



2024 AGM Minutes

(Covering financial year Nov 2022-Oct 2023)

**12.20hrs on Tuesday 20th February 2024 at North Hants Golf Club
(Attendance also on Zoom)**

PRESENT:

President:	D Wheeler	(Brokenhurst Manor)
Chairman:	S Williams	(Stoneham)
Past Presidents:	J Moore	(Blackmoor)
	A Drayton	(Stoneham)
County Captain:	L Cherry	(Stoneham)
Jersey GU:	T Gray	(Royal Jersey)
Guernsey GU:	M Marley	(Royal Guernsey)
IOW:	Ben Guy	(Shanklin & Sandown)
Past Captain:	N Dawson	(North Hants)
Secretary/Treasurer:	R Arnold	(Hockley)
Also, Kate Dymott & James Luke (England Golf) & Andrew Griffin (County Press Officer)		
Affiliated Clubs: Basingstoke, North Hants, Romsey, Rowlands Castle, Blackmoor, Waterloo, Worldham, Wellow, Ordnance Survey, Alresford, Brokenhurst, Royal Jersey, Hartley Wintney, Old Thorns, Paultons, Bramshaw, Hayling, Bishopswood, South Winchester, Wheatlands (Via Zoom), Worldham (Via Zoom), Test Valley (Via Zoom), Cowes (Via Zoom), La Moya (Via Zoom), Barton On Sea (Via Zoom)		

The meeting commenced at 12.15pm

1. Introduction – The President welcomed everyone and a special thank you to North Hants GC for hosting the meeting.

The President asked for a moment silence following the loss of Keith Maplesden, past County Secretary, Treasurer and President.

We were in receipt of a number (5) Postal Votes and the President wished for these to count.

2. Apologies for absence: Apologies had been received from seven clubs:

Les Ormes, Stoneham, Gosport & Stokes Bay, Hockley, Weybrook Park, Southwick Park & Meon Valley

3. Minutes of AGM (held at Liphook on Tuesday 21st February 2023)

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 2023 were noted as the First Team winning the South-East Group League and Final Colts League title. On an individual basis Darren Walkley's successful season was highlighted as winner of the Hampshire Order of Merit, as was the Senior's Order of Merit winner in Alan Mew and Junior's Order of Merit joint winners in Josh Potterton and Tom Conquest.

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

The President thanked Richard Arnold and Chris Harrison

6. 2023 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 2023 Accounts.

Proposed by: The President

Seconded by: Steve Williams

Unanimously approved.

The President noted that Hampshire Golf is transitioning over to using Accountancy Matters to oversee the running of the accounts department and thanked Judy Andrews for all her support and hard work over the years as she steps down from her position.

The President also announced that Steve Williams is stepping down as Finance Director, to concentrate on his role as Chairman. A heartfelt thank you was passed on followed by the announcement that we have found a replacement in James Laird (Stoneham Golf Club). James will be co-opted for this first year and we welcome him to the team.

7. 2024/25 Affiliation Fee (due from 1st November 2024).

The Committee recommended that the fee £9.50p remains the same for 2024/25 period.

Proposed by: The Committee

Unanimously approved.

8. Approval of Auditors

HWB Chartered Accountants

Proposed by: The Committee

Unanimously approved.

9. Appointment of HG Directors (The Board)

There were no appointments on the board for election this year.

10. South-East Group & England Golf Update – given by the Secretary

South-East Group Update

AGM tomorrow in London

Extremely well run and like to record a thank you to Martin McDermott the SEG Secretary for all his hard work,

The SE U18's Championship is being hosted by Hampshire at Hockley this year.

The Leagues remain the same as 2023 for all squads.

England Update

England Golf Centenary Year – Hampshire, as the oldest golf county in England, were one of the 12 founding Counties 100 years ago and I am full of admiration for all they are doing and striving to do in golf. We will be supporting all we can during the Centenary year.

Recently, there was a vote with Woodhall Spa Land Holdings, the group that own Woodhall Spa (originally put together by the men's Counties) to change their articles to reflect equality for the asset. We did support this and vote for the change, but I am slightly surprised to report that clearly a lot didn't, as they did not achieve the 75% required to change the articles.

This has a connection to the National Golf Centre development proposed by England Golf. Although they are very keen to progress with the development of the facilities at Woodhall Spa, EG have said from the start, that they will not progress without the WSLH articles reflecting equality. What happens now.... I have no idea...and will wait to see.

11. Responses to Questions raised by Club Delegates

There had been no questions received in advance. The President invited questions from the floor. There were none.

12. Next AGM

Tuesday 18th February 2025. *After the meeting, the venue was confirmed as Basingstoke GC*

The President ended the meeting by thanking Richard and Chris for all their efforts. The future of the County is looking very strong.

Meeting closed at 12:35pm

Signed:

Date:

David Wheeler
President, Hampshire Golf