

WOOTTON GOLFING SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting held on 8 June 2012 at
Wootton Blue Cross Club @ 7.45 pm

In Attendance :

Peter Bone	Chairman
Brian Ward	Treasurer
Andy Barlow	

Keith Ashpole	Andy Jones
Ben Ruffhead	Bob Buck
Craig Freestone	Dave Reilly
Dermot Parker	Kieran Day
Ricky Day	Tony Freestone
Bob Metcalfe	Gerald Bygraves
Paul Fisher	

1. Apologies

Adam Wilson	Bernie Bone
Kev Foreman	Luke Wilson
Martin Young	Mick Payne
Paul Greenwell	Paul Jackson
Stewart Woolgar	Alan Ashpole

2. Minutes from 2011 AGM

These were read and approved. Andy Barlow proposed and Dave Reilly seconded.

3. Committee Members and Membership

The current committee members all retired with thanks effective from 31st December 2012 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 post on 1st January 2013

Peter Bone – Chairman, Handicap and Events Secretary proposed by Keith Ashpole and seconded by Gerald Bygraves - Carried.

Brian Ward – Treasurer proposed by Craig Freestone and seconded by Dave Reilly – Carried.

Paul Fisher – Assistant Treasurer, proposed by Dermot Parker and seconded by Andy Barlow – Carried.

Craig Freestone – Captain, proposed by Kieran Day and seconded by Ben Ruffhead – Carried.

Alan Ashpole – Vice Captain, proposed by Bob Metcalf and seconded by Paul Fisher – Carried

Andy Barlow – Committee, proposed by Bob Buck and seconded by Tony Freestone – Carried

Ricky Day – Committee and Blue Cross Representative, proposed by Andy Jones and seconded by Dermot Parker – Carried.

The Chairman thanked Bernie for all his work and effort in the last 2 years.

The Chairman proposed that Mick Keens be banned from Wootton Golf Society for life, seconded by Andy Barlow - carried.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

Brian explained the spreadsheet for the monies coming in and out and confirmed that this was available on the website to view at any time.

It was also confirmed that Handicap Master had to be purchased for the next year, together with a few more trophies.

It was decided that the Treasurer would keep a float of £200 so that if members turned up late the Golf Club can be paid and any outstanding monies can be sorted out at the end of the day. If, you would like to drop monies in to Brian before the day then please do so. His address is

5 School Lane
Wootton
MK43 9HW

It was proposed that the annual subscriptions remain at £20 (Twenty Pounds) for the coming year and is payable at the end of **January**. If not paid by the end of January then you are still able to play but as explained above you will not be able to claim prizes.

The £20 membership fee will go towards trophies and hopefully once funds do increase there may be an option for other items to be bought ie towels/shirts etc, etc. For the next year the Committee are looking at purchasing tank tops for the members.

A proposer was called for to carry the Treasurers report, proposed by Dermot Parker and seconded by Keith Ashpole - carried.

5. **New Committee Member**

The Chairman discussed the role of the Captain, as discussed it would be Craig Freestone for the coming year with Alan Ashpole as Vice Captain. The role of the Captain was outlined as follows:

Assist the Chairman in selecting the events for the year.
At events he is the focal point for WGS with club officials.
Select and Choose who plays in each tee at events.

Selects the holes for nearest the pin and longest drive.
Carries out presentations at events and the end of year presentation.

6. **Website**

The website was explained and the information is set out below

www.societygolfing.co.uk

Log in – wgs

Password – wootton

The website will now be used to disseminate information. If you do not have an email address then please let The Chairman know so that he can inform you of any information in the appropriate fashion. It will now be down to individuals to check either the website or each for information of what is going on. There will not be repeated texts or other information so **please** check the website for all information.

There is also another website;

www.woottongolfsociety.com

This website has information and profiles as well as photographs.

Members can also check their scores on:

www.masterscoreboard.com.

7. **Etiquette**

Please try to dress as appropriate ie some Clubs do have a strict dress code so if you are not sure please email/call a Committee member and they will let you know the code. We need to make a good impression in the clubhouse as well. Please when we visit Clubs can dress but shirts tucked in, in the Clubhouse, can we also ask that you wear shoes and not trainers or sandals.

Mobile Phones – these will now be banned on golf days and in accordance with the rules there may be a fine imposed if you are found to be using a mobile phone.

Arriving for Events

As Treasurer, Brian is often left to sort out monies etc right up to the last minute. It has been asked that members please arrive at least an hour before so that they can have their bacon roll, coffee and pay the fees for the day in advance of teeing off and so that everyone tees off when they should. Obviously if you are going to be late can you please let a Committee Member know.

8. **Trophies and Events**

There are to be prizes for first place as well as nearest the pin and longest drive.

Player of the Year – Best 6 stapleford scores for the year.

Singles Champion – Played throughout the year.

Doubles Competition – Played throughout the year.

Captain's Cup – this is to be played at Elton Furze (Stroke Play)

Wootton Trophy - this is to be played at Clapham.

Most Improved Player – Handicap Master will work this out.

Player's Player – To be voted on by all members towards the end of the year.

Wootton Championship 2012 is at Mentmore.

Wootton Cup – is to be played at Wensum Valley

WGS over 50's – a seniors match with their own trophy to be played at Wyboston.

Singles/Doubles Competition – Next year the singles competition will be the same as this however the doubles will be slightly different, there will be a draw for partners based on a high and low handicap split.

9. **Handicaps**

The Chairman explained that handicap Master is now working very well and calculates members handicaps after each event, he also stated that he will send a Handicap Certificate to all members after each event.

10. **Presentation Dinner – 8 December 2012**

The Presentation Dinner will be at The Bedfordshire, Stagsden on 8 December. Dress is shirt and tie for the gentlemen and party frocks for ladies. There will be a disco until late. Wine and gifts will be purchased for the evening, the cost for members is £20 and £25 per guest with a maximum of three guests per person.

11. **Committee Decisions**

If you have an issue concerning the Society please can you make your issue known to a member of the Committee and hopefully this can be sorted out sooner rather than later and it then become a real issue.

12. **Wootton Golf Society Rules**

These have been emailed to you and copies were available at the meeting. Any problems please contact a member of the Committee.

13. **Any Other Business**

Fines will be given for not attending events when you have put yourself down to attend as costs are involved. This will be as per the rules and a final committee decision.

Trips

The following trips have been suggested

2012-06-13	Norwich
May/June 2013	Belton Woods
2014	France

Honorary Members

At the moment there are none.

Golf Insurance

It has been suggested that each member should look into getting insurance. This can be obtained from golfcare.co.uk and is about £22.50 for a year. With your membership you get new golf balls and other bits. This will cover you for various incidents such as theft of clubs and Third Party Liability.

The meeting concluded at 8.56

Peter Bone
Chairman
8th June 2012