

Minutes of the Highwaymen AGM on 9th November 2017 at 14.15.

1.0. Apologies for Absence

There were 14 apologies for absence. Appendix schedules those together with a list of attendees.

2.0 Minutes of previous AGM.

The minutes of the last AGM on the 10th November 2016 were approved.

3.0 Matters arising.

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

4.0 Captain's Report – Ian Greenaway

- Ian started by remembering those members that passed away during the year, Alan Botley, Alan Bean, John Howells, Andrew Serenyi and Terry Russell. Our condolences goes to the families.
- There were 50 Roll ups this year – none lost to bad weather
- Total attendance 2035 – average of just under 41 per roll up (same as last year). Total of 127 different players over the year – 10 more than last year – so it's good news that we are gaining new Highwaymen.
- Most attendances :
Roll Ups : Alan Meyer 43, Gordon Ebbon 41, Laurie Morse 39.
Overall Total (R/U + Matches) : 1st Bill McIntosh - 48; 2nd Gerald Bullock - 44; 3rd Alan Meyer – 43
- Prizes:- 81 members won prizes this year (5 more than last year). Laurie Morse was the main beneficiary with £95 - perhaps the new committee should consider cutting the rollup winner by 4 not 3 !!. Note: Laurie kindly made a donation of £100 to the Captain's Charity. In second place was Alan Meyer with £83. I would just remind Laurie and Alan at this point that the Club Annual Handicap review is coming up in December and I sit on it.
Total of £1,808 in prize money.
- 28 Inter Club matches played – although Leatherhead cancelled their home fixture but we played a one off match at the Army GC – well done to Nigel Deacon for sorting all the Matches
- 4 over 70's matches played – thanks to Maurice for looking after them
A bit more detail in Fixture Sec report
- Competition winners this year were:
 - HWM Championship – Thomas Trophy - Tim Ockenden
 - Best Gross Score (Claret Jug) - Howard Somerville
 - Balgarnie Cup - Robin Tyler
 - Elliott Cup - Laurie Morse
 - Winter Eclectic - Bob Jarvis
 - Kim Short Trophy - Howard Somerville
 - Serenyi Salver - Geoff Harrison
 - Costello Cup - Malcolm Lucas
 - Winter Pairs (Bob Wilkie Shield) - Ian Shilling/Paul Rozier
 - Staunton Memorial - Richard Carlson/Alan Dowsett
 - Baxter Trophy – Evelyn Somerville/Margaret Lawson/Gerald Bullock/Paul Buchanan.
 - Chris & Derek Thomas Bowl/Joan Bird/Tony Lawson
 - Committee Cup – Gerald Bullock.
 - Patricia Baxter – HWM defeated the ladies – obviously the non-playing Captain played a huge part in this win and claiming back the PB Trophy from the Ladies – so tragically lost last year

(Gerald). Chris be aware with the Congu changes we might have many ladies playing off handicaps a lot greater than 36 next year and no doubt will come up with a tee even nearer to the greens than the blues !!

I would like to express my thanks to:

- Peter Christmas, Paul Buchanon and Tim Ockenden for helping with manning the Roll Up desk and Tim for giving up time to take such professional photos – although he still couldn't make me look photogenic !!
- Gerald Bullock for organising the Men's Invitation I am sure the Club Captain will be on the phone again asking you to do it again next year
- The Club Captains were very grateful for our £1,000 donation to their Charity (Children with Special Needs)
- Gerald, Maurice and Roger Smith for organising the HWM tour this year to St Pierre – an excellent event, very well received, so much so that the places for next year's St Pierre tour are already completely sold out.
- All my committee for their support during the year and for their individual duties – a lot of hard work goes on by the committee.
- Richard Snook – all social events incl. Autumn Dinner & Christmas Dinner & events with the Ladies & sorting menus for Matches
- Bill McIntosh – competitions
- Maurice Manning – writing the Parish Notices and checking & publishing the rollup results.
- Nigel Deacon – match secretary
- Chris Dalton – treasurer
- Roger Smith – secretary
- Gerald Bullock – looking after the HWM Diary
- I would particularly like to thank Chris and the other members of the Committee for standing in for me in the last 6 or so months when I was ill and unable to play golf – I only managed to play in 7 of the 28 Inter-Club matches and I really missed playing "a round" with the Ladies.
- Looking back at my introductory remarks at last year's AGM, I said that we should continue to promote friendly golf and be inclusive of all HWM – hopefully you agree that we have achieved that.
- I also asked that we all support the Pace of Play initiative that Chris Pritchard had championed and show courtesy by letting people through if needs be. Now I had one or two occasions when I had to remind HWM – but recently I think that everyone has got the message and latterly I haven't had as many moans about rounds being too long. Please keep it up.
- Finally may I say it has been an honour to serve as Highwaymen Captain and I am sure the new Captain will get the support that I have had. Thank you

