



WOOTTON GOLF SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting held on 12th October 2017 at

The Bedfordshire Golf Club @ 7.30pm

In Attendance:

Peter Bone	Chairman
Gerald Bygraves	Treasurer
Rob Capener	Assistant Treasurer
Steve White	Knock Out Secretary / Committee Member

Liam Cummins	Paul Matthews
Graham Mayles	Andy Jones
Steve Steele	David Murfitt
Matthew McGall	Richard Toms
Paul Woodbridge	Mick Payne

Apologies:

Andy Barlow	Alan Day
Stephen Blair	Dave Battams
Martin Nash	George Olney
Kev Hardy	Ian Simpson
Chris Trussell	Barry Chinn
Duncan Sledge	Robert McGall
Al Duthie	Martyn Pollard
Daniel Johnson	

Absent:

Adam Cahill	Aled Owen
Bobby Shilton	Craig Thompson
Dennis Foley	Joe Bygraves
Keith Lilley	Lawrence barlow
Luke Ellis	Matthew Page
Oliver Hopgood	Paul Barton

1. **Minutes from 2017 AGM**

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

2. **Committee Members and Membership**

The current committee members all retired with thanks effective from 31st December 2018 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 2019.

Pete Bone – Chairman, Handicap and Events Secretary; proposed by Gerald Bygraves and seconded by Graham Mayles

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

Rob Capener – Assistant Treasurer; proposed by David Murfitt and seconded by Andy Jones.

Steve White – Knock Out Secretary / Committee Member; proposed by Liam Cummins and seconded by Paul Woodbridge.

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 all members for their support throughout the year, he also explained that he will accept the role of captain for the year 2019 as it is the 10th Anniversary of Wootton Golf Society.

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

The Chairman thanked Steve White for his organisation of the knock out events throughout the year, he also thanked the other committee members for all their effort for which all members are grateful.

The Chairman did not wish to pre-empt any other discussions regarding the charity donations but thanked everyone in the society for their donations throughout the year.

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

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 £3270.86.

There is £1062 in Charity and £233 in Sandy Bottoms, giving us a balance of £1,134.61 available to the club.

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

The Treasurer's Report was proposed by Steve White and seconded by Richard Toms

5. Assistant Treasurer's Report

The Assistant Treasurer 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.

The Assistant treasurer also expressed the importance of members paying him promptly on arrival at events so he could pay the club as soon as he could.

The Assistant Treasurer's Report was proposed by Graham Mayles and seconded by Paul Matthews: Carried

6. Events and Knockouts:

The Knockout Secretary thanked everyone for their keen attendance throughout the year and apart from one or two getting all matches played by the allocated dates. He explained the dates will change slightly in the new year to take into account possible weather conditions etc.

The Knockout committee member also requested a discussion of payments at knock-out events. He stated he was unsure that the home members should be required to pay ½ towards the away members green fee when playing at a member's home course. This was debated quite heavily and for some time.

It was decided to keep it as it is at present:

IF the home member wishes to take the away member to their own course then they are to offer to pay half the green fee. It is up to the away member if he would accept this.

It was also agreed that any member who enters the knock out competitions and has a lower club handicap than society handicap, they are to enter at the lower handicap of the two.

7. Presentation Evening 2018.

The Chairman confirmed he was looking into venues for the Presentation evening, proposed venues being The Tavistock in Bedford, Diya Royal in Kempton and Great Denham Golf Club.

The proposed date would be 26th January 2018. The Chairman will organise and post soonest. The cost is to be £20 a head. It was agreed that the society will subsidise each members dinner by £20. Guests will pay £20.

The event will be put on the website and all members are to sign up on the website as usual.

Proposed by Rob Capener and seconded by Gerald Bygraves: Carried

NOTE: Since the AGM, the Chairman has booked The Bedford Golf Club at great Denham for Friday 25th January – 19:30 – 20:00 hours and will be along the same theme as last year.

8. Turkey Trot

The Turkey Trot is booked for the Saturday 8th December 2018 and will be the same format as last year including meat prizes and bottles of wines. Andy Barlow will liaise with Treasurer regarding monies. The venue of the Turkey Trot has been moved from Wavendon Golf Club to Beadlow Manor.

Proposed by Graham Mayles, seconded by Andy Jones

9. Charity:

Charity was discussed, however at present there seems to be no suitable charity for us to donate to. The Chairman stated he would look into this, he has asked for suggestions.

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

Handicap rules were discussed at length with several options put forward.

It was agreed that for this year we would continue using handicap master and Congu for our handicap rules. Steve White has been looking into another program taken from another society and will trial that alongside Handicap Master this year.

It was discussed and agreed that a new system be adopted to allow members to “get back” more shots if they do not play to their handicap.

The Buffer Zones are set by Congu and are as follows:

Handicap 0 - 5.4	- Buffer zone 1 shot
Handicap 5.5 - 12.4	- Buffer zone 2 shots
Handicap 12.5 - 20.4	- Buffer zone 3 shots
Handicap 20.5 - 28	- Buffer zone 4 shots

Examples: NOTE: These examples were not discussed at the AGM:

If your handicap is 6, then your buffer zone is 2 shots. This means that you will need to score 34 points (36 - 2) to reach your buffer zone

If your handicap is 18, then your buffer zone is 3 shots. This means that you will need to score 33 points (36 - 3) to reach your buffer zone

If your handicap is 25, then your buffer zone is 4 shots. This means that you will need to score 32 points (36 - 4) to reach your buffer zone.

