



**SOCIETY OF HERTFORDSHIRE GOLF CAPTAINS
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING AT ALDWICKBURY PARK GOLF CLUB
ON WEDNESDAY 17th JANUARY 2018**

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

The Captain welcomed Members to the meeting

Apologies – None

Minutes – Those for the meeting held on Friday 11th August 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 been working on the membership list that had stood at 750 members to improve its accuracy. He has now heard back from all the clubs except Redbourn and Chorley Wood and the membership now stands at 389 paying members, 81 Honorary members and 44 whose subscriptions are outstanding. The total as of today therefore stands at 514 subject to any further responses. The positive is that we continue to receive applications from new members.
- b) **Crameri Cup** – Bob Howell the organiser, reported, in general that arrangements are progressing well for this year's competition and that he had approached Centurion with a view to gaining a 47th club to enter the event as they do fulfil the qualification criteria. It was noted that last year's competition was successfully completed as a precursor to the Autumn Cup at Ashridge and won by Brickendon Grange. There had been initial problems with securing a venue for the semi-finals and this year's Captain elect has been asked to approach his home course as a possible venue.
- c) **Society Website** – This is fully up to date and ongoing thanks were given to the webmaster Eric Wyllie.

Nominations for Committee 2018 – The Hon Sec informed the Committee that had approached Jas Arora to see if he would re-consider his position on the Committee but was unsuccessful in his approach. Following a brief discussion paper surrounding likely candidates and clubs it was agreed that Gary Rees, West Herts would be nominated by the Committee at the AGM.

Captains Report – Robert produced a second 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 and reported a bank balances as £14,500 at the end of the financial year. Bob adddddddddddddddddddddddddddddddddd

Hon. Secretaries Report

- a) **Fixtures** – Hon Sec indicated a good response to all events this year with entrants up by a few with 60 already entered for the popular Autumn Meeting at Ashridge in October and 22 pairs for the Mixed Invitation Meeting at Arkley in September. Disappointingly the matches rely on a relatively small pool of members and the Hon

Sec will look to revitalise the approach for matches in 2018. The Four Counties fixture is on track for next week and the prizes for the winning County have been purchased. The fixture list for 2018 has now been completed and a draft circulated to all committee members. Discussions were undertaken about the rising costs of events and the consensus was that the quality of food needs to be retained and that lunch was essential for matches when hosting other counties. A decision was made to trial if required either a reduced lunch for the fixtures or 2 course meals if costs dictate next year.

- b) **Nomination of Committee Members for election at the AGM** The Hon Sec informed the Committee that had approached Jas Arora to see if he would re-consider his position on the Committee but was unsuccessful in his approach. Following a brief discussion paper surrounding likely candidates and clubs it was agreed that Gary Rees, West Herts would be nominated by the Committee at the AGM.
- c) Captains Day – In hand
- d) **Breadsall Priory- Away Weekend.**
- e) **Society Clothing** – A meeting was held in June to review the cost of clothing as our supplier had increased their costs. It is important to ensure that the Society breaks even, and prices were capped where possible and the website updated. A decision was made to withdraw the polyester tie and winter cap from the stock list going forward.
- f) **County Dinners** – The Captain and Hon sec are due to attend Whittlebury Park on Friday 18th August at SNGC Presidents Day.
- g) **January Papers – Now that the accounts had been signed off these would be sent out shortly.**
- h) Consistency refunding for half-way houses – A debate ensued around consistency and it was agreed unanimously that going forward the Society would pay £250 towards the cost of funding the half way house for the Xmas Fayre. However, it was also agreed by the committee that the remaining half way house(s) would be the responsibility of the Vice Captain, captain or President as appropriate.
- i) Match fees – It was agreed that despite external pressures from clubs that fees would remain unchanged for this season. The Hon sec would have some discretion in terms of lunch and whether a 2 or 3 course meal was ordered.
- j) Retiring Captains gift – there was a discussion about making this consistent and the fact that it should be a gift not cash. There was a consensus that an engraved tinkered might be appropriate and the Hon Sec agreed to research the topic

Any other Business - There was a discussion as to whether the Society should have a Team in the Inter Club Liaison meeting comprising the Captain, Vice Captain, Hon Secretary and Committee Member to assist in promoting the Society and thus ensuring their own clubs are not disadvantaged in their selection process. The Hon Sec agreed to review the options with Moor Park re numbers for 2018.

Date of the next meeting.....Tuesday 17th April 2018 at tbc

The chairman closed the meeting at 4.50pm

Eric Diment Hon. Secretary 22/01/2018