

Golden Lion Golf Society

AGM held at LPWMC on 23rd February 2022

Apologies recorded from 5 members: Pete F, Dave E, James M, Eric B and Steve G

Present: 32 in total - Captain Kirk ,Treasurer Dave W, Chairman Mick W, Secretary (Me !), VC Karl F , IPC Dan C , Ashtons x 3 , Whitears x 2 , Davis x2, Graham G , Stuey K, Luke K, Malc G, Dave B , Jason G , Pat S ,Dave M , Ian T, Lester J, John O, Tom H, Mark M, Darren G, new member Andy Berks plus 4 joiners Nick Clancy , Lee Roberts, Richard Yeardley and Steve May .

MW opened meeting at 7.30pm requesting that Members show some restraint in their conduct and outbursts during the meeting, welcomed everyone including the joiners and remarked on the good turnout and then called Dougie Anderson, Chairman of LPWMC to say a few words.

History lesson - for newer members like myself not aware of the background - the Society apparently had its roots in the WMC before a fallout involving the Wrights/Ashtons led to a move (and name change!) to the Golden Lion pub before a fallout involving the Ashtons/Wright's ... (the keen eyed amongst you might have spotted a trend!) led move to RCGC (but without changing name).

Dougie Anderson opined that the past was long forgotten that there are still trophies held at the Club and was great shame (and significant loss of Revenue to LPWMC!) that the link had been broken and stated that he was keen to do anything within his power to welcome back the Society in the future for any functions etc.

Having been agreed that, as only confirmed last September, the existing Officers would continue in post through to the 2023 AGM MW moved the meeting on to Reports

The Secretary (Robin not Robert!) reported that:

- (i) both the outline Events Calendar and Minutes of last meeting have been on the website for some time and emphasised to the joiners (and reminded wider membership) the importance of logging onto and checking the site for updates, and
- (ii) Sign up lists are being circulated for the singles and Doubles Competitions and also for friendly match at Hill Barn 26/3

The Treasurer (Dave W):

- (i) confirmed, as the only one with access to posting on the Website, has updated Members Contact lists but invited Members to check and confirm their details.
- (ii) produced a brief account showing rolling balance of approximately £1200 required to be able pay deposits in advance for bookings etc,
- (iii) Confirmed separately holds on behalf of the captains nominated Charity (Papyrus) the £6K + earned from the Race Night
- (iv) after general discussion when it was agreed that Subs for year be set at £20 invited Members to pay asap.

Captain Kirk;

- (i) again, commented upon and thanked Members for their attendance,
- (ii) thanked the Secretary for producing the agenda and his efforts in getting the outline events Calendar published and made the point that there are still openings for additional

events and sponsors to step forward including now for the Doubles comp following Brian A and Nigel M's retirement from the Section.

- (iii) confirmed that once he had the sign-up lists back, he would be doing the Draw for the Singles and Doubles Competitions reminding Members that there is a £2pp entry fee.
- (iv) looked forward to seeing a good turn out both for the friendly event at Hill Barn and the Bunny Run official year start at Wickham.

IPC (Dan C) confirmed that was taking details of anyone wanting shirts/tops following the swap around amongst members with view to placing a further order with Druids.

Following a welcome LPWMC Sausage and Chip sandwich food break **MW** moved the meeting on.

Social Committee - Des A and Bryn W confirmed - as already set out in outline Events calendar that they are planning a series of social activities throughout the year, to include partners, the next being possibly on or about 2nd April – details to be confirmed.

In addition, Graham G announced looking at possibility of holding a formal Summer Ball at RCGC towards end of August.

Handicaps - It was noted and generally well received that Pete F had done a good job producing a proposed Handicaps list (posted on website) based on an amalgam of previous society handicaps following the 2019 turkey Trot with an adjustment taking account of Covid Lockdowns and introduction of the WHS. The intention would then be to apply old Society rules to those figures perhaps with a review after 1st three events. Two or three members only seemed dissatisfied with this process and were invited to air their grievances in private with the H/c committee before the year start. It was confirmed that the H/C committee for the year would comprise Pete F, VC Karl F and Graham G with detached and objective input from new joiner Nick Clancy.

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- (i) It was suggested that we try to aim to meet regularly perhaps on the 1st Wednesday of each month and the possibility of returning again to LPWMC as a venue was mooted by MW and DW.
- (ii) Captain Kirk confirmed that John O had won £25 in the blackout - who promptly paid his subs and donated the surplus £5 back to the charity!
- (iii) MW reported on the demise of past member Micky Walker and gave details of his funeral arrangements.

MW closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

R.P. Keeler