

Golden Lion Golf Society

Meeting at RCGC on **24th November 2021**

Present : Captain Kirk , Treasurer Dave W, Mick W, Immediate Past Captain Dan , Graham G (snr) , Karl F, Des A, Nigel A, Bryn & Steve W, Steve D, Tom H, Ian T, Nigel M, Brian A...and me !

Apologies recorded from : Pete F, Dave E, Andy D , Darren G, Jason G, James M, Pat S, Eric B, Dave B, Steve G , Dave A and Stuey K.

MW opened meeting at 7.30 noting fact that out of a membership of 40 less than half present and roughly a third had neither bothered to turn up nor even apologise.

Led to general discussion (both from outset and resurfaced at various points throughout the meeting!) thatsame old faces present /missingpoor support both at meetings and events like recent presentation dinnerthere is more to being a member than just paying the annual subs ...if sign up for the monthly golf events could offer to help on the day should there be some form of minimum attendance requirement etc, etc....

Treasurer Dave:

1. Expressed thanks to **Des A** (and Paula!) for organising the Raffle at Presentation Dinner and to **Tom H** for helping push ticket sales resulting in a £374 profit.
2. Presented some accounts and stated that once monies have been tallied up post presentation dinner (which had been slightly subsidised) and following order of new shirts the Society should have a balance of approaching £1k to carry forward .

Captain Kirk:

1. Was pleased to announce – that following the withdrawal of original nominee – **Karl F** has agreed to step in as **Vice-Captain** .
2. Announced that after listening to various points of view it has been decided that the year will officially start (as normal) from the Bunny Run ...therefor the Hamptworth outing , upcoming trip to Old Thorns and anything organised in early 2022 will be treated as social golf events and not count in the OOM's.

Steve D and others advocated that (weather permitting) there should be some events organised in Jan, Feb, March to try to keep the post lockdowns momentum going.

There may be opportunity to get the singles/doubles comps up and running from Feb/March.

3. Advised that he is in contact with various members about organising provisional **calendar** of events for next year which he hopes to get up on the Website shortly :
 - (a) as noted at last meeting is increasingly difficult to get W/E bookings at affordable prices.
 - (b) with leavers and new joiners there are spaces in calendar for new sponsors/events – if interested or have ideas please speak SK.

4. Named **PAPYRUS** (Prevention of youth suicide) as the charity he wishes to support this year. In the UK Suicide is apparently the biggest cause of death annually of young people aged under 35. For more info www.papyrus-uk.org

A.O.B

1. New Shirts - Dan C confirmed have been ordered and will hopefully arrive soon .

2. Handicaps – general discussion about whether to switch to a new system under new World Handicap Rules OR stick with previous Society system (essentially any prospective member joining Society with a club handicap is docked 2 shots and if not a club member then is assessed following submission of 3 cards) .

Consensus view was to stay with latter system- but possibly with a review of all existing members handicaps taking account of 2 year layoff etc before the Bunny Run.

New H/C committee charged with conducting such review to comprise Captain and V-C with one lay member- it was suggested **Pete F** if he willing.

3.Website - Dave W made the point that the Website is effectively an advertisement board for which the Society pays a Monthly hosting fee .Whilst the new Watts App group is a useful communication tool , it is essential that all members log on and check website on a regular basis.

4.Social events – Mick W announced no progress had been made on proposed 17th December get together so that has unfortunately been cancelled.

Des A and **Bryn W** (proposed by SK and seconded by GG) nominated to form a Social Committee with a view to trying to get some events organised in 2022.

5. Meetings

It was agreed that there should be another formal meeting early 2022 , well before Bunny Run- to finalise calendar etc – date to be confirmed.

Dave W reported that he had been approached with an offer to hold future meetings at a local hostelry and **Sean K** also mentioned the “Workies” as a possible venue - but view of meeting was that with ample free parking and discounted drinks RCGC remained favourite.

Meeting Closed 9pm

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