

THE CHARTERED SURVEYORS' GOLFING SOCIETY

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT
THE EAST INDIA CLUB**

at 10.30 am on Thursday 10th January 2019

1. PRESENT

The Captain Niall Sheridan, the Vice-Captain Tom Emlyn Jones, the Hon. Treasurer Colin Searle, the Hon. Secretary Andrew Rintoul, Fiona Stoddard and Messrs Ambrose, Aspey, Cook, Hallett, Laurie, and Weston.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Vice-President John Trumper, the Hon. Accounts Examiner Michael Coates and Messrs Hawkins, Higham, Lapsley, McAllister, Pyatt, Randall Soskin, Stait, K Thompson and Tuck.

3. WELCOME

Extended by the Captain to all present.

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 11th January 2018 had been circulated previously and tabled and were proposed and seconded for approval by Messrs Ambrose and Aspey respectively and were duly signed by the Captain.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Any matters arising were included in the Meeting Agenda.

6. ACCOUNTS

The Hon. Treasurer introduced the accounts. Subscription income was up £495 at £10,925 and tie sales increased to £600 from £440. National Meetings made a profit of £399 and Other Income was £39, a category that will be maintained next year. Expenditure was up £2,031 at £14,437 with the contributions to the Sections remaining the same at £4,500. Subsidies for younger members increased to £4,135 from £2,305. The Society made a loss for the year of £2,747 mainly due to increased subsidies. £2,963 was carried forward to the Treasurer's Account. In view of increasing deposits to clubs and hotels The Hon. Treasurer suggested an increase in the subscription of £5.00 to £30.00 effective from 1st January 2020.. After some discussion and as the subscription would not have increased for six years it was agreed to recommend to the AGM an increase to £35.00. The Vice-Captain suggested we should estimate and keep a float for emergencies which was accepted.

7. **OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

The Hon. Secretary confirmed that despite the President residing overseas he will be writing to him advising him of his Presidency of the Society during the year. The Captain confirmed that the Vice-Captain for 2019 would be announced by Tom Emlyn Jones at the AGM. Alex Soskin had completed three years on the Committee but the Hon. Secretary recommended that he should stay on for another year. The Officers were voted in en block, proposed and seconded by Iain Laurie and David Aspey respectively.

8. **MEMBERSHIP**

The Hon. Secretary confirmed that the membership at the 31st December 2018 stood at 549 a net increase of 56 on 2017. There were 111 new and returning members 56 of whom were under 35. Of the whole membership 126 (23%) are under 35. The record annual increase in new members was due mainly to the Captain's initiative one year previously that members should endeavour to introduce one new member during the year, the free advertisement in Modus and the success of the Scottish Section in tapping Matrics in Scotland. David Aspey kindly agreed to investigate "Linked In" possibly through the RICS to gain access to the many surveyors on Linked In.

9. **ANNUAL DINNER**

The Hon. Secretary reported that the 105th Annual Dinner at the Royal Thames Yacht Club was a successful evening, 70 members and guests attending. The Captain generously arranged a table for his family and friends and he also obtained the services of Ian Irving a professional entertainer who was a great success. The 2019 Dinner will again be held at the Royal Thames Yacht Club on Thursday 21st February the ticket price being £85. The Vice-Captain confirmed that the Guest Speaker will be Mark Pougatch the leading Sport Presenter at ITV and well known sport journalist. Members were encouraged to attend the Dinner with or without guests.

The Hon. Secretary advised the Committee that for several years now it had been a considerable struggle to raise acceptable numbers for the Dinner and he suggested that it may have run its course. He promoted the possibility of have three lunches during the year in London, Manchester and Glasgow in place of the Dinner. It was necessary to ensure that regional lunches were not divisive in terms of the Society as a whole and venues could be chosen linked to golf or at golf clubs. Not everyone was in favour of ending the Dinner but after some discussion and not precluding returning to a Dinner in the future it was felt that the lunches were an idea that could be trialled in 2020.

10. 2018 NATIONAL MATCH RESULTS AND THE 2019 PROGRAMME

The Captain confirmed that 12 National Matches were played, one was won in the three party match at Frilford Heath, one was drawn and the remaining matches were lost albeit a number narrowly. The Captain advised the Meeting that he was the Captain not the Manager! The 2019 Programme was noted and approved. The Hon. Secretary had not yet arranged the National Autumn Meeting but a number of venues were suggested of which particularly Woburn and Woodhall Spa were popular which the Hon. Secretary will explore. The two days at Sunningdale last year were a great success and consequently one day in the summer at Sunningdale has been arranged for 2019.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Following last year's discussion on the Insurance of our trophies The Hon. Secretary advised the Committee that the Captain and he had investigated insurance with Green Insurance who had given a rough quote last year. It transpires that whoever we insure with they will require valuations of the trophies. Unless we can identify a chattels surveyor who is a golfer and is prepared to travel to value the silverware for a very much reduced fee we will not be able to afford valuations unless the subscription is raised substantially which will almost certainly result in a reduced membership. It was therefore agreed not to insure ie. let the status quo continue.

The Hon. Secretary recommended that we should continue with the incentive of offering new members under 35 two years free before paying the subscription and also to continue to subsidise younger members wherever possible subject of course to finances permitting, both of which were approved.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 11.28 am

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