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Minutes of the GGU Annual General Meeting held at Greenmeadow GC
Tuesday 11th February 2020

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. Mike Buckley	Past Honorary Secretary	Gwent Golf Union
	Past President	Gwent Golf Union
Mr. John Irvine	Past Captain	Newport GC
Mr. David Adams	Past Captain	West Monmouthshire GC
Mr. John Holland	Past Captain & Past President	St. Pierre GC

1a) Mr. Robert Martin, Wales Golf Representative addressed the meeting and announced that Wales Golf were presenting an update on the World Wide Handicapping System in March 2020 for golf club delegates. Each club were allowed 4 delegates to attend these meetings. Mr. Martin distributed a sheet identifying the dates and venues for these meetings and how to register.

2) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from:

Mr. Tony Groves, Mr. Nathan Vivian-Price, Mr. Peter Richardson, Mr. Steve Browning

There were 12 Gwent clubs represented at the meeting.

3) **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM**

The minutes of the previous AGM at Greenmeadow Golf Club on Tuesday 19th February 2019 were approved as a true record.

Proposed: Ray Chilten

Seconded: Robert Martin

4) **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5) **REPORTS**

a) **Honorary Secretary**
Membership

Total Membership recorded for 2019 was 6155 which was a decrease of 395 on that for 2018. The loss of Raglan Parc in 2018 was a major factor in this decrease and the membership fluctuations at the Celtic Manor was also a contributory factor.

Junior boy members were reported as 258 for 2019 which was a reduction of 38 on that reported for 2018. This figure is particularly disappointing as most clubs are striving to attract more juniors into golf. The junior membership for 2019 is 4.19% of the overall membership.

b) Honorary Treasurer

Mr. Robert Ware introduced himself as the Acting Treasurer and would be reporting on the County finances for the year ending 30th November 2019. Mr Ware stated that he had an accountancy background and was also the counties Seniors Captain.

Income and Expenditure Account

Income

- 1) Affiliation fees showed a decrease from that of £32,158 in 2018 to £30,259 which as the Honorary Secretary has already reported was due in the main to the loss of Raglan Parc in 2018.
- 2) The competition entry fees were £560 for 2019 down from £661 in 2018 and were the entry fees from the mens Strokeplay Championship.
- 3) County Seniors Championship – this event was not held in 2019 due to lack of entries and shows a zero income.
- 4) Sponsorship was not received in 2019 and thus shows zero income.
- 5) Bank Interest is the interest earned on the Unions Business Notice Account.
- 6) Total income has decreased from £33,674 in 2018 to £30,861 in 2019.

Expenditure

- 1) **Catering and Match Expenses** – this relates to the mens Channel League, Wessex League, and Seniors Channel League match expenses and fluctuates year on year depending on the venues of the matches. Next year both the Channel League and Seniors teams are away to Devon and Cornwall and will incur hotel, meals, and travel expenses which will see this figure increase substantially.
Expenditure was £7,772 in 2019 compared to £10,906 for 2018
- 2) **Prizes, Trophies & Engraving** – this has shown a slight decrease from £1,612 in 2018 to £1541 in 2019.
- 3) **Team Clothing** – this is the cost of purchasing clothing for the teams and has decreased from £1,433 in 2018 to £1,364 in 2019.
- 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 £3,830 reported as expenditure looks as if there has been a saving on the previous year but the Coaching and Equipment sum of £2160 should be included in this section as this is the amount spent on coaching the juniors.
- 5) **AGM Costs** – this is the amount spent on providing a buffet for the Trophy Presentation which follows the AGM and was introduced in 2019 for the first time.

- 6) **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 increased from £1,089 in 2018 to £1,222.
- 7) **Officials Honoraria** – all the Officers and Team Captains of the Union receive an honorarium to cover the cost and time they spend organising county events and increased from £2,800 to £2,900.
- 8) **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 decreased from £1,143 to £925.
- 9) **Professional Fees** – this is the accountant fees for preparing the Annual Accounts and has reduced from £617 in 2018 to £575 in 2019.
- 10) **Donations** – this is the amount that the county donates as entry fees for the winners and runners up of the Cock ‘o’ North to a charity golf event each year and is £100.
- 11) **Coaching and Equipment** – 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 increased from £1,484 in 2018 to £2,160 in 2019.
- 12) **Depreciation** – this is the depreciation of the assets which the county own. A new laptop PC was purchased for the League Secretary in 2018 so this amount has increased from £71 in 2018 to £103 in 2019.

