

WARKWORTH GOLF CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Tuesday 23rd November 2021

Present: 21 members plus Officers.

Apologies: apologies were received from the Captain and 6 members.

Minutes of the AGM held Tuesday 26th November 2019:

The minutes were approved as a true record. Proposed J A Gray, Seconded D Metcalf.

Report of the Committee:

The Chair introduced and spoke to his report. He highlighted the progress made by the Club over the previous twelve months including the Franchise of the catering, STRI report, work done on the course and in the clubhouse. He thanked all members for their continuing support.

Annual Accounts:

The Treasurer explained that the audited accounts are not yet available due to on-going staffing problems at the accountants. In their absence he outlined the unaudited figures, commenting on the increased membership, green fee income and he highlighted good control of expenditure such that there would be a surplus sufficient to carry the Club through to the revised membership date of 1 April 2022.

JAG asked if there is any indication of a possible increase in rent in the forthcoming review of the lease. He was advised that as yet there had only been preliminary discussions with the landlord and there had been no mention of rent.

Report of the Match Secretary

The Match Secretary spoke to this and highlighted the successful implementation of the WHS. He mentioned F Bremner being selected to play for the County, the scratch matchplay team and the success of the seniors section in winning the NNL seniors championship. He advised of the introduction of a new NNL handicap league in the 2022 season which will give a further opportunity for members to represent the Club.

Report of the Captain

In the absence of the Captain the Vice-Captain presented the report. He mentioned the difficulties created by the on-going Covid pandemic and the effects it had had on the programme.

He introduced Jeff Potts as the 2022 Vice Captain.

Report of the Lady Captain

This was received. Ms Sue Park was introduced as the 2022 Lady Captain with Ms Christine Baker as her Vice-Captain.

Election of Officers

President:	John A Gray
Chair:	Michael Luces
Treasurer:	George Douglas
Secretary:	Tim Capron
Match Secretary:	Paul Jackson
Committee Members:	Mrs Joan Gray, Mrs Kathleen Dalby, Dave Coates, Dave Metcalf, John Glass, Mrs Penny Lewis.

All were duly proposed and seconded and elected unopposed.

The Chair highlighted that this is to be the final year for the current Secretary and Treasurer and the Club needs to identify individuals willing to take on these positions - ideally in the near future so there can be a smooth transition in 2023.

2020 Subscriptions

The Secretary introduced the Committee recommendation, namely a £15 increase on all classes of membership except juniors.

This recommendation was agreed unanimously.

Update to the Club Constitution

The Proposed revised constitution had been previously circulated. The Chair introduced the item and explained the need to update the Constitution due to the change to the membership year; revisions to the bar license; England Golf's SafeGuarding initiative.

The revised constitution was adopted unanimously.

Member's Items

Tony Garton introduced a proposal that the area to the right of the 5th fairway after the bend in the road be designated as OoB. He explained the reasoning behind this

proposal. A counter proposal from the Committee was presented, namely making the area to the sea side of the road a penalty area. Questions were asked about the implementation of both ideas. The Chair then put to the vote three options

- (i) the area becomes designated OoB
- (ii) the area be designated
- (iii) retain the status quo

The vote was 10/9/3. Accordingly the area will be designated as Out of Bounds. The change will be implemented for the start of the 2022 season.

Member's Donation

The Chair asked the Hon President to introduce this. He stated that Mr George Young, an Honorary Member, had made a generous donation to the Club in memory of his late wife. Mr Young was thanked for his generosity.

The meeting closed at 08.25.