

THE CHARTERED SURVEYORS' GOLFING SOCIETY

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE EAST INDIA CLUB
at 11.30 am on Thursday 9th January 2020**

1. PRESENT

The Captain Tom Emlyn Jones, the Vice-Captain Fiona Stoddard, the Vice-President John Trumper, the Hon. Treasurer Colin Searle, the Hon. Accounts Examiner Michael Coates, the Hon. Secretary Andrew Rintoul and Messrs Aspery, Aspey, Balch, M Cook, R Cobb, Dent, Ditchfield, Edgcumbe, Gill, Hallett, Laurie, March, Monger-Godfrey, Neal, Randall, Rose, Sheridan, Snowball, Soskin, Stevenson, Ward and M Wright. The Captain welcomed everyone particularly those who had travelled from afar.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Gilbert Adams and Messrs Ambrose, Cunningham, Desson, Fisher, Hannam, Hamilton, R Hawkins, Higham, Jupp, Keenan, McAllister, McIndoe, Noades, Rice, Steele, Seymour-Taylor, Stedman, Stewart, K Thompson, Waddell, Webb, Weston, M Wilson, and Wrigley.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th January 2019 had been circulated and tabled and were proposed and seconded for approval by Roger Dent and Ian Ditchfield respectively. They were duly signed by the Captain.

4. MATTERS ARISING

All matters arising were to be considered at the Meeting.

5. ACCOUNTS

The Hon. Treasurer presented the Accounts. Subscription income was down from last year by £650 at £10,275. Contributions to the Sections remained the same at £4,500 and hopefully with the increased subscription to £35 this year there will be room to increase the contributions. Despite expenditure being £2,195 less than last year the Society still made a loss, albeit reduced, of £1,084. Currently the Society has of the order of £7,500 in the bank. There being no questions the Accounts were adopted with unanimous approval.

6. CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The Captain delivered his Report. He had travelled to Ireland, Scotland, Wales and all parts of England. In all he had played 50 rounds of golf on Society business. Most of the travelling had been done by train, the stations he had visited being far too numerous to note here but he had seen some wonderful scenery along the way.

The Captain had had an amazingly happy time. He thanked all the Officers of the Society for their kindness and generosity on his travels and he was honoured to have been chosen as Captain. To an ovation the Captain then wished the Vice-Captain a very successful and happy year ahead following which Fiona Stoddard assumed the 'Captain's Chair' and history had been made. The Captain thanked Tom Emlyn Jones for an epic year.

7. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE 2019

The Captain advised the Meeting that the appointment of a Vice-Captain was work in progress but otherwise the Officers and Committee were voted in en bloc being proposed by Follett Balch and seconded by Ray Ward.

8. MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. Secretary advised the meeting that the membership at 31st December 2019 stood at 558 a net increase of 9 on 2018. There were 93 new and returning members 61 of whom were under 35. Of the whole membership 26% are under 35 and there are 9 lady members including the Captain, which will hopefully grow this year. Despite 60 resignations during the year the membership numbers had held up well. Most of those resigning were younger members who had not played so it was agreed that more effort should be made to encourage younger members to play, picking their partners carefully and wherever possible offering them a subsidy. The Hon. Secretary's contact at RICS had now left the Institution's employ and the Captain kindly offered to take up her contacts at RICS to see if more progress can be made to contact Modus readers in particular. Graham Waddell the Scottish Section Captain had had considerable success in contacting colleagues directly by email and the Hon. Secretary undertook to seek a similar effort from other Section Captains and Hon. Secretaries. Some discussion ensued about promoting the Society more through social media and this will be looked into by the Committee.

9. ANNUAL DINNER

The Dinner was attended by over 70 members and guests with Mark Pougatch as the guest speaker. This was the last Dinner for the foreseeable future and progress is being made with the proposed lunches in London, Manchester and Glasgow.

10. 2018 NATIONAL MATCH RESULTS AND THE 2019 PROGRAMME

The 2019 Match results were noted, the Society winning six out of the eleven matches played. The 2020 Programme was approved with the only change being the National Autumn Meeting which will be at Moor Park. The Hon. Secretary confirm that Sunningdale had increased the cost of the day by £40.00 and it will be interesting to see if it is as popular as it has been the last two years.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The immediate past Captain raised an item seeking the Society's permission to continue wearing the tie he presented to those at the Captain v President Match at Aberdovey. There was no hesitation in approval being granted.

Alex Soskin advised the Meeting that he has joined a team of four to row the Atlantic starting in December 2020. He and his colleagues will be supporting the Christina Noble Children's Foundation and MIND and the assembled company wished him the very best in this courageous challenge.

Colin Searle paid a short tribute to Michael Maynard who sadly passed away during the year. Michael was a stalwart of the Society. He was Hon. Treasurer of the Society for 13 years from 1992 to 2004 and an Honorary Life Member. He will be greatly missed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.06 pm

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