If you score within your buffer zone then your handicap will not change. If you score above or below your buffer zone then your handicap will change as follows:

Handicap 0 - 5.4	- 0.1
Handicap 5.5 - 12.4	- 0.2
Handicap 12.5 - 20.4	- 0.3
Handicap 20.5 - 28	- 0.4

If a player with a handicap of 18 scores 30 points, his buffer zone is 33 points. This means he has scored 3 points below his buffer zone.

His handicap will be increased as follows:

3 (points below his buffer zone) x 0.3 = 0.9 will be added to his handicap which will be adjusted to 18.9 (19)

If a player with a handicap of 8 scores 28 points, his buffer zone is 34 points. This means he has scored 6 points below his buffer zone.

His handicap will be increased as follows:

6 (points below his buffer zone) x 0.2 = 1.2 will be added to his handicap which will be adjusted to 9.2 (9)

If a player with a handicap of 25 scores 30 points, his buffer zone is 32 points. This means he has scored 2 points below his buffer zone.

His handicap will be increased as follows:

2 (points below his buffer zone) x 0.4 = 0.8 will be added to his handicap which will be adjusted to 25.8 (26)

The reverse happens if you score over your buffer zone.

If a player with a handicap of 18 scores 38 points, he has shot 2 shots better than his handicap (36).

His handicap will be decrease as follows:

$2 \text{ (points over 36)} \times 0.3 = 0.6$ will be deducted from his handicap which will be adjusted to 17.4 (17)

If a player with a handicap of 8 scores 40 points, he has shot 4 shots better than his handicap of 36.

His handicap will be decreased as follows:

$4 \text{ (points over 36)} \times 0.2 = 0.8$ will be added to his deducted from his handicap which will be adjusted to 7.2 (8)

If a player with a handicap of 25 scores 42 points, he has shot 6 points better than his handicap of 36.

His handicap will be decreased as follows:

$6 \text{ (points over 36)} \times 0.4 = 2.4$ will be deducted from his handicap which will be adjusted to 22.6 (23).

Please do not get bogged down to much if you struggle to understand it, but this system will enable members to get more shots back if they do not play well, it is all calculated by Handicap Master.

12. Shots cut for winning and runner up to be adopted as follows:

- a. If any winner of an event scores 36 points or over, then they will be cut 2 shots
- b. If any runner up scores 36 points or over, they will be cut 1 shot.
- c. If any winner of an event scores 35 points or under, they will be cut 1 shot
- d. If any runner up scores 35 points or under, they will be cut .5 of a shot.

These changes were proposed by The Chairman Peter Bone, seconded by Gerald Bygraves.
Carried

13. 10th Anniversary Event.

Rob Capener handed out a list or proposed events for our 10th Anniversary Event which listed the following venues.

- a. Beds and County, Aspley Guise, John O'Guant, Leighton Buzzard, Forest of Arden, Belton Woods, Woburn.

It was proposed that our 10th Anniversary event would be held at Aspley Guise:

Proposed by Rob Capener, seconded by David Murfitt: carried

NOTE: since the AGM, Aspley Guise has been booked for Friday 12th July 2019 and will be The Captains Day. The day will consist of full English breakfast, 18 holes and a 2 course meal afterwards.

14. Wootton Cup 2019.

Prior to the AGM, the chairman investigated costings of trips away in 2019 with the emphasis on travelling abroad.

- a. Trip 1 – Spain – Atalaya Park – 4 nights and 4 rounds including buggies – half board - £480 per person
- b. Trip 2 – Spain – Islanilla Golf Resort – 4 nights 3 rounds – half board - £285 (not sure about buggies)
- c. Trip 3 - Portugal – Pestana Vila Sol Hotel – 4 nights 3 rounds – B&B only - £425 per person
- d. Trip 4 – Portugal – Oceanico Amendoeira Golf Resort – 4 nights – unlimited golf – buggies included - £445 per person.
- e. Trip 5 – Portugal – Penina Golf Resort Hotel – 4 nights 3 rounds B&B only – buggies included – 475 per person

NOTE: None of the above, included any flight costs or cost of transporting your clubs. If B&B then you will need to pay for evening meals as well. This is to give you an idea of the costings for the trip and the list is not by all means final.

It is also to be noted that The Wootton Cup will be brought forward a month to hopefully get better weather (1st weekend in September)

It was agreed that Steve White will send a survey to all members to get an idea of where members would like to travel to this year.

15. 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 Rob Capener

16. Player of the year.

It was discussed that we should trial a new system for player of the year which will run alongside the current competition. Currently player of the year is based on your best 6 rounds (stableford) over the year, nearly all events are player of the year events.

The Chairman will trial another system whereby points are given to members depending on where they finish in a competition:

- a. 1st place - 15 points
- b. 2nd place - 13 points
- c. 3rd place – 12 points
- d. 4th place – 11 points
- e. And so on.

Proposed by Steve White, seconded by Paul Matthews

AOB.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded and it closed at 20:50.

Peter Bone

Chairman

12th October 2015.

Attachments.

Income and Expenditure