

**THE CHARTERED SURVEYORS' GOLFING SOCIETY**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD AT THE EAST INDIA CLUB  
at 11.30 am on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

**1. PRESENT**

The Captain and Chairman David Gill, the Vice-President John Trumper, the Hon. Treasurer Colin Searle, the Hon. Accounts Examiner Michael Coates, the Hon. Secretary Andrew Rintoul and Messrs Adams, Aspery, Aspery, F Balch, Bland-Botham, R Cobb, Cunningham, Dent, Ditchfield, Fisher, Gilbert, Hannam, Keenan, Laurie, March, McIndoe, Rice, Rose, Sykes, Ward, Webb and Wrigley. The Captain welcomed everyone.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from the Vice-Captain Simon Seymour-Taylor and Messrs Ambrose R Brassington, R Davis, Desson, T Edwards, Emlyn Jones, Hallett, Higham, D Richardson, Sheridan, Strathon, K Thompson and Tuck.

**3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013 had been circulated and/or tabled and were proposed and seconded for approval by Messrs Wrigley and Aspery. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

There were none that were not covered under the Agenda.

**5. ACCOUNTS**

The Hon. Treasurer took the meeting through his Accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013. Although the membership had increased over the year income was down by £ 460.00 as 74 members (younger members and Honorary Life members) did not have to pay the subscription. The 2014 subscription had been increased by £5.00 to £25.00 to assist with the purchase of new ties, pay deposits to clubs and to continue to subsidise young members. Costs were down mainly to the lower expenditure on the website which should decrease further in the current year and the Treasurer's Account stood at £ 3,523.00. The grants to Sections will remain the same as last year and on a pro rata basis to the number of members in each Section although it is to be hoped the grants can be increased in 2015. There being no questions the accounts were formally adopted and signed by the Hon. Treasurer having been proposed and seconded by Gilbert Adams and Richard Sykes respectively.

## **6. CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

The Captain said that he was honoured to have been Captain of the Society and he had enjoyed his year immensely. He thanked Gilbert Adams for sponsoring the Society so the AGM could be held at his Club. The Captain had played a number of courses he had not previously played including but not exclusively The Berkshire, New Zealand, Walton Heath and Sherwood Forest. He was grateful to many members of the Society for their welcome and hospitality on his travels particular Follett Balch, Robert Cobb and Derek Hannam and their wives who had very kindly put him up on some of his trips to the UK.

The Captain's v President's Match at Ballyliffin was memorable in many ways and he thanked our Vice-President John Trumper for 'holding up the other end' in leading the President's team as he has now done for a number of years. If a group of members wanted to make an Irish trip in 2014 David and Tommy Lombard would be very pleased to organise the golf. The match results were impressive but not quite as good as those of the previous year and the weather had been considerably better than in John Aspery's year. Finally, the Captain thanked all the Officers of the Society and the Section Hon. Secretaries and Captains for their hard work during the year.

As the Vice-Captain was not present David Gill kindly remained in the Chair until the conclusion of the meeting although the Captaincy was passed to Simon Seymour-Taylor in his absence.

## **7. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE 2014**

The immediate past Captain had great pleasure to propose Ian Ditchfield as the Vice-Captain for 2014. He then put to the meeting en bloc the election of the Vice-Captain, all the Officers of the Society as tabled, the Committee members Iain Jamie and Derek Hannam and two new Committee Members John Keenan and Niall Sheridan, Paul Swindin having retired by rotation, all of whom were proposed and seconded by Follett Balch and Robert Cobb respectively.

**8. MEMBERSHIP**

The Hon. Secretary confirmed that the membership during 2013 had increased to 502. Of the 65 new members 37 (57%) were under 35 which was encouraging. He also advised the meeting of the death of four members of the Society all of whom were past Captains :-

John Peters who was 90 years of age and Captain in 1977  
Freddie Dyer who was Captain in 1982  
Peter Hopley who was Captain in 1987 and  
Charles Cope who was Captain in 1989

They were all tremendous diverse characters and will be greatly missed.

**9. ANNUAL DINNER**

The Hon. Secretary reported that the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner was a success with two very good speakers in Alan Lewis and Jim McArthur. It had been decided almost entirely on cost grounds that the 2014 Dinner would be held at the new venue of the Royal Thames Yacht Club in Knightsbridge. The ticket price is nearly 30% less than the 2013 cost which will hopefully encourage a higher attendance. The guest speakers will be Johnny Barclay and Peter Unsworth.

**10. 2013 NATIONAL MATCH RESULTS AND THE 2014 PROGRAMME**

The results were noted and with 10 wins it was a very successful year. The Programme was approved and new venues had been arranged for the Summer Meeting at Blackwell and the Invitation Meeting at Swinley Forest. The new match of the Over 35's v the Under 35's will again be held at The Addington but in July rather than October. Nick Rice reported that last year he had raised a team of eight for a new quadrangular match versus the EGS, the BAGS and the PIGS. It was agreed that this should become a regular match and the Hon. Secretary would include it on the website and the schedule of Society events recently circulated to the Membership.

**11. DISCUSSION ON HOW TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCES AT MEETINGS**

The discussion at the Committee Meeting was relayed to the meeting and it was left to the Hon. Secretary to action the matters agreed and to seek the views of the membership as a whole.

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- i) The Hon. Secretary recommended to the meeting four new Honorary Life Members of the Society :-

Michael Coates who was Captain in 1986 and has been the Honorary Accounts Examiner for many years.

John Doubleday who was Captain in 1992.

Michael Maynard who was Honorary Treasurer for 13 years from 1992-2004.

Roger Port who is over 90 and has been a member of the BB&O Section for 60 years.

All four proposals were met with enthusiasm and unanimous agreement.

- ii) Follett Balch advised the meeting that this year's match versus the VAGS is the 75<sup>th</sup> playing of that match. He was hopeful of getting 16 per side and also inviting to the lunch others who had been involved with the match over the years. Anyone interested in playing should contact him.
- iii) In the absence of the Captain John Aspery thanked David Gill, the immediate past Captain, for all he had done during his year. He had been an excellent Captain and the Society is indebted to him. The meeting resoundingly applauded David's captaincy.
- iv) David Gill then kindly thanked the Hon. Secretary for the work he does for the Society.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.30 pm

**Signed.....**

**Dated.....**