothing** – A conversation was held about the difficulties being experienced with the current incumbent due to age and a decision was reached that it was time to find a suitable replacement before the season commences.

**Website** – A discussion was held regarding the future tenure for this role as a potential candidate has expressed an interest This discussion was held whilst acknowledging e that Eric Wyllie has provided great service for many years, but his time is required elsewhere these days.

**Annual Dinner** – The plans for the Annual Dinner on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March at Aldwickbury Park GC are well advanced and the invites will be set out this week. Due to a potential clash of dates, Adger Brown will provide the entertainment for this event and Ian Irving has agreed to host in March 2024.

**January Papers** – These are in the process of being completed and will be distributed to the membership this month.

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

Date of the next meeting..... Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at APGC, with golf and meal, timings TBC.

The Chair closed the meeting at 2.29 pm

Eric Diment Hon. Secretary 12.01.23