

# **RHGS 2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes**

26<sup>th</sup> January 2020 10:30 am  
Railway Hotel, Cheam

## **Opening**

Howard Tonge, the Society Secretary, opened the meeting and said that with 27 people, this was the largest attendance we had ever had at an AGM.

## **Members Present**

Adrian Blows, Alan Pooley, Bob Livingston, Bob Tisdall, Brian Williams, Charlie Foster, David Caddy, David Hiscocks, David Horwill, David Maltby, Dick Ivory, Graham Powell, Howard Tonge, Jo Blows, Josh Tonge, Ken Gardiner, Kevin Offer, Mandy Hiscocks, Martin Cox, Mike Cullen, Mike Pilfold, Norman Clarke, Pat O'Hagan, Paul Murphy, Steve Chasty, Steve Holland and Steve Pepperell .

## **Apologies for Absence**

A total of 37 apologies were received from Adrian Pursey, Alan Bradbrook, Alan Rodwell, Andy Cane, Ben Cairns, Brian Holden, Brian Joy, Carl Cavallo, Darren Sutton, David Blows, David Cox, David Glennie, David Nurser, David Perrett, David Yadoo, Glen Locke, Graham Hill, Graham Ridout, Ian Dias, Jason Bird, Julian Taylor, Keith Flower, Kyle Symonds, Len Singh, Marcus Foster, Matt Flack, Mike Keane, Nick Barry, Nick Barton, Nick Blake, Pat Conboy, Pat Huggins, Paul Smith, Simon Shore, Steve Bradley, Steve Polkey and Terry Freeman.

## **Minutes of Previous AGM (2018)**

Howard read the salient points from last year's AGM minutes, this included:

- Handicaps to be raised to a maximum of 36
- The inaugural Winter Golf Day would be held
- The Society would hold a small stock of logoed clothes.

There were no questions or clarifications called for. The minutes of the 2018 AGM were accepted.

## **Captain's Address**

Steve Holland, the Society Captain, addressed the meeting thanking all for the turnout today. Steve went on to say how all the events were well attended with over 200 golf days played including both Members and their guests. The Away Day at the Dorset Golf Resort was well attended as was the Memorial Match at Banstead.

Steve thanked the Committee and Society Members for their unwavering support and trusted that Brian Williams, the incoming Captain, would enjoy his year as much as he had his.

Steve thanked Howard for his support and kindly presented him with a bottle of vodka.

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### Treasurer's Report 2019

Martin Cox, Society Treasurer, addressed the meeting.

*2019 was another good year for the Society. We started the year in a strong financial situation and, with continued sound control over expenditure, we ended the year in a similar vein.*

- *We continued the policy, introduced in 2017 of limited subsidies.*
- *Memorial - paid green fees for non-BDGC Members and sandwiches for all players.*
- *Increased the raffle prizes*
- *Total income was up 24%, but expenditure was also up 24% this was primarily due to an additional golf event, the Winter Golf Day*
- *The average spend per player (guests and Members) increased from £230 to £289. Again, this was primarily due to an additional golf event, the Winter Golf Day*
- *The Society's reserves increased by 7% to £3,235*
- *The Member's subscriptions were held at £20.*

The final accounts will be audited and signed off as soon as is practical. There were no questions from the floor.

### President's address

David Maltby, the Society President, addressed the meeting. David echoed Steve Holland's sentiment on a year-well-run. He did, however, implore all Member's to respond to the emails sent in a timely manner.

### Presentations

Steve and Howard presented the trophies for the 2019 golf achievements.

The winners of the four events were

- Spring Trophy, Guildford – Nick Barton 38 points
- Summer Trophy, Army – Matt Flack 40 points
- Autumn Trophy, Drift – David Maltby 41 points
- Captain's Day Trophy, Shirley Park – Pat Conboy 35 points

The Memorial Day at Banstead Downs was won by Brian Williams

The Captain made the following presentations

- President's Trophy – David Maltby with 111 points (best 3 out of 4)
- President's Trophy Runner-Up – Pat Conboy with 101 points
- Knockout – Having played to a draw, it was agreed to decide the winner by a toss of the coin. Showing all the skills of a seasoned tosser, David Maltby choose heads and was declared the winner. Mike Cullen was Runner-Up.

