

Minutes of the 109th General Meeting of
Leamington and County Golf Club Ltd

Wednesday 29th March 2017

The President Mr Martin Bayley welcomed the members to the meeting and reminded those that did not hold voting rights they should leave the room or remain silent throughout proceedings. He called on the Secretary Bryan Frazer to read out the notice to convene the meeting.

Apologies had been received from 13 members and a list is held on record.

There were 69 members present a list is of those attending is held on record.

Duly convened the President dealt with the business of the meeting

1.1 Adoption of the minutes of the 108th General Meeting: The President called for the approval of the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 25th March 2015 which having been circulated in advance were adopted as a true record by a show of hands.

2.1 Directors Annual Report: The director's report had been circulated. Mr Allan Murdoch Chairman then added that he felt it was important to recognise that in order to meet our income targets we will need to introduce more visitors and societies last year's figure was above budget but further increases were still needed. Increasing membership had always been seen as the way to increase revenue and of course this is something we continually look to do however competitions are nearly always full, the tee is very busy during the weekends especially in the mornings so having another 50 members who want to play at those busy times isn't necessarily the answer. We are making savings on a variety of supply contracts. The Members Survey gave us a long list of wants but financial constraints will always dictate what we can afford. The Chairman asked the members to be patient the board were always looking at how best to secure the clubs future.

At this point The President explained that The Chairman was stepping down after 9 years as a director 6 of those years as Chairman. Always enthusiastic, challenging and accepting of everyone's view Allan had done an excellent job a steering the club through some difficult times.

2.2 Treasurers Report: The Treasurer Mr Malcolm Lines gave a comprehensive overview of the clubs 2016 accounts that had been circulated prior to the meeting. He explained in detail the accounting process for the Patron Members income used predominantly to fund the re surfacing of the lower carpark and also the HMRC refund for over paid VAT on green fees which allowed the club to show a healthy profit. However the underlying trend should be to proceed with caution we are on a good track but there are challenging times ahead.

The treasurer asked for questions:

Allan Simpson made a number of points including a question over how the Patron Membership income had been accounted for and whether the Board were confident about the future.

The treasurer agreed to review the accounting policy on Patron Membership with our accountants with regard to the question on the future the board were as confident as any board would be.

Mike Clark suggested cash is king and wondered following the SGM turning down the opportunity to sell land what if anything was now happening on this front.

The Chairman responded explaining that the board had continued to keep the situation under close review as the local situation changed. Most people are aware the land adjacent to the houses on bridleway has been included in the local plan. The club were in conversation with local land owners but current advice was that little will now happen on development in the next 2-3 years. The practice ground should be secure in the short term but only time would tell beyond that. The Chairman added that the club are always under pressure competing with other clubs, the rise in golfing nomads and we should keep an open mind as to the future and revenue streams that might be available.

The adoption of the reports from the Chairman and the Treasurer were proposed by Captain Andy White and seconded by the Ladies Captain Julie Ford.

The President advised the meeting that Malcolm Lines was stepping down as treasurer and on behalf of the club he thanked Malcolm for his many years of hard work, particularly as part of the team that challenged the Bovis development.

3.0 Election of Officers

The President who retires from office following the meeting explained that he was creating history by presenting a blazer to the incoming President Mrs Chris Lees, the first lady to be elected to the office. In accepting the new President explained how honoured she was to be the first lady to hold the post and how much she was looking forward to working with the various committees to progress the club.

The President then announced that he proposed Mr Gordon Williamson to the post President elect seconded by Mr D Chamley. There being no other nominees Mr Williamson was duly elected.

The President then asked the Captain Andy White for his report. Andy gave a humorous account of his year in office explain there were times when he questioned taking on the role but overall, he had enjoyed his year in office. He thanked the members for their support and most importantly his family.

The Captain then presented incoming Captain Mr Roy Scott with his blazer and tie. In his acceptance speech Mr Scott expressed his desire to continue the fine traditions of the office of Captain. His chosen charities were The Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance and Warwickshire Blood Bikers. Along with Chris Thornton's support he would continue the Pro/Captain challenge matches and his away days would be at Forest Pines Golf & Country Club on the 17th and 18th of September.

The President then called on the immediate past Captain Ian Salmon to thank Andy White on behalf of the club. Ian explained the magic of the Captains role he congratulated Andy on very few competitions being cancelled, very few funerals and it was good to see his name on the board. He welcomed him to the Past Captains club and reminded him he should organise the Past Captains event. He closed by thanking Andy's family for the support they had shown and hoped Andy would look back with pride on his year in office.

The President then announced Mr Mike Cook as the nominee for the office of Captain elect proposed by incoming Captain Mr Roy Scott and seconded by outgoing Captain Andy White.

4.0 Election of members of the Board and MOC

The President announced Mr Malcolm Lines as the nominee for the vacancy on the board. There being no other nominees Mr Lines was duly elected.

The President announced Mr Ian Salmon and Mr Gary Dorgan as nominees for the vacant posts on the MOC there being no other nominees Mr Salmon and Dorgan were duly elected.

5.0 Election of Treasurer

The President announced Mr Richard Cumberland as nominee for the post of Treasurer proposed by Mr Malcolm Lines and seconded by Mr Allan Murdoch there being no other nominees Mr Cumberland was duly elected.

6.0 Any other business

Keith Dyer asked the Club Manager about the results of the recent survey. The Club Manager explained that there was no definitive result but as an exercise it had proved valuable in identifying areas that members felt should be considered. The Club Manager took the opportunity to bring those present up to date with the drainage that had recently been installed in the 13th green.

Mr David Chamley then proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring President. He explained the President had been hesitant to take on the role but having done so he had made an invaluable contribution to all aspects of the club. He had brought a calm enthusiasm to both the board and the MOC and on behalf of the club he thanked the President and wished him well in his retirement.....for the time being!

The President responded by saying how quickly the 2 years had passed. He thanked all those involved in the Bovis project particularly Trevor Wood, Andy White and Malcolm Lines. He had enjoyed the support of both the men's and ladies Captains and had seen 3 Club Managers and wished the current manager well in taking the club forwards. He thanked Angela Eadon for her work with the Apprentice Scheme and congratulated her recent Warwickshire Golf Union Award. He thanked all the officers of the club who do an astounding amount of work to ensure the future of the club. He wished the incoming President every success and thanked the members for bearing with him.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.10pm.