5.0 Treasurer's Report – Chris Dalton.

- Chris Dalton presented the accounts for the year ending 31st October 2017.
- The HWM fund at end of year stood at £2,925.05 compared with £2,343.77 at this time last year.
- Total income was £10,333.37, which was slightly lower than previous year and total expenditure was £9,852.09, leaving a surplus of £481.28.
- Event income at £6,942.85 was a little higher than last year with costs at £7,042.10 resulted in a small deficit of £99.85. A detailed events breakdown was included in the account.
- Income from rollups was £2,208.00 slightly up from last autumn £2,020.00
- Once again the HWM donated £1000.00 to the Captains charity.
- Charity collections and donations increased this year to £374.30, up from £165.00 last year.
- CD noted and thanked all for adopting the bank payment arrangement which made the accounting system more efficient.
- CD noted that as he will be this years incoming Captain the roll of Treasurer will be taken over by Maurice Manning. Many thanks to Maurice for volunteering.
- The accounts were approved by a unanimous raise of hands. All thanked Chris for the hard work undertaken over the past years.

6.0 Match Secretary's Report, Presented by Ian in Nigel's absence.

- The results achieved overall this season have exceeded our expectations and produced one of our better years. We ended up ahead of the pack, as we hoped but lost a couple of late home matches but our away form was excellent.
- Overall results were :-
Won 13, lost 10, halved 5. At home we had 10 wins and lost 4. Away results were 3 wins, 4 halved and 7 lost, so a good record.
- We had 49 players in our teams throughout the year and I would like to thank each and everyone of you for participating and hope that you enjoyed it and will continue to join the teams next year.
- We'd had a close match against the WGC staff, but just losing 2 1/2. – 1 1/2.
- The most Match attendees this year were:- Paul Carter – 24, Bill McIntosh – 18, Maurice Manning, Tony Castelo, Nigel Deacon, all 17. Well done to all.
- Ian noted that he will be publishing an electronic calendar again this year which will cover all match dates.
- Maurice sent us a report on the over 70's matches. There were 4 matches, home and away to Test Valley and Merrist Wood. We won 3 and lost 1, the first one we have ever lost. A total of 14 members played at least once with Colin Leader and Terry Kendall playing 4 and Brough Girling playing 3.
- The meeting gave a vote of thanks to Nigel Deacon for all his great work during the year.

7.0 Election of Committee Members.

- No nominations were received and so the committee remains unchanged. Ian as past Captain is co-opted to general duties and as previously noted Maurice takes over as Treasurer in addition to the great work done with the Parish notices.

8.0 Appointment of Captain – 2017/18.

- Chris Dalton was appointed unanimously as Captain for 2017/18.

