

RHGS Annual General Meeting

29th January, 2017
10:30 am
Railway Hotel, Cheam

Members Present

Adrian Blows, Alan Bradbrook, Andy Finbow, Bob Tisdall, Brian Joy, Brian Williams, David Glennie, David Maltby, Howard Tonge, Josh Tonge, Keith Flower, Ken Gardiner, Len Singh, Michael Keene, Nick Barton, Steve Chasty, Steve Holland, Tony Dawe, David Caddy, David Cox, David Horwill, Steve Bradley, Alan Pooley

Apologies for Absence

Mike Pilfold, Alan Rodwell, Andy Cane, Carl Cavallo, Graham Hill, Pat O'Hagan, Roger Mercer, Sam Taylor, Chris Douglas, David Hesketh, Justin Sullivan, Norman Clarke, Pat Huggins, Simon Shore, Steve Pepperell, Terry Fleetwood, Zia Ahmd, Charlie Foster, Nick Barry, Paul Murphy, Mark Dix, David Hiscocks, Mike Cullen, Brian Holden, Graham Powell, Mike Cook, Terry Freeman, Mike Cutts, Dick Ivory, Martin Cox

Sam Taylor

Howard told the meeting that Sam Taylor, the former Society Secretary, was gravely ill and in St Raphael's Hospice. The meeting was saddened by the news.

Minutes of Previous AGM

The Minutes of the 2015 AGM were accepted. Proposed by Josh Tonge and seconded by Brian Joy.

President's Address

Brian Joy, the Society President, gave an impromptu address welcoming the strength of the Society and its continued growth.

Captain's Address

Steve Chasty, the Society Captain, said he had enjoyed his year and was encouraged by the support for the golfing events that had averaged 34 players per event throughout the year.

Steve also welcomed the return of the social side of the Society which culminated with 76 members and guests attending the RHGS PC Sunday Lunch at Banstead Downs Golf Club.

Steve thanked the Vice-Captain and Secretary for their support throughout the year.

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Treasurer's Report

RHGS 2016 Annual Accounts – Notes

Adrian Blows, Society Treasurer, addressed the meeting. The Financial Statement (appended) shows the results for 2016 compared to prior year. The percentage variance between the two is shown in the middle column. This statement and the detailed spreadsheets behind it have been reviewed by Howard Tonge and Bob Tisdall, who is the society's Auditor to make sure they are correct.

Financial situation not good at start of 2015 – no deposits paid for golf events and only £210 in the bank.

However last year, in 2016, we were able to move to a much sounder footing and were able to go into the year with all deposits paid and a bank balance of £623.

In 2016 we were able to build on the previous year's success and now have £2399 in the bank having again paid all the deposits.

The surplus for the year increased by 62% or £786 from 2015. This was largely due to the PC lunch increased subscriptions and higher raffle income.

This bank cash position is higher than we have seen in recent years but I believe it provides a good buffer against future surprises although we should not seek to increase it further. The Committee will therefore plan and cost this year's events with this in mind.

We discussed the £20 member's subscription at last year's AGM and decided to keep it at this level. I would propose to do the same for 2017. The Treasurer's Report was accepted; proposed by Brian Joy and seconded by Tony Dawe.

Events for 2017

Details of the courses will be included on the Society website www.rhgs.net

- Spring Trophy, Farnham – 28th April
- Summer Trophy, West Surrey – 29th June
- Autumn Trophy, Farleigh - 10th August
- Away Days, Donnington Grove - 17th & 18th September
- Captain's Day, Hankley Common - 8th November
- Memorial Day, Past Captains' Day and Summer Social TBA

Presentations

The Captain made the following presentations

- President's Trophy – Brian Williams with 103 points
- President's Trophy Runner-Up – Mike Cullen with 100 points
- Knockout – Nick Barton
- Runner-Up – Josh Tonge

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- Trier's Trophy – Norman Clarke with 98 points
- Past Captains Trophy – Howard Tonge

The winners of the four events were

- Spring Trophy, Burhill – Steve Chasty
- Summer Trophy, Crowborough Beacon – Brian Williams
- Captain's Day Trophy, Camberley Heath– David Maltby
- Autumn Trophy, West Byfleet – Mike Cullen

The Memorial Day at Banstead Downs was rained-off.

Election of Committee Members

- Brian Joy remains President of the Society
- The Captain for 2017 is Adrian Blows who will also be the Treasurer,
 - proposed by Josh Tonge
 - and seconded by David Glennie
- Currently there is no Vice-Captain for 2017. This will be discussed by the Committee.
- Secretary will be Howard Tonge,
 - proposed by Adrian Blows
 - and seconded by Brian Joy
- Steve Chasty remains on the committee as Past Captain.
- Len Singh will be the Trophy Master,
 - proposed by Howard Tonge
 - and seconded by Steve Chasty
- The Handicap and Social Secretary roles will remain with Howard Tonge
- Josh Tonge will join the committee
 - proposed by Howard Tonge
 - and seconded by Steve Chasty
- Alan Pooley will join the committee
 - proposed by Adrian Blows
 - and seconded by Steve Chasty
- Ken Gardiner remains on the Committee with responsibilities for the Knock Out.
 - proposed by Tony Dawe
 - and seconded by David Glennie
- Bob Tisdall remains on the Committee with responsibilities for auditing the accounts
 - proposed by Howard Tonge
 - and seconded by David Caddy.

- Alan Bradbrook, Past Captain (2015) will leave the Committee.

It was agreed, although not voted on, that future Committee members should be sought from regulars who frequent the Railway Hotel.

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Vote of Thanks:

The outgoing Captain thanked the staff of The Railway for their hospitality, the Committee for their hard work and the members for their support.

Any Other Business

- **Tote:** Howard Tonge is keen to reintroduce the Tote. Graham Hill, Past President, had run a Tote several years ago, and this format will be adapted for 2017. The rationale behind the reintroduction is to bring the Presidents' Trophy into greater focus. Members can qualify for the President's Trophy by playing 3 or more events, the best 3 counting.
- **New members:** New members can apply to join via the website.
- **Clothing:** Josh Tonge has processed the first orders of the new clothing range. Details of the range can be found on the website.
- **Prizes:** The Committee took the decision to give logoed crystal glasses and logoed golf balls as prizes for at the golf days. These have now been ordered and will be available for the winners at the first event at Farnham.
- **Inter-pub competitions:** In previous years, the RHGS has played other local pub golf societies including the Red Lion. Steve Chasty kindly agreed to organise this.
- **Trophies:** Len suggested that the winners of the trophies return them to the pub after a short period as the trophy cabinet often looks bare. The Committee agreed to look at this; the return of the trophies, not the bare cabinet!
- **Captain's Day:** Adrian said, that given the relative cost of the Captain's Day at Hankley Common, the Society would look at a subsidy for members
- **Social event(s):** Following on from the resounding success of the PC Sunday Lunch last year, Howard Tonge and Bob Tisdall would look at organising further events this year.

Close

The AGM closed at 11.30 am with a round of drinks bought by Adrian Blows as the incoming Captain.

Howard Tonge
RHGS Secretary