



**SOCIETY OF HERTFORDSHIRE GOLF CAPTAINS
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING AT ALDWICKBURY PARK GOLF CLUB
3pm ON THURSDAY 18th AUGUST 2022**

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

Apologies – IPC Neil Hewitt

Minutes – Those for the meeting held on Tuesday 15th February 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

- a) **Membership** – Numbers are down 42 over the last 4 years which is primarily due to the age profile of the society and members no longer playing. Those you have left attended the occasional dinner but were not regular participants in events.
- b) **Crameri Cup** – This is progressing well, and we are now down to the last 8 clubs. There have been a couple of extensions permitted due to Covid but fortunately this had not detracted from the agreed timeline.
- c) **Website** – This has been updated to reflect all the recent developments and communications.

Captains Report

A report was circulated prior to the meeting from the Captain which highlighted the events at The Spring Meeting, Moor Park, Herts Salver, matches against London, Suffolk, and Buckinghamshire along with VC Day, Presidents Day, Triangular and Four Counties fixtures along with invites to Cambridgeshire, Suffolk, and Northampton events.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's reported was circulated to the committee prior to the meeting and includes some assumptions for the remaining events up until the end of the financial year on the 31st October.

There is a potential surplus of around £1100 subject to whether we invite as our guests the secretaries and captains/presidents of the counties from our postponed annual dinner last March and how much we decide to subsidise the Autumn Meeting. At this stage we are assuming 40 members will participate in the meeting and up to 16 guests will attend. The Hon sec will write to those counties to be included in our guest list asap.

Hon. Secretaries Report

Outcome of the planning session – Whilst the session discussed several options, no concrete decisions were made although we have tried the experiment of playing a pairs event at both the VC Day and Presidents Day with limited success as the numbers hoped for were not reached. Other options to trial going forward are an earlier start for an event, potentially removing the need to meet for food before an event and a relaxation of the dress code.

Fixtures 2022– With the exception of the match versus the Captains Club all have gone well this season. On the advice of the captain, we will probably not reschedule the postponed fixture at Essendon due to recent maintenance on their courses. There has been a definite decrease in the number of members putting their names forward for matches and the VC and Hon Sec are working on the membership database to try targeting members for matches and events. There has been some discussion within the counties as to the size and content of matches but at this stage it has been agreed to



keep the numbers as in previous years. The Hon Sec would be reluctant to decrease match numbers as this would reduce the availability for members to play in these matches.

Fixtures 2023 -The fixtures for next season are progressing well and the only venue yet to be decided is that of the Autumn Meeting. A discussion ensued surrounding potential options, including going out of the county as an experiment and the Hon Sec will explore possibilities. The Hon Sec also informed the committee that it is his intention to seek a minimum of a 2 tee start for all fixtures to assist in the length of the golfing day. Welwyn Garden City who will be celebrating their centenary are also keen to hold a fixture.

Society Clothing – Ray Johnson continues to provide a 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 events at Bedfordshire and Norfolk next month and the London Annual dinner is still scheduled for December.

Annual Dinner – After concerns about the spread of the Omicron variant the dinner planned for the 3rd March was cancelled after canvassing the membership. Aldwickbury Park Golf Club has been rebooked for the corresponding date in 2023, Thursday 2nd March. The Hon Sec will write to Ian Irving who had been booked as the entertainment in 2022 to see if he is available for the new date with the agreement of the captain and committee.

President Elect – Don Bailey from Hadley Wood is scheduled to be the next President if we follow the usual protocol, and the Hon Sec has already had preliminary discussions with him. With the consent of the committee, he will now formally write to Don and seek his commitment for the role from April 2023 and clarify his responsibility regarding events he will host and potentially attend.

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

Date of the next meeting..... Wednesday 11th January 2023 at APGC at 1pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 4.25 pm

Eric Diment Hon. Secretary 22.08.22