

HAREFIELD PLACE GOLF CLUB

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 25th May 2020

Due to the restrictions on gatherings due to the unprecedented impact of Covid-19 it was necessary to hold the AGM via email to comply with the Constitution's requirements for the AGM to be held within 15 months of the previous AGM. The Agenda was issued to all members and responses received by 25th May 2020 informed the consensus of the Club.

A quorum was reached.

1. Minutes of 2019 AGM

The Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting held on 16th March 2019 were proposed by Scott Hartley, seconded by Terry Simmons and were approved.

2. Apologies for Absence

None received.

3. Chairman/President's Address

"Last year reminded me that there is nowhere else where you can play golf and enjoy the atmosphere as much as at Harefield Place with its eclectic fun loving members. The committee did a great job last year and the continual influx of new members bodes well for the future.

Covid-19 has affected everyone's golf but normality is returning. The course is in good condition and the green staff now have new machinery and conditions should improve further.

HS2 is progressing and access rights are currently preventing the reinstatement of the course to 18 holes, however, the date for this is getting closer.

Mick Dempsey's captaincy last year was much appreciated and a tough act for Clive Peter (Tiger) to follow but I know Tiger will do a great job and will have the full support of the Club and we wish him well."

4. Secretary/Treasurer's report and Presentation of Accounts for 1 February 2019 to 31 January 2020

"We began the financial year with £9,116.65 against £7,058.61 last year. Annual Subscriptions income was up again from last year.

At the moment there are 82 members but subscriptions were due on 1st April and by the end of next month we should have more idea of how many members will be rejoining the Club.

This year's income is up due to the increased revenue from Annual Subscriptions and monies raised at Captain's Day. Expenses were up due to the purchase of new Club Shirts and food costs because there were more club matches. The amount in the bank as at 31st January 2020 was £13,445.63 but

£2,695 of this is a donation to Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital raised at Mick Dempsey's Captain's Day and which will show in next year's accounts so the current balance after the cheque has cleared will be £10,750.63."

Andrew Pibworth reported as follows:

"I confirm that I carried out a full audit on the accounts covering the period 1st February 2019 to 31st January 2020 and am pleased to report that I have signed the accounts as being true and accurate. It should be noted that two cheques, mainly associated with charitable donations, were issued in January 2020 but had not been cashed as of the end of the accounting period, so will therefore be included in the accounts as of 31st January 2021. All the account details were presented, as usual, in an exemplary fashion, and I would like to thank Mrs Anne James, on behalf of myself and the Committee, for all the work she undertakes for the Club."

5. The Committee's recommendation that the Annual Subscription for 2021/22 be increased to £85 per annum (Seniors (65+) to remain at £40) was approved unanimously.

6. Handicap Secretary's Report

Zaro Matev reported as follows:

"In my first year as Handicap Secretary, I learned a lot, but also tried to make a difference - the club has a new website and a new computer system which allows players to input their scores on the day of playing. This is a requirement of the World Handicap System which will be introduced on 2 November. More information on the WHS will be communicated to members as soon as it becomes available from England Golf. I am currently looking at options for inputting scores from players' phones as unfortunately we're not going to be able to use the new computer system until all pandemic restrictions are lifted."

7. Competition Secretary's Report

"All club competitions were very well supported by members and we had a good spread of winners which is great. Biggest improvement in 2019 has been the timely completion of knock out comps. It is fair to say that everyone now fully understands that the "playing a match by date" means that you have to complete the match by that date. It was only the weather that caused us a few extensions and stopped us completing on time. We did lose a few comps to the weather and in particular at the end of the year this stopped us completing the full fixture list. All in all though the comp sec's life is one that is not too painful and is certainly made easier by the great work that our honorable HC Sec Zaro has put in during the season."

8. Senior Section's Report

Nothing to report this year.

9. Junior Section's Report

Nothing to report this year.

10. Election of Officers

The following proposed committee was put to the meeting and the election of officers was unanimously agreed as:

Office	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
President	Steve Browne	M Gallagher	C Peter
Vice President	Mick Gallagher	S Browne	Z Matev
Treasurer/Secretary	Anne James	S Browne	M Gallagher
Captain	Clive Peter	-	-
Vice Captain	Peter Thorpe	-	-
Past Captain	Mick Dempsey	-	-
Handicap Secretary	Zaro Matev	S Hartley	M Dempsey
Competition Secretaries	Keith Neave Scott Hartley Mick Gallagher	S Browne	M Dempsey

11. Past Captain's Address

Mick Dempsey reported as follows:

"Firstly I would like to thank my predecessor, Justin Moore, for the fine job he did as Captain, and continued to build on the success this club has experienced over the last few years. It has been an honour and privilege to be Captain of this great club, and I have thoroughly enjoyed a wonderful year!

To summarise some of our triumphs of 2019:

Daily Mail Foursomes (C Peter & S Hartley) had a great victory at Gerrard's Cross.

We entered numerous teams into the Top Rock Salver, with great wins by M Gallagher & S Ward.

We had the great opportunity to enter 2 teams into the Clapham Common, with Team B chalking up some fine wins and making it to the Area Semi Finals.

NAPGC Middlesex Sixes made it to the Area Finals by beating Little Hay on the 4th extra play off hole, and lost to our Old Foe (Ruislip) at Pine Ridge

We successfully retained our annual club match v Haste Hill.

My Captain's Day was a great success, thank you to all that contributed, Great Ormond Street Hospital sent a heartfelt letter of gratitude for the funds raised.

I would like to thank all the playing members of this Club that made my Captain's Year a great success. I would like to thank all the members that represented this Club in the matches over the year, well done to all.

Thank you to my fellow committee members that work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep this club moving forward.

I would like to sign off with a big thank you to my Vice Captain, and your new Captain, Clive "Tiger" Peter. A true patron of the club, it was my honour to introduce him as my Vice Captain, I am sure he will take this Club to the next level (once this coronavirus pandemic slows down!)."

12. New Captain's Address

Clive Peter reported as follows:

"We all know this has been a very difficult time these last few months, and possibly more to come, but as these restrictions are lifted, we all still need to be sensible and stay within the guidelines that we have been given. It has been great to see golf resume at Harefield Place on a social basis and I know we're all chomping at the bit to get into competition mode. But until further restrictions are lifted, like proper cups to putt into and being able to play 18 holes, I'm not so sure that we would be giving our competitions any justice in playing them. Let's hope Mick can soon open up the club house which is such a huge part of our lives, it's truly the heartbeat of Harefield Place Golf Club. I know you're all missing that the most!

On a personal note, there has been some talk about myself staying on for another year due to my captain's year being so reduced. I'm honoured to have been given captaincy but I will still be handing over the reigns to Peter Thorpe come 1st January 2021! I'm sure there will be plenty of duties I can do before the end of the year. Stay safe and be positive and patient."