



**WOOTTON GOLF SOCIETY**

**Annual General Meeting held on 8th October 2015 at**

**The Bedford Golf Club @ 7.30pm**

**In Attendance:**

Peter Bone	Chairman
Gerald Bygraves	Treasurer
Rob Capener	Committee
Mick Payne	Committee

Steve White	Ian Simpson
Liam Cummins	Al Duthie
Rob Capener	Gerry Deal

**Apologies:**

Andy Barlow	David Hearn
Dennis Foley	Duncan Sledge
George Olney	Luke Ellis
Martin Young	Martyn Pollard
Matthew Midwinter	Paul Young
Ross Capel	Sam Legg
Billy Byrne	Joe Bygraves

**Absent:**

Alan Day	Jon Newsham
Lawrence Barlow	Lee Miles
Leigh Cordwell	Robert McGall

### **1. Minutes from 2014 AGM**

These were read and approved. Proposed by Steve White and seconded by Rob Capener

### **2. Committee Members and Membership**

The current committee members all retired with thanks effective from 31st

December 2015 and the nominations for the new committee were called for.

The following proposals were made for a new committee and accepted by all

to take their post on 1st January 2016.

**Peter Bone – Chairman, Handicap and Events Secretary;** proposed by Ian Simpson and Gerry Deal

**Gerald Bygraves – Treasurer;** proposed by Mick Payne and seconded by Steve White

**Rob Capener – Assistant Treasurer;** proposed by Liam Cummins and seconded by Steve White.

**Mick Payne – Committee;** proposed by Rob Capener and seconded by Gerald Bygraves

**Andy Barlow – Committee;** proposed by Liam Cummins and seconded by Gerry Deal.

The new committee was carried unanimously by all.

### **3. Chairman's / Captain's Report.**

The Chairman / Captain covered the following points and expanded on them:

The Chairman thanked Paul Young for his role as Captain in the first 6 months and explained that there will be no role of Captain for the foreseeable future, he advised that whoever sponsors the day will carry out the presentation.

The Chairman thanked all who have attended throughout the year.

**Websites:** Chairman urged more use of Society Golfing, both for signing up and informing of non-attendance.

**Events:** Please arrive in plenty of time for all events, which then also allows the committee to also get ready once all has been organised.

**WGS Shirts and Tank Tops:** The chairman advised again WGS golf shirt will be given to any new members and it was to be expected that they are worn. Tank tops available at a cost of £20 a head for any member that wants one.

If any member wanted a further WGS Shirt then the Chairman will be able to order them at a cost of about £12 each.

The Chairman's Report was proposed by Rob Capener and seconded by Mick Payne: Carried.

The Chairman advised there may be a possibility of new design tops in the coming years for the time being, we will stay as is.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer handed out the Financial Summary to all attending and confirmed that the overall financial balance is quite healthy, standing at £1,754.59. It was explained that the main income expenditure sheets were available to all on the treasurer's page on our website, the password of which is to be changed to be the same as Society Golfing.

Sandy Bottoms is currently at £144

Charity fund sits at £206.11

This does not include Belton Woods which is still to be added.

There was still to be some expenditure for the presentation evening at the end of the year as well as annual trophies.

The treasurer confirmed that our bank account was fully opened and functional and that members could pay in directly their subs or any standing orders for annual trips.

It was proposed that the annual subscriptions remain at £20 (Twenty Pounds) for the coming year.

It was agreed that the Treasurer will organise a mandate and put Rob Capener onto the account as a second signature, this is purely as a safety measure.

The subject of what would happen to the monies should the Society end was raised, as per the rules of the society, there will be an extraordinary members meeting called and it be voted on. It would be unlikely the monies would be shared out amongst members due to the differing time frames of members attending.

The Treasurer's Report was proposed by Ian Simpson and seconded by Liam Cummins

#### **5. Assistant Treasurer's Report**

The Chairman thanked all members for their assistance in having the correct change at events and asked that it be continued. He also thanked everyone for their generosity throughout the year on the charity fines. It was agreed by all that it was based on fun and generosity by all and will go to a great cause. It was also agreed that it will be continued into the next year. It was also stressed that members should not be pressured into paying of fines and if do not want to pay then they do not have to.

The Assistant Treasurer's Report was proposed by Steve White and seconded by Rob Capener:  
Carried

#### **6. Events and Knockouts:**

The Chairman explained that the planner for next year is well under way but not complete, he did go through some of the courses already booked and highlighted that the seniors event and stoke play event would be held at the same venue each year as follows:

Seniors at Elton Furze

Stroke Play at Charlgrave Manor.