The net effect of the above has resulted in a surplus of £7,770 for the year as compared to a surplus of £6,451 in 2018.

Balance Sheet

Fixed Assets – The fixed assets have decreased from £690 in 2018 to £586 in 2019.

Current Assets – Stocks have decreased from £1,039 to £792 and reflects the amount of clothing, shirts and sweaters etc. held in stock.

Cash at Bank – this has increased from £40,462 to £47,308 and reflects the surplus that was made during the year and has resulted in an increase in our bank balance.

Current Liabilities – The amount of £929 was expenditure which was incurred in 2018 but not paid until after the year end. This was the Seniors team travel expenses for 2018.

The net of the above for the year is reflected in the increase in the Balance Sheet from £39,987 to £47,757 and is the Accumulated Fund for the year.

The Acting Treasurer asked if there were any questions on the accounts.

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

Proposed: Mike Hanner

Seconded: Nigel Collins

c) **League Secretary**

The League Secretary Mr. Nathan Price had reported to the Honorary Secretary that everything was in place for the coming season. Monmouth golf club had recently withdrawn

from Division 6 so there were some adjustments to be made there with the fixtures in Division 6.

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 1 game, halving 1 and losing 4. This has been a testing time for new captain Robert Smith and he is hoping to prepare his team for the coming season which commences with a home match against Glamorgan at Monmouthshire GC on Sunday 24th May.

Wessex League

The County 2nd Team finished last in the Wessex League with 1 win, and 2 defeats. While the other counties in the league could only win 1 match apiece, they secured halved matches to put themselves above Gwent. Their season gets under way with a home match against Somerset at Greenmeadow GC on Sunday 5th April.

Seniors Channel League

Gwent Seniors had established a strong position in the Seniors Channel League half way through the season but unfortunately some close results in the final 2 matches against Devon and Gloucestershire went against Gwent and defeat in a rearranged suite of singles games against Wiltshire gave Wiltshire their only win of the season. The Seniors commence their season with a home match against Wiltshire at Newport GC on Monday 4th May.

The Chairman remarked that Gwent had 2 new captains who had taken over the county 1st team and the Wessex league team in 2019.

Robert Smith of the Celtic Manor is the Captain of the county 1st Team and Matthew Morgan also of the Celtic Manor is Captain of the Wessex League team. The Chairman wished them every success for the coming season.

e) Championship Secretary

The Championship Secretary Mr. Ray Hughes reported that all the mens county Championships were completed successfully and was mainly due to the improved weather. He thanked all the clubs who gave the county their courses to host these events, namely: Parc, Rolls of Monmouth, Pontypool, and Monmouth.

He also thanked those people who give up their time to help the officers run these tournaments without whose help it would not be possible to complete the starting, card checking, and scoreboard updating duties.

The Seniors Strokeplay Championship did not take place in 2019 due to a lack of entries. The county could not ask a club to give up its course for a day with so few entries so the event was cancelled.

The Championship Secretary said he would not go through the results of each of the Championships as their names would be announced during the presentation of trophies which was following the meeting.

f) Boys Secretary

Boys Strokeplay Championship 2019

The Gwent Boys Strokeplay Championship was held at Greenmeadow Golf Club on Monday 19th August.

Under 14 Champion 2019 JAMES DRURY Greenmeadow Gross 73 (18 Holes)

This is the 3rd successive year that James Drury has been U14 Champion.

Under 16 Champion 2019 PIERS MURPHY St. Pierre Gross 74,75 = 149

OVERALL STROKEPLAY CHAMPION 2019

There were only 17 entries for the Boys Strokeplay Championship.

Boys Matchplay Championship 2019

The boys Matchplay Champion for 2019 is Oliver Moss of the Celtic Manor who defeated Logan Westley of Newport by 2 Holes in the final.

