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Minutes of the GGU Annual General Meeting held at Greenmeadow GC
Tuesday 19th February 2019

1) IN MEMORIAM:

Before commencing the meeting the Chairman asked for the names of those Gwent Golf Club Captains who had passed away since the last AGM and requested those present to stand in a moments silence in their memory:

Mr. Brian Hinks	Past Captain, Bryn Meadows GC & Newport GC	
	Past Chairman & Past President Gwent Golf Union	
Mr. Tony Croke	Past Captain	Dewstow GC
Mr. Keith Meyrick	Past Captain	Dewstow GC
Mr. Nick Davies	Past Captain	Dewstow GC
Mr. Brian Bradley	Past Captain	Greenmeadow GC
Mr. D.G. Allen	Past Captain	Monmouth GC
Mr. Ken Brown	Past Captain	Monmouth GC
Mr. Glyn Michael	Past Captain	Pontnewydd GC
Mr. Cliff Morris	Past Captain	St. Mellons GC
Mr. Jim Young	Past Captain	St. Mellons GC
Mr. Bill Tyers	Past Captain	Tredegar Park GC

2) APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Mr. Mike Buckley, Mr. Tony Groves, Mr. Andrew Ritter, Mr. Russell Webb

There were 7 Gwent clubs represented at the meeting : Blackwood, Bryn Meadows, Greenmeadow, Monmouthshire, Newport, St. Pierre, Tredegar & Rhymney

3) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM at Greenmeadow Golf Club on Tuesday 27th February 2018 were approved as a true record.

Proposed: Alistair Pannell

Seconded: Chris Waite

4) MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5) REPORTS

a) Honorary Secretary
Membership

Total membership recorded for 2018 was 6550 which was an increase of 137 on that for 2017.

Junior membership for 2018 was 296 one less than that for 2017 and which is 4.4 % of the overall membership. Having lost Dewstow in 2016 we have now lost Raglan Parc in 2018 which could impact on our membership numbers in the future.

b) Honorary Treasurer

The Honorary Treasurer stated that it gave him great pleasure to report on the state of the Union's finances.

Income and Expenditure Account

Income

- 1) Subscriptions showed a slight increase from that of £31,547 in 2017 to £32,158 in 2018 which as the Honorary Secretary has already reported was due to an increase in membership.
- 2) The competition entry fees were £661 for 2018 up from nil in 2017 due to the Strokeplay competition not being held in 2017.
- 3) County Seniors Championship – income from this is down from £980 to £585. The Hon Treasurer thanked the organisers for running this event each year which provides the Union with a good source of income.
- 4) Sponsorship of £250 was received from Cheshire & Co. for their sponsorship of the Inter Club Leagues.
- 5) Total income has increased from £32,534 in 2017 to £33,674 in 2018

Expenditure

- 1) **Catering and Match Expenses** – this relates to the mens Channel League, Wessex League, and Seniors Channel League match expenses and has shown an increase from £10,472 in 2017 to £10,906 in 2018.
- 2) **Prizes, Cups & Engraving** – this has shown a slight increase from £1,541 in 2017 to £1,612 in 2018.
- 3) **Ties, Badges, and Clothing** – this is the cost of purchasing team ties, shirts and sweaters for the teams and has increased from £1,390 in 2017 to £1,433 in 2018.
- 4) **Junior Section** – this is the cost of Junior Channel League match expenses for U16 and U18 teams, and the Severnside Tournament and includes mini bus hire for away matches. The cost of coaching the U16 and U18 squads undertaken by Joe Vickery and the coaching of Gwent club juniors carried out by Paul Mayo. This has gone up from £3,332 in 2017 to £5,968 in 2018. The Juniors are the future of Gwent golf and a significant investment is being made in their coaching.
- 5) **Telephone, Printing, Stationery and Sundries** – this covers the cost of printing the Fixture Posters, Fixture Cards, and County Cards. Stamps, envelopes and photocopying. This cost has reduced from £1,403 in 2017 to £1,089 in 2018.
- 6) **Annual Dinner Subsidy** – The county no longer hold an Annual Dinner so there was no expenditure incurred in 2018.

- 7) **Officials Expenses** – This covers expenses incurred by County Officials attending away County matches and includes accommodation and travel expenses and attending Channel League meetings and has gone up from £111 to £1,143.
- 8) **Coaching and Equipment** – This is the cost of golf balls for the various teams and has increased from £1,085 in 2017 to £1,484 in 2018.

The net effect of the above has resulted in a surplus of £6,452 for the year as compared to a surplus of £9,157 in 2017.

Balance Sheet

Fixed Assets – The fixed assets have increased from £412 in 2017 to £690 in 2018. This was due to the purchase of a new laptop computer for the League Secretary to process the counties inter club leagues.

Current Assets – Stocks have increased from £943 to £1,039 and reflects the amount of clothing, shirts and sweaters etc. held in stock.

Cash at Bank – this has increased from £32,839 to £40,462 and reflects the surplus that was made during the year and has resulted in an increase in our bank balance.

Creditors – The amount of £2,204 was expenditure which was incurred in 2018 but not paid until after the year end.

The net of the above for the year is reflected in the increase in the Balance Sheet from £33,534 to £39,986 and is the Accumulated Fund for the year.

The Honorary Secretary submitted the accounts for approval.

As there were no questions on the accounts the Chairman asked for a proposer and seconder to approve the accounts.

