



**SOCIETY OF HERTFORDSHIRE GOLF CAPTAINS
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING AT ALDWICKBURY PARK GOLF CLUB
ON TUESDAY 17th APRIL 2018 at 10 am**

PRESENT Robert Browning Captain and in the Chair, Jan Cembala Vice-Captain and Bob Howell Immediate Past Captain and Hon Treasurer, Messrs: Hewitt, Blanchflower, Tansley, Rose and Eric Diment Hon Secretary

The Captain welcomed Members to the meeting

Apologies – None

Minutes – Those for the meeting held on Wednesday 17th January 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

- a) **Membership & Subscriptions** – the Hon Treasurer informed the committee that he had continued to work on the membership list and that we currently have 514 members, 85 Honorary, 419 fully paid and 10 members unpaid to date.
- b) **Crameri Cup** – Bob Howell the organiser, reported that arrangements are progressing well for this year's competition with the competition underway with 89 teams entered and 21 first round matches due to be completed by 6th May. He was also adhering strictly to the timescales with the adverse weather not being a reason to allow extensions.
- c) **Society Website** – This is fully up to date and ongoing thanks were given to the webmaster Eric Wyllie.
- d) **Retiring Captains Gift** – The Hon Secretary reported that he made slow progress in identifying suitable tankards. The Hon Treasurer and Hon Auditor offered to supply addition avenues to explore.

Captains Report – Robert produced a comprehensive report that was circulated prior to the meeting for all Committee members and is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

Treasurer's Report – The Hon Treasurer produced an up to date balance sheet that provided the committee with a clear overview of the current financial position that included an income and expenditure account for the period up to 15th April showing a surplus of £4,050. There was an improvement over last year when we had additional expenditure with equipment for the new Hon Secretary, retirement costs and a reduction in the net cost of our guests at the annual dinner. Additionally The Hon Treasurer produced an itemised balance sheet up to 15th April showing a balance of £27,564, which although high is usual at this time of the year, as the figure includes £14,233 received for future events.

A discussion arose regarding the 10 unpaid members and the Committee agreed that the Hon Treasurer would write to their respective Liaison Officers asking to confirm that their contact details were correct and informing them that they would be deleted from the membership list and their membership cease unless they paid any outstanding money.

Hon. Secretaries Report

- a) **Fixtures 2018** - Entry forms for future meetings are arriving slowly although Captains Day looks respectable at this stage. Moor Park is oversubscribed, with the Society entering a team for the first time and 3 clubs have not be able to play although 2 of these are from clubs that are not supportive during the season. The match matrix has not been sent out yet as the Liaison Officers have been asked to re-double

their efforts in asking members to support the fixtures. It will be sent out at the end of the month thereby hopefully allowing for a greater cross section of the membership to apply. That said, applications have already been received from new members to the society. Breadsall Priory is now full, 20 couples committed to the event and the Hon Sec will join them on the last evening for the meal and to play golf on the last day. The Hon Sec is looking at the date of some fixtures for 2020 onwards to try and evenly space event and fixtures.

- b) **Nomination of Committee Members for election at the AGM** The Hon Sec informed the Committee that he had approached Brian MacDonald, Harpenden Common to be the second nomination after Gary Rees had agreed to the position. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that Brian who supports the Society both at meetings and matches would be an ideal Committee Member. Hon Sec to have the conversation post meeting with Brian.
- c) **Society Clothing** – Ray Johnson continues to be busy and sales are good. Ray has also agreed to research some additional water/wind proof clothing which had been shown to the members at the recent London match and appears both popular and suitable. Ray will be adding this to his inventory, but it will not be held in stock but ordered when sufficient orders have been obtained to meet the supplier's requirements.
- d) **County Dinners** – The Captain and Hon Sec attended the Essex Dinner in Colchester which was very successful and the I.P.C. and Hon Sec then attended The Cambridge Dinner, and although the evening was a great success the weather put paid to anything more than 9 holes on a wet and raining golf course.
- e) **Annual Dinner** - Our Annual Dinner was successful, and our guests had passed on their thanks to the Hon Sec and Society. 212 people attended, and The Hon Sec is due to have a debrief with The Holiday Inn later in April to discuss the finer points of the evening to improve service. There was a brief discussion about changing the menu for next year and to look at the guest/entertainment format. A provisional date of Thursday 7th March 2019 has been booked at the venue.
- f) **Match fees** – Following on from an earlier decision that fees would remain unchanged for this season, consistency should be applied and therefore all match fees would be £45 irrespective of the cost to the Society. The Hon sec would have some discretion in terms of lunch and whether a 2 or 3 course meal was ordered.

Any other Business -

- a) The Hon Treasurer raised the issue of the impending new General Data Protection Regulations which come into force in May 2018. The matter was discussed, and the view was that we are compliant in the way we keep and use our data. The Hon Treasurer agreed to seek some clarification from County and to produce a document to be published on the website for the information of the membership.
- b) The Captain raised a discussion paper surrounding the Societies golfing year and working within a calendar year going forwards. This led to a lively debate where the current consensus was not to change things although the Hon Sec would review the proposal in greater detail and report back to the Committee in the future.
- c) Th Hon Sec had received a letter from Marlene Duke expressing her thanks for the support, attendance at the funeral and kind words offered to her following the death of her husband David Duke, Past Captain of the Society.

Date of the next meeting: TBC in August 2018 at Aldwickbury Park Golf Club

The chairman closed the meeting at 11.25 am

Eric Diment Hon. Secretary 24/04/2018