

## Minutes of the AGM on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**Minutes Silence:** Terry Bent, John Dissington, Vic Pawley

**Apologies for Absence:** G Mercer, D McHattie, B Kelly, Len Beer

**2015 AGM Minutes:** acceptance proposed by R Whitehead, seconded C Cooper

**Matters Arising:** none

### **Treasurer's Report 2015**

The attached Financial Statement has been split into the three accounts that are separately managed – Golf, Buggy and Charity.

The Golf account shows a deficit of £278.60. The annual Subscription Fees amounted to £1170 from 64 members compared with £1300 last year. Twenty four dozen golf balls at a cost of £320 and 150 wine glasses at £270 were purchased as prizes. A replacement cup for the Alan Langston competition was purchased for £32.99.

The Buggy account shows a surplus of £112 after a replacement tyre was purchased for £50.

The £669 raised by Rob during his Captain's year was paid to his chosen charity – Riding for the Disabled. The Kent Seniors raised £481 which was paid to the Pilgrim's Hospice. During 2015, the Kent Seniors donated £444 and £755 was raised by our members and the total of £1200 will be donated to Gary's Charity.

The overall deficit for 2015 was £166.71, excluding the charity donations. The closing balance for the year was £3338.90 which equates to £2138.90 excluding the charity donations.

There were 140 wine glasses, 120 golf balls and 7 ties in stock at the end of the year.

**Brian Manton**

Treasurer

### **Secretary's Report**

First of all I would like to thank all those who were card secretaries last year as this is such an important part of our matches each week. I have a list with 10 names but I have held back to complete the list for this year in case there could be another couple more today who would like to help out and if so please let me know at the end of the meeting

We had 4 new members join us last year and we welcome Roger Croy, Mike Thompson, David Page and Ron Cox and we hope that you all enjoy your golf with us as we do.

Well what a great captain Gary has been for us this past year and I am certainly the first to congratulate him. He has gone about his job without much fuss and we have all been on his side. He came up with some interesting competitions that added more variation to the normal Monday meetings and it would be nice if this could be carried on in this coming year.

Our society is shrinking unfortunately and if I look at our fixture list for 2013 we had 81

members and this year we have only 66 and it is a downward trend. Perhaps we should be trying to encourage new members if that is possible.

All of this years matches are in place and again looks to be another busy year.

The super 70s matches are all in place and I have handed my role to Jim Orford to organize the handling of the matches and and future fixtures.

Finally as I announced at last years AGM that I would be standing down from this position a replacement has come forward Carl Waddington.

I have enjoyed my time as secretary and trust I have served you well but there comes a time to move on and let somebody else take over.

**John Tearle**

### **Captain's Report for 2015**

For a number of reasons I enjoyed the year far more than I thought I would. Firstly, the matches were well supported and played in excellent spirit. We had a nucleus of around 16 players with some solid partnerships, so as well as enjoying the matches and each other's company, we achieved some good results. Allied to that, the weather throughout the season was pretty good and we had no postponements or cancellations. Indeed I delegated the only really awful weather to Peter for the away game at Whitstable – I can't remember why but he probably deserved it! When we returned to the clubhouse, we were very well fed both at St A's, with our reduced meal price of £12 and elsewhere. There is no doubt that we'd have more takers for matchers if we adopted the Super 70s format of a £5 meal before a midday match but there doesn't seem to be much interest in such a move amongst our opposing clubs.

I added various competitions to break up the individual winter stablefords and feedback has been good. Sometimes, either my powers of explanation or the listening skills of a few were not up to the task but there were no dramas and the Saints & Sinners handicapping system did its job in ensuring a good spread of winners.

There is quite a lot of work involved in being Captain but my role was made much easier by the outstanding contributions of our secretary John Tearle and treasurer Brian Manton. Both have worked efficiently with a minimum of fuss for a full five years and we all owe them a great deal. I also received great help from Peter who managed the S & S Buggy and was almost always available to support me on Mondays and at matches. He should note that Carl, a handy Bridge player, is very good at sorting scorecards. Thanks are also due to Mike Croft with the Kent Seniors, raffles, etc, etc and finally to Rob Whitehead who was often able to answer the question, "What the \*\*\*\*did we do about this last year?"

As I've already mentioned, many members chipped in (ha ha!) with support in matches, being card secretaries or simply bringing in a raffle prize or buying some tickets. We are all volunteers so it is important that every single member plays his part. So many have and I will be thinking of you as I hand over a substantial cheque to The Pilgrim's Hospice. On the other hand, to those few who think it's ok to cross off their name from a Friendly Match/Texas Scramble Team Sheet without informing the captain, I say "Up your game!"

My Top 3 golfing highlights?

1. Ray Wigginton at 83 going round in 82 to win the Syd Woods Cup.

2. Chris Setterfield's 47 pts in the Carterton Challenge in which we were beaten by some preposterous handicaps!

3. In the middle of a winning streak, Jim Orford's 47pts at my Westgate Away Day

Our playing numbers are down and this is reflected both in the Monday morning turn out and the match lists where numbers rarely exceed fourteen. This is the minimum Peter will require next year for peace of mind - a team and two reserves. I wish him every success and as much fun as I've had in leading our mostly merry bunch.

**Gary Davis**

### **Any other business**

George King mentioned that the Trevor Gilbert Competition had lost the Hidden Partners in last years match and the captain explained that it was to simplify and that players might not be keen to know who their partner was. It was put to a show of hands who wanted to retain that part and it was unanimous that it was reinstated

Chris Setterfield was concerned that we should not allow "Gimmee" or concessionary putts when we are playing and to putt out as within the rules of golf.

John Tearle mentioned that the rules concerning honorary members is outdated and needs to be brought up to date. This was followed by a discussion and David Hills made a point that it was not just captains but somebody that had made a considerable contribution to the society

It was agreed that the committee would discuss this and make a proposal for a change at the next AGM

**Presentation of Trophies: None**

### **Election of Officers and Committee:**

Captain: Peter Hollands Proposed by: Gary Davis Seconded by : Bob Hazeldine

Vice Captain: Ian Wright Proposed by: Gary Davis Seconded by : Rob Whitehead

Secretary: Carl Waddington Proposed by : J Tearle Seconded by : Chris Cooper

Treasurer: B Manton Proposed by : Peter Hollands Seconded by : George King

Eclectic Secretary: Brian Manton

Auditors: B Harvey and G Mercer

All officers were elected unanimously

Hand over to the New Committee:

**Date of next AGM:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Meeting closed at 12.15 pm

37 people attended