9.0 New Captains Introductory Address – Chris Dalton.

- Firstly I would like to thank the Committee and Ian in particular for putting me forward for vice-captain last year and of course you the membership for electing me as the HWM Captain for 2017/18, (it was tough Campaign, against all those other candidates). I can assure you that I will do my best to represent your interests as members of the HWM Section.
- It is customary for the in coming captain to thank the out going captain for all his hard work. But I want to say a little bit more than that, I want to say that Ian has been an excellent captain, and has done an excellent job, leading from the front.... and this has been against a background, over several months, of having to deal with a number of serious health issues - and yet he has continued, not only to be involved in most activities, but attending main club committee meetings, chairing our HWM committee meetings, and continuing to administer and maintain the various admin functions, such as handicaps, which have had and are having major changes, even attending rollups to announce the results when he hasn't been able to play.... your attitude Ian has been extremely positive and I am sure I speak for everybody in wishing you well for a full recovery.
- Looking forward, I am pleased to say that all the current committee members are happy to stay on for the coming year, all of whom are very committed in their various roles, they support each other and do a grand job. You will be pleased to know that Maurice Manning is taking over as Treasurer, I have to say that Maurice has always been there for me to call on for advise during my three years in the job, so I'm very pleased that he has accepted the role again, he will also continue producing the Parish Notices which we all appreciate. Ian - as past Captain is staying on the committee.... by the way we missed the rush of applications to join the committee again this year, I would urge you to consider it in the future.... whilst it's a commitment I think many of you would find it very interesting and rewarding to be more involved.
- Vision.... Our Objective remains the same "To Promote Friendly Social Golf and be inclusive of all HWM members"... As my predecessor Ian said a year ago, "If it aint broke don't fix it" and that's the

way I see it.... with one exception, one which I want to address in the coming year, and that is how we collect monies for various functions and or weekly roll ups. I know this is a contentious subject for some members but reducing the handling of cash is the way forward and I believe we must discuss the issue, see what the concerns are... see if we can address those concerns and move forward.....watch this space.

- Finally, thank you again for electing me as your Captain - I am looking forward to a good year. The first major event is the Annual Christmas Dinner on Friday 15th Dec so please sign up to what will be, as always a great evening...Oh and don't forget to get your raffle prize donations in before that date.

10.0 AGM proposals

- Replace current constitution with more relevant and flexible Rules & Guidelines document. This has come about whilst trying to incorporate changes to Congu rules for handicaps, and the committee members considered the current constitution cumbersome as any necessary changes could only be implemented at the annual AGM.
A document shall be prepared and posted later next year.
This proposal was accepted by the members.
- The second proposal to increase the rollup fee from £3 to £4 was withdrawn.

11.0 AOB.

- Ian raised the issue with Congu introducing a new Category 5 for men (28 to 36) and Category 6 (36 to 54) and removing Club handicaps from 1/01/18. This means that players maxing out at 28 will go up 0.1 if not in the buffer zone. Potentially this could mean players on handicap of 54 playing in our fields of competition (whether these be new members or existing members). Ian noted that the main club handicap committee were reviewing the new rules and would report later in the year. As HWM we will follow the club committee ruling.
- Much concern was raised by the members as to how the system will actually operate with potentially huge differences in the strokes given. Ian noted that existing winter HWM competition rules will not need to be changed. The first HWM Comp to be potentially impacted is the Elliott Cup which starts at the end of March 2018. However the club committee will monitor the situation as from the 1st Jan and determine how to implement the new Congu changes. We can then see if we can follow the clubs lead.

No other business was raised, so the meeting was declared closed.

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Appendix 1. Apologies for absence and list of attendees.

Apologies:- James Appelbe, Chris Jardine, Maurice Manning, Dugald Macpherson, Howard Somerville, John Moynihan, Nigel Deacon, Bill McIntosh, Malcolm Lucas, Kam Patel, Robert Turpie, Tony Tilly, Graham Robertson, Peter Christmas.

Attendees:- Dave Barnett, Alan Dowsett, Paul Carter, Alan Culley, Terry Kilbane, Terry Kendall, David Preece, Gordon Ebbon, Graham Woodfine, Paul Rozier, Alan Millican, David Head, Roger Smith, Gerald Bullock, Paul Buchanan, Bob Jarvis, Jim Kircher, Norlan McIntyre, David Gray, Laure Morse, Ian Greenaway, Robin Tyler, Derek Thomas, Tony Castelo, John Peasgood, George Baker, Brough Grilling, John Massey, Tim Ockenden, Robin Hampton, Alan Myer, Richard Ewington, Colin Leeder, Alan Akhurst, Geoff Lloyd, Peter Handley, David Giles, Richard Snook, Chris Dalton.

