

**THE CHARTERED SURVEYORS' GOLFING SOCIETY**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT  
THE EAST INDIA CLUB  
at 10.30 am on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

**1. PRESENT**

The Captain and Chairman Simon Seymour-Taylor, The Vice-Captain Ian Ditchfield, the Vice-President John Trumper, the Hon. Treasurer Colin Searle, the Hon. Accounts Examiner Michael Coates, the Hon. Secretary Andrew Rintoul and Messrs Cunningham, Hacking, Higham, Keenan, Laurie and McAllister.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Messrs Ambrose, R Davis, Hallett, Hannam, McIndoe, Sheridan, Thompson and Tuck.

**3. WELCOME**

Extended by the Chairman to all present, particularly to those who had travelled a considerable distance.

**4. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014 had been circulated previously and/or tabled and were proposed and seconded for approval by Messrs Keenan and Laurie respectively.

**5. MATTERS ARISING**

The only matter not covered by the Agenda was Item 11- how to improve attendances at the Meetings. The Hon. Secretary confirmed that although he had not set up a 'task force', for which he apologised, he had canvassed the whole membership, but had only received eleven responses. From those eleven a number felt there were too many fixtures over too short a period, some considered that a cost of over £100.00 was too much and there was a reluctance to travel and that it was difficult for younger members to play unless they took the time as holiday. Generally it was considered that we should maintain the good quality of courses that we play and some felt that we already had it right. Another comment was that the existence of the Society is not well known in the profession. The Hon. Secretary suggested that we should attempt to obtain some editorial in the RICS Journal and the Estates Gazette. Iain Laurie advised that there were monthly emails to RICS members and this could be a good means of contact. The overall attendance at the national meetings had improved during the year, 70 at the Berkshire, the maximum of 50 at Swinley Forest, 22 at Blackwell, 19 at Sherwood Forest

and the Mixed Meeting at Wildernesse was fully subscribed. The Hon. Secretary also confirmed that as yet he had not been able to arrange the combination of a national meeting with a Section meeting as suggested earlier in the year by Follett Balch due to a number of difficulties.

## **6. ACCOUNTS**

The Hon. Treasurer introduced his accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014. Income had increased by £3,578.00 due to the increase in the subscription to £25.00 and the profit from the National Meetings including the Dinner of £1,375.00 compared to the loss of £533.00 the previous year. Costs had increased by £3,412.00 mainly due to £3,622.00 to replenish the tie stock. The Society made a small loss during the year of £80.00 but the Hon. Treasurer envisaged a profit in 2015. The Treasurer's Account stood at £3,443.00. and the sale value of the ties in stock was £5,220.00. The Hon. Secretary confirmed that the grants to Sections this year will be increased by a total of £500.00 to £3,500.00 and, dependant upon how many younger members that are due to pay the subscription for the first time this year do actually renew their membership, the Society may be able to increase that still further. There being no questions on the accounts the Captain thanked the Hon. Treasurer.

## **7. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

The Hon. Secretary confirmed that our first lady President was not a golfer and her office had advised that she would not be able to attend any of our events.

The Hon. Secretary also advised that the appointment of a Vice-Captain for 2015 was "work in progress", and the other Officers and Committee were noted without comment.

## **8. MEMBERSHIP**

The Hon. Secretary confirmed that the membership had increased to 514 from 502 in December 2013. There were 74 new and re-joining members during the year and 18% of the total membership was under 35. There had been 32 resignations, 23 memberships had lapsed due to non payment of the subscription and 7 members had passed away including 3 past Captains of the Society. The Hon. Secretary advised that 37 younger members are due to pay the subscription for the first time this year and we may have to review the policy of 'free for 2 years for the under 35's' if a substantial number do not renew.

## **9. ANNUAL DINNER**

The Hon. Secretary reported that the 101st Dinner at the new venue of The Royal Thames Yacht Club was a success. He thanked Follett Balch for his sponsorship as a member of the club. 92 members and their guests attended

and the general feedback was that it was a good venue, the food being better than at the RAC and the value was certainly better as was the cost of wine. The 2015 Dinner will again be held at the Royal Thames Yacht Club on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February and the ticket price remains unchanged at £70.00. Members were encouraged to attend the Dinner with or without guests.

**10. 2014 NATIONAL MATCH RESULTS AND THE 2015 PROGRAMME**

The Captain confirmed that out of the 17 opponents played 4 had been won and we came second against 5 opponents. The remaining matches were in the main close finishes. The Hon. Secretary advised that the 2015 programme was similar to previous years although the Autumn Meeting was still to be arranged. He praised Blackwell and recommended it to members and advised that the Mixed Meeting will be at Porters Park in Hertfordshire.

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

The Meeting closed at 11.20 am

**Signed.....**

**Date.....**