

HAREFIELD PLACE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 4TH MAY 2024

Meeting opened by club President M. Gallagher

Minutes of 2023 AGM were proposed by S. WARD and seconded by M. HENNESSY

Apologies;

K. NEAVE, G. PAYNE, S. KNOLLMAN, T. SIMMONS, P. THORPE, R. BAKER, A. JAMES,
G REYNOLDS

President's address

Mick welcomed everyone to this year's AGM. The turnout was a little low but believes a lower turnout indicated a happy group of members.

Mick introduced the committee team and thanked them for doing a great job, which requires a lot of work behind the scenes and requires all committee members inputs to make the club a great success. He also called out Anne James for her contributions and noted how much she gives to makes all our lives easier.

He then moved on to mention what a successful year the club had last year with Past Captain Steve Littlejohn, and how Steve had also organised the last man standing competition and what a success it had turned out to be. Steve is continuing to run it. which was acknowledged by the attending members and committee members with a round of applause.

Steve wanted to express his thanks to Matt for all the help over the last year and wished him all the best for the future.

Mick provided an update on the present situation concerning the sale of Uxbridge Golf Course it is with the Legal Department and we will be informed accordingly once the sale has been concluded.

Mick gave a quick update on the club tour to Bournemouth, Members wishing to attend Bournemouth this year should make the payment by the 15th May, Given previous experiences of the trip, it was Mick's view that it was excellent for the club and it was going to be a great trip for all the members attending.

Mick referenced the slight decrease in membership numbers this year Mick added that overall, the club is in a good position and offered good luck to this year's Captain, Matt James.

Finally, Mick asked the attending members for approval for the current committee proposed for this year to represent the club. A show of hands to approve the current committee was confirmed by all attending members.

President	Mick Gallagher
Vice President	Peter Thorpe
Treasurer/Secretary	Anne James
Captain	Matt James
Vice-Captain	Robert Thomson
Past Captain	Steve Littlejohn
Handicap Secretary	Zaro Matev
Competition Secretary	Ross Baker
Welfare Officer	Scott Hartley
Junior Organiser	Mick Gallagher

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

"In Anne's absence you should all have a copy of the accounts for the year ending 31st January 2024 which have been examined and signed by Andrew Pibworth.

Although both income and expenses were up for the year due to the fact that all payments, e.g. Entry fees, green fees etc have to be done by the club through the account and not by individuals, we began the financial year with £15,792.54 and finished the year at £15,381.17 more or less even.

Subscriptions were due on the 1st April and are still coming in but we need to declare out total membership to the county on the 1st June when affiliation fees are due.

During the year we have purchased a new laptop for the Competition Secretary Ross Baker.

The Club subsidised the very successful Dinner and Dance 2023 event at the Bull Hotel by £369.25

Andrew Pibworth, Honorary Member, confirmed that he had examined the Accounts and attested that they were correct in all aspects. The presentation of the accounts, prepared by Anne James, was Exemplary, as is normal, and he congratulated and thanked her on behalf of the Club for the work she does.

No questions were raised by those present and the accounts were approved.

Handicap Secretary's Report – Mr Zaro Matev

In Zaro's absence it was reported that he Zaro had sent a Whatsapp message to the membership with all the new rules which the committee felt explained it well.

Competition Secretary's Report – Mr Ross Baker

Ross sent his apologies but had work commitments, Gareth is also still assisting the Competition Secretary, they are both doing a wonderful job in testing times.

Since the beginning of this year including the individual rounds of the winter eclectic, we have held 11 competitions with 9 different winners.

The weather has not been kind to us and the course has been unplayable for this reason we have had a few competitions abandoned, some will hopefully be moved to later in the year. Please check Notice Boards.

Past Captain's address – Mr Steve Littlejohn

Steve thanked Ray, the committee and all the members for the support shown to him during his year as Captain.

We managed to raise £3617 last year with Half going to my chosen charity Michael Sobel House and half to the Club.

It is time for me now to pass the baton onto Matt James who is Captain for this year, who I know will have the full support from the committee and all the members of this great club. Good luck Matt. I hope you will enjoy it as much as I did!!"

Current Captain's address – Mr Matt James

Matt began by thanking outgoing Captain, Steve Littlejohn, for asking him to be Captain and for the great support and handover he had received. Given his newness to the role, all the information he has been provided with, has been very much appreciated, as has the support from Mick and the committee.

Matt would like to thank everyone for all the support he received at his Captains Drive In it raised £565.00, Matts charity this year is Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Matt has entered the club into lots of club competitions this year. He has entered teams in the Bourne Vanneck, Middx Sixes, Clapham and the Siemens Bowl to name a few.. we also have a few members playing in the Top Rock as well.

Matt would like to try and increase the membership but still believes the club is in a strong position and is excited for the year ahead, he would also like to try and win some of the matches whilst giving everyone a chance to represent the club where he can.

Captains' day will be a Caribbean Theme on the 29th June 2024

Matt finished by saying how honoured he feels to be Captain of this great club for the coming year.

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Maurice asked why do we have competitions running over 3 days rather than just 1 day- committee will discuss his request with a view to adopting this for some of the competitions.

Steve Ward asked if we could purchase 3 new flags for the flag pole, St Georges, Union Jack and a Club Flag

Mick Gallagher finally thanked everybody for attending and confirmed that the next AGM will be March 2025.

Meeting closed at – 16.10 hrs.