



2023 AGM Minutes

(Covering financial year Nov 2021-Oct 2022)

**11.45hrs on Tuesday 21st February 2023 at Liphook Golf Club
(Attendance also on Zoom)**

PRESENT:

President & Chairman:	A Drayton	(Stoneham)
Past Presidents:	J Moore	(Blackmoor)
	K Maplesden	(Liphook)
Vice-President & Finance Director:	S Williams	(Stoneham)
County Captain:	N Dawson	(North Hants)
Junior Manager:	D Matthews	(Basingstoke)
Jersey GU:	T Gray	(Royal Jersey)
Secretary/Treasurer:	R Arnold	(Hockley)

Also, Judy Andrews (Hampshire Golf), Kate Dymott & Ben Martin (England Golf) & Andrew Griffin (County Press Officer), Jim Robinson, David Wheeler (via Zoom) & Chris Farr (via Zoom).

Affiliated Clubs: Alton, Army, Bishopswood, Blackmoor, Brokenhurst Manor, Corhampton, Hayling, Lee-on-the-Solent, Liphook, North Hants, Old Thorns, Ordnance Survey, Romsey, Royal Jersey, Royal Winchester, Waterlooville, Wellow, Wheatlands, Wickham Park, Worldham.

The meeting commenced at 11:45am

- 1. Introduction** – The President welcomed everyone. We were in receipt of 19 number Postal Votes and wished these to count.
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Apologies had been received from Alresford, Ampfield, Andover, Avington, Barton-on-Sea, Bramshott Hill, Cowes, Gosport & Stokes Bay, Hartley Wintney, La Grande Mare, Leckford, Les Mielles, Osborne, Petersfield, Portsmouth, St Clements, Shanklin & Sandown, Southampton, Southsea, South Winchester, St Pierre, Stoneham, Walhampton & Weybrook Park. Also, David Harrison OBE, Barry Morgan MBE, Tony Cullen, Clive Cole, Bruce Willard, Kevin Weeks, Andy Bow, Matt Blackey, Alan Mew, Guy Merry, Nicky Harden, Mick Marley, Nat Riddett, Toby Burden, Oscar O’Herlihy & Richard Elmes.

3. Minutes of AGM (held on Zoom on Thursday 24th March 2022)

Circulated by email and with the agenda.

Proposed by: The President

Seconded by: John Moore

Unanimously Approved

4. Matters Arising – There were no Matters arising

5. Report from the President (The full report from the President, including the Finance, Captain's, Seniors & Colts Captain & Juniors Manager reports, can be found on the Hampshire Golf Website)

The report had been circulated with the AGM documents. The key areas of success in 2022 were noted as the Colts Team winning the South-East Group Colts League title and Westridge Golf Centre winning the England Junior Champion Club title (the first time in Hampshire, IOW and CI history). On an individual basis Toby Burden's successful season was highlighted, as was Stuart Archibald for winning the Logan Trophy (England Golf's Mid-Amateur title).

There were no questions from the floor relating to the report.

The President verbally added additional comments in respect of Hampshire Golf alumni:

- Best wishes to Sam Hutsby as he attempts to establish himself on the DP World Tour this season.
- Best wishes to Justin Rose following his win at the AT&T at Pebble Beach. Lovely to see ex-Hampshire players doing so well.

The President indicated that this was his fourth and final report as President and wanted to thank the volunteers and employees of Hampshire Golf. The Junior Team led by David Matthews and Chris Farr, the Course Rating Team led by Nicky Harden, the Refereeing Team led by Matt Williams, our WHS Guru, Guy Merry and also the Board.

These are all volunteers that put in a fantastic amount of time on behalf of the County and the President wanted to record his thanks to them all. Lastly, the President thanked Richard Arnold and Chris Harrison for their help and professionalism in the office, and also to David Wheeler for his help and support during his time as County Secretary. Finally, the President wished to thank the outgoing Captain, Neil Dawson, for all his efforts over the last few years also, wishing him well as Captain at North Hants.

The President noted that If Clubs have individuals that might be interested in volunteering for the County, please do let the County Secretary - Richard Arnold - know.

In concluding his report, the President went on to congratulate the Order of Merit Winners for 2022.

- Toby Burden on his retaining the men's County Order of Merit and therefore retaining the Cullen Quaich (Also winning the Cole Scuttle and the Courage Trophy, plus a late season win in the Gerald Micklem Cup at Sunningdale.)
- Congratulations to Oscar O'Herlihy and Peter Scott, both of Basingstoke, for winning the Seniors Scratch and Handicap Order of Merit's respectively.

6. 2022 Accounts & Finance Report.

The Accounts and Report had been emailed to all Clubs.

The President opened the floor questions. There were no questions.

Proposal: to adopt the 2022 Accounts.

Proposed by: The President

Seconded by: Steve Williams

Unanimously approved.

7. 2023/24 Affiliation Fee (due from 1st November 2023).

The Committee recommended that the fee £9.50p remains the same for 2023/24 period.

Proposed by: The Committee

Unanimously approved (one abstention).

8. Approval of Auditors

HWB Chartered Accountants

Proposed by: The Committee

Approved unanimously

9. Appointment of HG Directors (The Board)

To ratify the appointment and election of Directors staying in office for such a period as stated in the Articles of Association, and any new Directors or elected Officers.

Chairman – Steve Williams

Proposed by: The Nominations Committee

Approved unanimously

President – David Wheeler

Proposed by: Alan Drayton

Seconded by: John Moore

Approved unanimously

Captain – Lawrence Cherry

Proposed by: Neil Dawson

Seconded by: Steve Williams

Approved unanimously

10. South-East Group & England Golf Update

South-East Group – The Colts league had now been cancelled and replaced with a 'Challenge league' that is effectively a 1st Team reserves league. The advantages being better opportunities for younger players and training together with 1st team. There are 6 counties in the league, comprising two leagues of three. Otherwise, events remain similar to previous years and there is a full calendar in place for 2023.

England Golf – The Secretary highlighted Development of the National Golf Centre (Woodhall Spa) is still very much a priority for them. Although we are supportive it needs updating, Hampshire men did vote against the proposal at this point. Primary reasons being:

- 1) No confidence it won't come back to Affiliation Fees
- 2) Location poor
- 3) Alternative options not explored well enough to give confidence in the tabled proposal.

Even though Hampshire did vote against, the majority were in favour of the project progressing. The project is with England Golf as they consider its progression.

England Golf have amended the entry procedures into their championships, as a way of trying to combat any potential abuse of the WHS system. It has been changed to include a restriction on General play cards. If more than four are on the players record, this will be 'flagged up', then if the difference between the General play and competition cards is more than two shots, the entry will be refused. It was mentioned that the County were not intending to use the same system as it stands but will monitor the situation. Clubs could use a similar or amended option if they felt necessary, but unfortunately the filter available to England Golf has not been made available to the rest of the Counties or Clubs.

11. Responses to Questions raised by Club Delegates

There had been no questions received in advance. The President did open the floor for questions.

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12. Next AGM

Tuesday 20th February 2024 @ 11.45hrs at North Hants Golf Club.

Meeting closed at 12:20

Signed:

Date:

Alan Drayton
President, Hampshire Golf