

PRESIDENTS WELCOME: Terry D welcomed everybody to the meeting and suggested a few minutes of silence to remember two members of the OTGS who passed away over the last 12 months and who were staunch supporters of OTGS, Iain Westwater and Brian Priddy.

PRESENT: Richard Willacy [RW] (Secretary), Terry Davidge [TD] (President), Richard Norris [RN] (Hon. Treas.), Simon Hobbs, Mark Banham, Robert Mazur, Oli Hyland [OH], Andrew Horne, Richard Parsons [RP], Ed Bradnock, Andrew & Charles Emmett, William Pickard, Tom Millington, Richard Jowett.

APOLOGIES: David Morgan, David Jenkins, David Horne, David Murrell, Dave Higginson, Gary Hector, Pete Whalley (Captain), Greg Whalley, Matthew Pyke, Jan Becker, Paul Knight, Neil Robertson

MINUTES of the last meeting: The minutes from 2022 AGM were issued with this year's agenda and assumed read. Andrew Emmett noted that the winners of the Swinley Forest afternoon Greensomes in 2022 was in fact himself and his guest and not Neil Robertson and his guest. After minutes were corrected, they were accepted. The matters arising,

1. RN to chase OTA for their discretionary Halford Hewitt Subsidy. RN noted that the accounts do assume 3 years' worth of OTA subsidy, which is nearly £1700, but RW had received an email from the OT Treasurer that £1200 would be paid over the next 2 weeks and the balance in the next two months.

FINANCE: RN explained the OTGS had a surplus of £613 and a big factor was the scratch team levy to help pay for entry fees of the Halford Hewitt, Brent Knoll Bowl and Grafton Morrish which contributed £950 to the total entry fee cost of £1,840. RN commented that we were being well supported by circa £800 of donations on top of the subscriptions and a further £250 surplus was made from the SGH meeting. Balance sheet is healthy but does include £1700 of OTA subsidy outstanding. RW noted that the accounts didn't reflect the £500 collected from the players and the cost of supporting the under 30 of £734 the difference of £234 was covered by RW. RN then also mentioned that the HH committee were charging a Centenary levy of £500 for 2 years to help fund a big celebratory dinner at Grosvenor House Hotel. RN commented that the players levy was a good thing and has helped the OTGS finances and that even with the levy it was still good value when playing some of the UK's top golf courses. RN also noted that there was also still this fund with the OTA Foundation of £13k to encourage golf at TS. TD informed the AGM that it had been agreed to use £6k of the £13k to help build an indoor golf simulator room for the school, another member was kindly providing the golf simulator equipment for the room. RP asked, for clarity, whether that £13k was from the OTA or donations, TD confirmed it was from member donations.

Accounts were proposed, seconded and approved.

MATCH REPORTS:

Rose Bowl	Better Ball – Terry Davidge & Matthew Pyke
Edward Harris Cup	Came 7 th out of 8 with 91 points. First was Clifton with 107 Points
Swinley Forest	OT Singles Winner am David Higginson 43 points, pm Mark Banham & Nick Lewis 41 points.
Brent Knoll Bowl:	1 st Round Lost RAF 3-0 (Main Competition) 1 st Round Lost Epsom 2-1 (Plate Competition)
Halford Hewitt:	1 st Round Beat Chigwell 3-2 2 nd Round Lost Eton 4.5-0.5
Thone Cup	Silver Salver (best score by School pupil) - Finlay Pyke Thone Cup won by Matthew Pyke 35 points
Grafton Morrish Q	Not played yet
Cyril Gray	Not played yet

SCHOOL GOLF: Liam Dempster school update *Golf being offered as a games option all year round to those in Years 11-13 currently. Was at Pickeridge for first two terms and has been at Oake Manor this term. 12 students per term, mostly beginners. Lots of interest from students in Year 9 and below, so hopeful for some real talent in the next few years. Entered ISGA Knockout this year. Beat Blundells in first round and lost to Sherborne in second round. Playing in a 6-team league of schools in South-West currently, with friendly fixtures being added to the calendar against schools such as Kings Bruton. Will be involved in the league next year and this might grow in size. House Golf Competition to take place later this term, to play for trophies to be given out at commemoration. Will be entering Burnham and Berrow West of England Comp again next year. Also, will enter ISGA knockout again.*

Golf at school is progressing well.

Simulator update: RW updated on the latest re the simulator room and mentioned that the school had been in touch with Senga Westwater (Iain Westwater's mother) to ask if she minded if the simulator facility was called the 'Westy' after Iain and Senga was very pleased that this would happen. The hope is to have the facility ready by the next academic year, i.e., September this year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Richard Willacy Hon. Sec., Pete Whalley Captain, Terry Davidge President and Richard Norris Treasurer proposed to continue in situ. RN asked the question if there was in fact some competition for the roles and TD asked if OH

would consider a role (much laughter), OH confirmed he was happy as it is! It was then proposed and seconded that existing officials be re-elected.

AOB:

Swinley Outcome: Swinley requested that we reduce numbers from 46 to 36, and a discussion ensued at last year's AGM with David Murrell and the solution decided upon was to give OTGS members preference and if there were still spaces to allow guests on a first come first serve basis. This method seemed to work this year and the Swinley member who was upset last year appears to have been satisfied this year with the outcome of the OTGS meeting according to RP who spoke with him.

RW mentioned that we would not enter the Edward Harris Cup (EHC) because it clashed with the Grafton Morrish finals, if we qualified, and we don't have the depth to field two teams. However, because the EHC is an 8 man stableford competition with allowance up to 18 handicap it was a much more favourable competition for non-scratch golfers. Richard Parsons offered to see if he could muster a team and enthusiasm for the EHC and RW would send over the information.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12:35.