Junior Channel League

In the U16 Channel League Gwent Boys finished in 5th place – played 4, halved 1, lost 3

In the U18 Channel League Gwent Boys finished in 2nd place – played 4, won 3, lost 1

Sevenside Tournament

In the Sevenside Tournament held at The Worcestershire GC Gwent Boys finished in 2nd place, having halved with Worcestershire on the Thursday afternoon, they defeated Glamorgan on the Friday morning and halved with Gloucestershire on the Friday afternoon.

Gwent Junior Leagues

Eight teams competed in the Gwent Junior Leagues in 2019 with St. Pierre winning the red league and Pontnewydd winning the blue league. The Order of Merit winner was Maisie Matthewman of the Parc golf club with 5.5 points out of a possible 6.

A total of 44 players competed in the competition.

6) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chairman asked the President Mr. Roger Floyd to introduce his successor as President Graham Harris. After exchanging the Presidents badge Graham Harris thanked Mr. Floyd for all the work he has undertaken over the past three years in supporting the teams both home and away. The President said he was very proud to take on the office of President and hoped he could offer his support to the teams.

The Chairman announced that the current officers were seeking re-election en-bloc and requested a proposer and seconder.

Proposed: Mike Nightingale

Seconded: Ray Chilten

Passed unanimously.

7) CHAMPIONSHIP VENUES & DATES 2020

Cock 'o' North Finals	Pontypool	Sun 3 rd May
Strokeplay Championship	Woodlake Park	Sun 14 th June
Matchplay Championship	Woodlake Park	Matches to be played over 6 weeks.
Team Championship	Llanwern	Sun 2 nd August
H/Cap Team Championship	West Monmouthshire	Sun 30 th August
Seniors Strokeplay Championship	West Monmouthshire	Mon 10 th August

8) Date of Next Meeting

TUESDAY 21st APRIL 2020 7:30 p.m. GREENMEADOW GC

In closing the meeting the Chairman expressed his thanks to Greenmeadow Golf Club for hosting the meeting and requested that his thanks be passed on to Mr. Peter Richardson.

The Chairman suggested that there be a 10 minute comfort break before continuing the evening with the presentation of the League Winners Plates and the Championship Trophies for 2019.

GGU PRESENTATION of TROPHIES 2019

Before commencing the Trophy Presentation the Honorary Secretary highlighted some excellent individual performances by Gwent players during the 2019 season:

- 1) Rhys Evans of the Celtic Manor got his season off to a fine start by winning the Trubshaw Cup. Rhys followed this up by winning his 2nd Order of Merit event with the Tucker Trophy. Lewys Sanges also of the Celtic Manor finished in 2nd place in the Tucker Trophy.
- 2) Mitchell Reid of the Celtic Manor won the Clwyd Open.

Rhys Evans and Lewys Sanges were selected to play for Wales in the Home Internationals.

The Newport pair of Greg Baker and Callum Morris won the Victory Shield with Rhys Barber playing in the earlier rounds.

GGU LEAGUE WINNERS PRESENTATION 2019

Div 6 Winners – Celtic Manor 4th Team

Div 5 Winners – St. Pierre 3rd Team

Div 4 Winners – Newport 5th Team

Div 3 Winners – Bryn Meadows 1st Team

Div 2 Winners – Parc 1st Team

Div 1 Winners & County Champions 2019 – Celtic Manor 1st Team

Cock-o-North Championship

Winners – Sam Boulton & John Sussex -Wernddu GC

Runners-up David Quartermain & Ryan Donovan
Bryn Meadows GC

Handicap Team Championship (Elvet Morgan Trophy)

Winners – Monmouth GC – Team: Ryan Jones, Jordan Hughes, Phil Edwards, & Wayne Hughes.

GGU Team Championships

Gross Team Winners – Pontypool GC – Team: Andrew Darby, Nathan Blandford, Andrew J. Perry, Gareth Davies, & David Brown.

Net Team Winners – Pontypool GC – Arthur Sadler Cup “ “ “ “ “ “ “

Best Individual Gross Score – W.P.R. Peters Cup – Gareth Davies – Pontypool GC

Best Individual Net Score – Ivor Williams Trophy – Nathan Blandford – Pontypool GC

GGU Strokeplay Championship

Champion: Daniel Bearcroft – Llanwern

GGU Matchplay Championship

Champion: Dafydd Rowberry - Llanwern