

Studley Wood Seniors Section

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4 April 2024

The meeting was held in the Upper Meeting Room at Studley Wood clubhouse. The meeting opened at 1358hrs

The captain welcomed everyone and asked that the attendance record be signed. The signatures of 45 members attending the meeting were recorded.

Action

1. **Apologies:** Tony Lane, David Hughes, John Walker, Wal Grey and Vic Start

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting.**

The minutes of the previous AGM, held on 18 April 2023, were accepted in full.

None

3. **Treasurer's Report**

GP reported that the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2023 had been completed. These have been passed to Andy Marshall who had verified and signed them off.

GP

One of the key issues arising from the accounts concerned the substantial increase in the size of the income processed. The accounts show that £29k moved through the accounts, reflecting the decision to incorporate the funds associated with the tours and awaydays (£21K).

The £3K derived from the Roll-ups is slightly down on the previous year, due mainly to the poor weather interrupting play. However, 92.5% of this income was redistributed as prizes.

GP stated that it had a been a good year from an accounting perspective. The small deficit of £63.68 was perfectly acceptable.

Russel Mathews asked if the amount given as staff gratuities at Christmas was appropriate, suggesting that the sum (£10/person) should be higher. After some discussion it was agreed that the committee should review this element.

TM

4. **Captain's Report**

Phil Chaundy, the outgoing captain, reported that it had a been a privilege to be captain and that he had enjoyed the whole experience. He referred to the range of golfing activities undertaken by the Seniors, including the roll-ups, the 13 silverware competitions, the expanded number (22) of inter-club friendly competitions and our involvement in the M4 Winter League.

He thought that our record in the inter-club friendlies (W9, L10, D3) was acceptable and that our progression to the KO stage in the M4 Winter League, under TM's leadership, as excellent.

The tours to Kent and Bristol and the Awayday events at Maidenhead and Lilley Brook were all fully subscribed and enjoyable golfing events. A further set of tours to The Vale and Hawkstone Park, and Awaydays at Newbury and Crookham and to Badgemore Park were planned for the coming season.

PC then referred to the tragic loss during the year of Peter Hopcroft, Bob Morgan and Steven Painter. He announced that the Painter Cup would be contested Each year, between Wychwood Golf Club and Studley Wood to mark Steven's memory, as he had been captain of the Senior's section at both clubs. TM

PC then referred to the successful Senior's Christmas event. He thanked Graham Reed and Dave Drew for their entertainment, at which point a member thanked the captain for this explanation.

The captain expressed his thanks for the £3130 raised through the Just Giving page for Dementia UK, before concluding his address by thanking everyone who had supported him through the year, including the committee.

At this point the outgoing captain introduced and handed over the captaincy to Tim Mustill.

5. Handover to New Captain: Tim Mustill

Tim Mustill (TM), the new captain, thanked Phil Chaundry, the outgoing captain, for his year in office and for the tireless work he had undertaken on behalf of the Senior's Section.

Following the announcement of the Texas Scramble results played in the morning TM referred to the previous day's match at Burford. This was the opening match of the season, and although it was lost 5-1, he was confident that the forthcoming year would be successful and enjoyable for all concerned.

TM thanked Jonathan Perks for accepting the role of vice-captain and looked forward to a successful working partnership.

6. Election of New Committee Members. Nominations Received:

As they were stepping down after three years of service, the captain thanked David Hughes and Terry Davies for their services to the committee.

He then referred to Russel Mathews and Chris Perks who had been nominated as new committee members. He asked the members for their approval and by an overwhelming majority both were duly elected to the Senior's Committee.

7. Motions:

TM explained that two motions had been received for consideration by the members at this year's AGM. These were dealt with in turn.

The first motion concerned the time window in which players were expected to play in particular Senior's roll-ups and associated competitions. This was proposed by Martin Wilkinson and seconded Ben Pritchard.

It was proposed that players participating in Senior's roll-ups and associated competitions, could only tee off during a designated tee time window. This window was to be determined by the committee. There was little debate and the motion was carried overwhelmingly.

The second motion concerned the allocation of points in the section's Winter League (WL). This was proposed by Tony Lane and seconded by Russel Matthews.

In Tony Lane's absence due to illness, Russel Mathews argued that the current allocation of points to the 24 highest scorers, in each round, was inappropriate and failed to recognise the contribution of all participants. In view of the number of members registered to play this year's WL and to make the competition more inclusive, it was proposed that 55 would be a more appropriate number.

At this point a substantial discussion took place exploring the merits of increasing the number of points, the minimum number of participants required to play in each round, and what would be a reasonable and appropriate number of scoring players to assign to each round.

As if to conclude the discussion Barry Yates proposed an amendment to the original proposal. He argued that the top 40 scorers in each round be awarded points. This was seconded by Stephen Capaldi. TM asked Russel Mathews if the amendment was acceptable to him. He agreed that it was and TM put the amendment to the floor. It was carried with a vote substantially in favour of the amendment.

The allocation of 40 points will be applied to the forthcoming WL (2024/25) competition.

8. CEO's Address

Ken Heathcote (KH) congratulated the Senior's section for not only being well organised and a friendly group of people but also as a valuable section of the club who made significant contributions to the viability of Studley Wood Golf Club.

He proceeded to outline some of the work that will be undertaken in the coming year.

- 1 A buggy path is to established for all of the Front 9 holes.
- 2 Good quality winter mats will be built for 'many' holes.
- 3 A flag will be flown when the Half-Way house is open.
- 4 More work will be undertaken on the range including better lighting, drainage and a new carpet.
- 5 Discount vouchers will be provided in recognition of both 5year and 10year membership loyalty.

KH took a variety of questions before TM closed the meeting at 1517 hrs.

The next AGM is scheduled for April 2025.

Chris Fill

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Senior's Committee
April 2024

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