



## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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**16 March 2024 at St Mellion Golf Club**

### Introduction

The AGM was held as above as part of The RMAGS Opener Weekend. It was attended by 20 members of the RMAGS. The Chairman and Treasurer were present, and apologies were received from the Membership and Handicap Rep and the fixtures and Merchandise Rep.

The 2023 minutes were accepted as a true record.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for both their support to the RMA GS and to the day's event. He explained that the job of the committee was to run the RMAGS in accordance with the wishes of its members. The AGM was a formal forum for members to communicate their views and that the committee were always available to members to informally express their views and opinions at any time.

The Chairman reiterated that The RMA GS is a specialist Branch of the RMA – The Royal Marines Charity (TRMC).

He also stated that The RMAGS website is our primary means of communications and asked members to use it as it contained a wealth of current information.

### Election of Officers

The Chairman stated that the committee members (RMAGS officers) were all willing to continue in their roles. Volunteers had been sought in the previous months, via the website and by email, to replace any of the existing committee members or to join the committee and none had been forthcoming. The AGM voted on the current committee members continuing in their roles and the motion was carried unanimously.

### Fixtures Rep Report

A summary of this year's events was given. Costs were always carefully managed ensuring best value and affordability for members. Additional to green fees and food and beverage costs, a small part of the costs to members is comprised of prize money. The money to purchase prizes is 'evened out' over the season with less prize money paid at the more expensive venues and vice versa. In this way the standard of prizes remained constant and the event costs remained within budget.



The meeting was asked for views on prizes and whether there was a better way forward; perhaps cutting down on prizes to lower costs and save time at the conclusion of events?

The consensus view was that everyone was happy with the current method of purchasing and awarding prizes.

### **Merchandise Rep**

The Merchandise Rep was absent, and an overview was given by The Treasurer and Chairman. The RMAGS website has a specific merchandise page containing all the information about shirts, hats, ball markers etc. It was explained that the RM shop was not flexible enough to provide our merchandise, but we remain keen to use the shop when it can meet our requirements.

### **Membership and Handicap Rep**

The Membership and Handicap Rep was absent. The Chairman stated that we have a steady stream of new joiners and that we regularly get 20-30 members at each event and sometimes more. Although our membership on paper is around 260 people, regular attenders at events come from around 60 of the list

**Results on Website** - Event results are uploaded to the website and members can access and download them if required.

**Regional RMAGS Branches** – An aspiration for many years has been to form RMAGS regional branches. Currently RMAGS is based in Devon and most of its events take place at Devon venues. Although, for obvious reasons, many RMAGS members are in/close to East Devon there are many existing and potential members who are not. Restraints of time and cost make RMAGS events inaccessible for members who live too far away. Scotland is an obvious example of a situation where many potential members live and would benefit from a local RMAGS ‘subsidiary’. Paul Denning has a contact in Scotland and he plans to revisit this issue.

### **Financial Report**

**Fund Worth** - The Treasurer reported the finances for the year and stated the fund’s worth is as at 31 Dec 2023 was £2800 of which £2000 had been spent on deposits and therefore the fund is solvent and relatively healthy.

The value of the fund as at 31 Dec is £2,800, of which £2000 has been spent on deposits for the 2024 season.



**Pay-as-you-play** - The RMAGS continues to run on a 'pay as you play' basis with events being self-financed by green fees paid by participants prior to the event.

**Costs** - The main costs of administering the RMAGS are circa £400 PA. This amount covers the HandiCap Master software subscription at circa £80 used to score events. RMAGS website costs circa £260 and a small amount for leaving gifts. Both subscriptions support the effective running of the RMAGS

**Donations** - As a charity The RMAGS cannot charge subscriptions and therefore we encourage our members to make a donation to the RMA-TRMC. Members were encouraged to make donations by Direct Debit using the specific RMAGS DD Mandate form on our website. Members were also asked to complete the 'Gift Aid' section of the DD as this increases the donations worth without costing individuals any extra.

**RMA-TRMC Subsidies** – Although we received a subsidy from TRMC last year it was unlikely to become a regular event although we will continue to monitor the situation and bid for a subsidy as and when the opportunity presents itself.

### **Any Other Business (AOB)**

**A Trip Somewhere Warm** – There was strong interest in the meeting for a trip away. A number of venues were suggested including Gibraltar and Morocco. Paul Denning and Paul Cornells stated they would research the matter and report back via email/website.

**Action** – Paul Cornell and Paul Denning to explore Options and share with members.

### **Signed**

Paul Eddings

Chairman RMA GS

**Dated** 17 March 2024