Proposed: Gary Musto

Seconded: Nigel Collins

c) League Secretary

The League Secretary, Mr. Nathan Price opened his report by stating that we had a very successful league season last year owing to the good summer and all divisions were completed on time

Newport First team were the league champions and the following teams were division winners and runners up

Newport I	County Champions 2018
St. Pierre I Woodlake Park I	Div. 2 Champions Promoted
Newport IV Tredegar Park I	Div. 3 Champions Promoted
Bryn Meadows I Woodlake Park II	Div. 4 Champions Promoted
Newport V Bryn Meadows II	Div. 5 Champions Promoted
Tredegar & Rhymney I Greenmeadow IV Greenmeadow III	Div. 6 Champions Promoted Promoted

Our Champions Newport First Team went on to play Glamorgan Champions, Radyr, at Radyr Golf Club. Radyr won the match and are the Inter County Challenge Cup winners for 2018. Owing to the League Secretaries of both Glamorgan and Gwent finding it difficult to find a venue to host this match in October it was decided that the home counties winning club should host the competition.

Finally I would like to take the opportunity to say that everything is in hand for the coming season.

d) Match Secretary

The Match Secretary Mr. Roger Floyd gave the following report.

Channel League

The County 1st Team had a very disappointing season, finishing bottom in the Channel League winning only one game,

Wessex League

The County 2nd Team finished second to Glamorgan in the Wessex League with one win, one draw, and one defeat thus resulting in a reasonable season.

Seniors Channel League

Gwent Seniors finished in 5th place in the Seniors Channel League, winning two matches, halving one and losing three. A disappointing season.

The 2019 Channel League matches commence on Sunday 28th April with a home match against Cornwall at Llanwern and support for the team would be very welcome.

The Chairman remarked that it was disappointing that some Gwent players weren't making themselves available for county Channel League and Wessex League matches and he explained that the Executive with the help of the League Secretary were attempting to identify all those players who could contribute to county team golf but chose not to do so. A questionnaire was distributed to all club team captains to establish what were the reasons for players not making themselves available. The reasons given were currently being looked into by the Executive and will be responded to in the near future.

There followed an open discussion on the matter with input from the council members.

e) Championship Secretary

The Championship Secretary Mr. Ray Hughes reported on the 2018 Gwent Championships and he thanked all clubs who gave the county their courses to host these events.

The Cock 'o' North was played at Newport G.C. and was won by the Monmouthshire GC pair of Stuart Ritchie and David O'Connell with a net 60. The winners and runners-up were entered into the Woodlake Park Charity Day.

The GGU Strokeplay Championship for 2018 was held at the Celtic Manor Roman Road Course and was won by Matt Underwood of the Celtic Manor with scores of 65/74 total 139.

The Matchplay Championship also held at the Celtic Manor was won by David Barrell of Llanwern who defeated Matt Underwood in the final.

The GGU Handicap Team Championship which was held at Tredegar Park GC was won by the Celtic Manor team of Oliver Moss, Craig Kerrigan, Kieran Gallagher, and Steve Digweed with a stableford score of 154 points. One player scored 45 points and another had 41 points.

The first 3 teams qualify for the Welsh Inter Club Team Championship in 2019 at the Celtic Manor. Two teams failed to turn up for the competition and one team only had three players.

The GGU Team Championship was abandoned on two separate occasions due to torrential rain causing course closure and little time left in the season to rearrange for a third time.

The GGU Seniors Strokeplay Championship was held at Bryn Meadows GC where there was a very good response from home club members who entered on the day.

The Seniors Strokeplay Champion for 2018 was Colin Haywood of St. Pierre GC with a gross 78.

The Over 70's Seniors Champion for 2018 was Alan Beard of Pontnewydd GC with a gross 83.

f) Boys Secretary

BOYS STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

The Gwent Boys Strokeplay Championship was held at Greenmeadow Golf Club on Monday 30th July.

Under 14 Champion 2018 JAMES DRURY GREENMEADOW Gross 79 (18 Holes)

Under 16 Champion 2018 HARRY PATERSON St. PIERRE Gross 73,75 = 148

OVERALL STROKEPLAY CHAMPION 2018

HARRY PATERSON St. PIERRE Gross 73,75 = 148

There were only 17 entries for the Boys Strokeplay Championship.

BOYS MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

The boys Matchplay Champion for 2018 is Cameron Powell of Monmouthshire GC who defeated Harry Paterson of St. Pierre by 2 & 1 in the final.

In the Central Wales Boys Championship, Edward Price of Newport finished in 4th place with scores of 73, 76 total 149.

In the SWBGA Strokeplay Championship Ioan Jones of the Celtic Manor won with scores of 71, 75 total 146.

In the SWBGA Matchplay Championship Ieuan Phillips of Newport defeated Dan Bearcroft of Llanwern in the final.

JUNIOR CHANNEL LEAGUE

In the U16 Channel League Gwent boys finished in 3rd place having played 4, won 2 and lost 2.

In the U18 Channel League Gwent also finished in 3rd place having played 4, won 2 and lost 2.

In the Severnside Tournament Gwent finished in third place having lost to Gloucestershire in their first match they defeated Worcestershire in their 2nd match and halving their final match against Glamorgan who were the overall winners.

The Gwent junior leagues were not played in 2018.

Having agreed to change the format from one where teams of 3 played straight matchplay against each other off full handicap it was proposed that the format be changed to one of fourball better ball with teams of four players