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- Trier's Trophy – Jason Bird with an Aggregate score of 118 points from all 4 events

### Election of Committee Members

As there are no duplicate candidates for any of the Committee roles, it is proposed that the election of the 2020 Committee is taken en masse.

- Brian Williams has been nominated as Captain
- Steve Holland will stand down as Captain and become a Past Captain
- Graham Powell will become Vice Captain
- Martin Cox will stand down as Treasurer. The Society thanked Martin for his work during the year
- Bob Tisdall has said that he will stand for Treasurer – bookkeeping outsourced to Mrs Tonge
- Steve Chasty has said that he is available as Trophy Master
- Mike Cullen and Josh Tonge will remain as Event Managers
- David Maltby remains the President of the Society
- Howard will remain as Secretary
- Adrian will remain as auditor

There were no objections to the above and the 2020 Committee was duly elected.

### Events for 2020

The incoming Captain, Brian Williams, presented the courses he had selected for 2020

- Spring Trophy - Tandridge Golf Club Thursday 30 April
- Summer Trophy - Chartham Park Golf Club Friday 12 June
- Autumn Trophy- East Berkshire Golf Club Thursday 30 July
- Captain's Day - Hever Castle Golf Club Friday 11 September
- Away Day - East Sussex Golf Club Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 October
- Winter's Golf Day- Hankley Common Tuesday 17 November
- Memorial Day TBA
- Past Captains' Day TBA

Details of the courses along with the calendar, handicaps, results and blog are on the Society's website [www.rhgs.net](http://www.rhgs.net)

### Any Other Business

Prior to the meeting, Howard had asked all including those that had sent their apologies if there were any points or comments they wanted raised at the AGM. The following comments were read out.

- **David Caddy – Lunch at Tandridge for £34.** The Spring Trophy had a headline price of £96 for Members and Guest price of £101 if we had Tandridge's "famous" £34 carvery lunch. Opting for a simpler single course

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meal brings the cost of the day down by £24. The meeting voted to opt for the single course lunch.

- **Martin Cox – support charity.** Martin had suggested that the Society supports a charity. The meeting voted not to.
- **Carl Cavallo – total number of putts.** Carl suggested that we award a prize for the least number of putts per round. The meeting rejected this.
- **General – more sandwiches and chips and back to the Railway.** The balance of single course meals and one or two substantial lunches was thought to be about right.
- **Alan Bradbrook - The society has hit on a winning formula for all the members so don't change.** The meeting agreed with this sentiment.
- **What about event prizes, should they stay as is?** The meeting agreed that they should
- **What about raffle prizes, should they stay as is?** The meeting agreed that they should
- **Match format – “twos”, aggregate par 3, team prize.** The meeting agreed that this was as it should be.
- **What about Social events?** The meeting discussed various social events and venues that had worked in the past. It was agreed that the 2020 Committee would look at running a Social event during the year.
- **Do we need to order more logoed clothing?** The meeting agreed that the Society should hold some clothing stock. The Committee would agree what was stocked.
- **Amber 500 Ticket - Sutton United Football Club.** Josh outlined how Sutton United Football Club had raised funds for the current football season. The meeting agreed that, should the option arise this year, the Society would ear-mark £100 for this.
- **Handicaps.** CONGU will be changing the rules and regulations regarding handicaps in November 2020. The Society will take this onboard once agreed, but in the interim handicaps will be restricted to a maximum of 36.

### Vote of Thanks:

The outgoing Captain thanked the staff of The Railway for their hospitality, the Members for their support and the Committee for their hard work. Bob Tisdall was thanked for organising the bacon rolls from BDGC.

### Close

The AGM closed at 11.37 am with a round of drinks bought by the Society. A second round was bought by Brian Williams incoming Captain.

**Howard Tonge**  
**RHGS Secretary**  
28 January 2020