

Minutes of the 64th AGM of the OTGS held at Reigate Heath GC and on Zoom on the 12/08/22 @ 12pm.

ACTIONS

PRESENT: Richard Willacy (Captain), Terry Davidge (President), Richard Jowett (Hon.Sec), Richard Norris (Hon. Treas.), Simon Hobbs, Mark Banham, Robert Mazur, David Murrell, Oli Hyland, David Higginson, Andrew Horne.

APOLOGIES: Iain Westwater, David Morgan, Brian Priddy, David Jenkins, David Horne, Jill Jowett

MINUTES of the last meeting: The minutes from 2021 AGM were read and accepted. The matters arising were:

1. Lack of payment of subs by the HH members, IRW undertook to collect at the upcoming events. Covered under finance.
2. All other matters covered by agenda.

FINANCE: Financial position remains healthy apart from one proviso, covered later. Subscriptions are up from 16 to 20, donations similar to previous year. HH costs lower than normal as fee from 2020 (paid in Dec 2019) carried forward to 2021 following cancellation of the HH in 2020. Only top-up payment of £215 was charged for the 2021 entry fee. Proviso to the accounts is that included in the total assets is two years' worth of OTA subsidy towards the HH cost (£590 x 2). TD commented that he had received a letter/email from Jack Clark stating that the OTGS school fund stood at £11,500 and would we consider putting £5,000 towards a housing for a golf simulator. Most of the email recipients agreed this was good use of the funds and what the fund is intended for. RW referred back to IRW's action point re chasing subs non-payment and commented that this year we've been asking HH scratch players to contribute 50% of the cost for entering scratch competitions, which has been accepted and paid. So, 50% of the entry fees for HH, BNB and GM have been covered by the players and as RN commented this goes some way to contributing to the OTGS for those who do not pay OTGS subs.

**RN to chase
OTA for HH
subsidy**

TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

Brent Knoll Bowl: 1st Round Beat Old Malburians 2-1
2nd Round Lost Warwickshire Bears 3-0 (who went on to win)
Halford Hewitt: 1st Round Beat Ampleforth 3-2
2nd Round Lost Malvern 4-1
Grafton Morrish Q Failed to qualify
Cyril Gray 1st Round Lost Liverpool 2-1
1st Round Plate Lost Brighton 3-0
Swinley Forest AM Morning Singles – Richard Willacy
PM Greensomes – Neil Robertson & Guest

RW mentioned that the OTGS has entered a new competition played at Porthcawl on the 30 September called The Edward Harris Cup. Taunton apparently played in this competition in 1938 the inauguration year. The format is 8-man team (4 pairs), 4BBB Stapleford off handicap. So far, RW has 9 who have indicated an interest in playing. Schools entered: Taunton, Malvern, Brecon, Bromsgrove, Cheltenham, Dean Close, Wycliffe, Clifton.

SCHOOL GOLF: TD contacted Liam Dempster for an update, and this is what he said.... *Re the school golf, the key points are: We have entered a league with 5 other local independent schools, which was a great success last year and is due to be run again this coming season. Handicap matches which allow us to engage more golfers. Other entries for the coming season are the HMC Foursomes and the ISGA Matchplay competitions. We have been invited back to the Burnham and Berrow competition this year. Golf is now an option in the main games programme at school for pupils in Years 11-13. We are also looking at putting it into a programme for those in Years 9+10 this year. Plans are in place for a golf simulator to be built at school this coming year, subject to planning permission and other necessary details going through.*

TD suggested putting Astro-turf on uppers to hit golf balls and this is being considered. Further discussions took place re the source of funding for the simulator and the benefits this would bring to school golf.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Richard Jowett standing down, Richard Willacy elected Hon. Sec. Pete Whalley elected Captain, Terry Davidge remains as President. Richard Norris remains as Treasurer.

AOB:

Swinley restricted numbers – DM noted that numbers have over the years increased, 46 this year, which has caused a problem with a few Swinley members as the 1st tee becomes unavailable for members until 11am (with both 1st and 10th tee being used to start from), so Swinley have told us that we must restrict numbers to 36. Format options were considered but none worked as needed singles in the morning and Greensomes in the afternoon (number divisible by 4). So, for the coming year we must restrict numbers to 36 and if oversubscribed DM was seeking opinions on the criteria he should adopt to filter out oversubscribed numbers. A discussion entailed. In conclusion, as it was an OTGS meeting then OTGS members should be given preference and if an OT wished to bring a guest then the decision whether the guest could attend would be via 2nd selection tranche based on 1st come 1st serve basis. This process would be communicated at the time of the invitation. It was inevitable guests would be invited as it was unlikely all 36 places would be taken up by OT's. DM effort in organising the Swinley meeting was acknowledged and appreciated.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12:40.