It was also discussed and agreed that the Seniors event be a normal full stableford event and as all members will be able to attend it will count towards the player of the year.

The Chairman expressed his disappointment at the way the knockouts had generally progressed this year, mainly the fact that nearly half have been conceded and some have been played late. It was stressed that members should only sign up for knockouts if they can make themselves available. The Chairman also highlighted that members are still not making contact early enough to enable matches to be played and urged that next year members make contact within the week that draw is made of matches have been completed.

Proposed by Gerald Bygraves and seconded by Rob Capener: Carried

#### **7. Presentation Evening 2015.**

Rob Capener has looked into various events for our presentation evening which will be held in January 2016 to miss the Christmas party season. Nothing has been finalised as yet however it is proposed that we get a venue that will be able to supply a room, meal for all members and wives in the local area. The Chairman and Rob Capener will organise this in the next few oncoming weeks.

Proposed by Pete Bone and seconded by Gerald Bygraves: Carried

#### **8. Turkey Trot**

The Turkey Trot is booked for the Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December and will be the same format as last year including meat prizes and bottles of wines. Andy Barlow is arranging the prizes, Gerald Bygraves advised he will liaise with Andy regarding monies and prizes for the day.

#### **9. Charity:**

The proposed that the Charity for 2015 will be Arthritis Research UK, this was put forward by Martyn Pollard whose wife suffers with Arthritis. Rob is running the 2016 London Marathon in aid of the charity and we will donate our charity money to him to assist in reaching his goal of £2000.

More about the Charity can be found after these minutes.

Proposed by Pete Bone and seconded by Gerald Bygraves: carried.

#### **10. Honorary Members:**

Chairman announced there are no honorary members and no current plans to vote for any.

#### **11. Handicap Rules**

The Chairman put to the floor an amendment to the handicap rules as follows:

When a members gets knocked out of any matchplay competition they enter they will get .1 shot back. This rule does not apply if the match is conceded or not played. This is because any winner of any knockout gets a 2 point cut (singles) or 1 point cut (doubles).

Proposed by Pete Bone and seconded by Rob Capener: carried.

## **12. Prizes at events.**

The prizes at events are to stay as, alcohol prizes are also welcome but it is in the hands of the person sponsoring.

Proposed by Mick Payne and seconded by Steve White that the prizes and system remain as is: carried.

## **13. Fines:**

Chairman spoke about the fines system we have in place and thanked all for their generosity throughout the year; it was stressed that no one individual should be pressured into giving fines, it is a purely voluntary basis only. It was agreed that it will remain as is for the current year.

Proposed by Gerald Bygraves and Seconded by Gerry Deal

## **14. Fez**

Chairman spoke about the Fez and advised it is a bit of fun and hoped it was taken as the same by all members. Carried by all unanimously.

## **AOB.**

The issue of etiquette was raised, the main issue was time keeping and punctuality. The Chairman mentioned that some members are attending events late which is unfair on the committee. An email will be sent by the Chairman about etiquette issues but generally we are very good as a society. .

There being no other business, the meeting concluded and it closed at 20:30.

Peter Bone

Chairman

9<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

Attachments.

Arthritis Research UK

Society Rules

Rules for knockout Competitions.

### **Arthritis Research UK**

Donations to Arthritis Research UK support vital research programmes that provide answers about the causes of arthritis and result in better treatment for people living with arthritis. Our longer-term research programmes aim to find a cure for all the many forms of arthritis and musculoskeletal conditions, including osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, osteoporosis and arthritis in children. Put simply your money helps us towards achieving our vision of a future free from arthritis.

Our research committee considers around 400 applications for funding every year. Each application is assessed against our research strategy to ensure that money is being used to provide answers today and tomorrow in the most effective way. Awards can be made for up to five years and progress is expertly monitored by the research committee.

Recent grants awarded by Arthritis Research UK include:

- developing anti-TNF therapy for rheumatoid arthritis beyond existing treatments Identifying the genes linked to the disease in patients with osteoarthritis
- developing longer-lasting and durable prostheses, and researching the causes, effects and treatments of infections in joint replacements Improving the treatment of brittle bone disease in children
- developing tissue engineering techniques in osteoarthritis by using patients' own cartilage Looking at ways of better targeting drug treatment in arthritis in children and teenagers
- examine the role of therapies such as acupuncture and yoga on osteoarthritis and back pain.

#### **Note from Martyn Pollard.**

***I would like you thank you personally and everyone involved with the Wootton Golf Society for their support, this mean a great deal to me and will go a long way towards helping me reach my £2000 fundraising target.***