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Minutes of the Men's Golf Section

A.G.M. 24th March 2022 19.00

There were only 2 members present together with your Committee.

Introduction & Welcome.

1. On behalf of the Captain and the committee we would like to welcome everyone to this year's Men's Section AGM 2022.
Our first since March 2019 due to the Covid Pandemic.
2. **Captain;** A minutes silence was conducted for Members & Family who had passed away during 2020/2021.
3. Again a disappointing attendance for members to meet the team and the opportunity to comment on what the committee are trying to achieve.
The Minutes of the AGM 2019 were on display for all to peruse.
4. **Present.** Captain James Parry. V/Captain Steph Smith. D. Callaghan. R. Mansfield. M. Friend. S. Milligan. P. Mackley. J. Francis Seniors Captain.
C. Kenworthy. golf management team.
5. **Apologies.** J. Williams. A. Forster. A. Sullivan.
6. A Thankyou goes out to Peter Holland for sending in his apologies via the webpage message window/contact us.
7. Approval of the last AGM March minutes 2019 recorded as a true record.
Proposed S. Smith. Seconded. M. Friend.
8. No outstanding matters from the previous meeting 2019.
9. **Competition Secretary Update.** Since the EGM in Nov 2021. P. Mackley has stepped down due to work commitments, but will continue as a committee member. The Captain has thanked Pete for undertaking the role for this short period.

The Captain approached Steff Milligan and was put forward to take up this role. As documented in the March 8th, 2022, minutes, the committee voted unanimously in favour and we now put it to the floor for ratification.

The vote was conducted to all here present. Voting was unanimous and we welcome S. Milligan as Competition Secretary.

10. **Web Page.** (chinafleetgolfcommittee.co.uk)

Vice-Captain

The committee decided some 3 years ago that we wanted our website to have a similar look and feel to the CFCC website. We approached the club to see if we could have a Men's Section page on their website however this was not possible for the men's section. We therefore decided to create our own site by procuring a domain and creating the website via GoDaddy . The aim was to promote pictures of the Committee and what they do, documented committee minutes and provide the fixture lists and competition results for both Internal and External Competitions with popup messages to update members on important information. It has been a success but believe we need to further promote this site which has some great information on it.

Recently with the help of Joe Francis (November 2021) we have amended and improved the look and feel of the website.

We are always open to suggestions to improve the layout to make it as informative to all and the go to site for anything with regards to the Men's section, so please take and look and let us know your thoughts.

Election of Officers for 2021 were put in place via a reshuffle and was ratified by the EGM in November 2021 due to covid related inability to hold an AGM since 2019 (As below)

Captain James Perry. **Vice-Captain** Stephen Smith. **Honorary Secretary** Dave Callaghan.

Treasurer Andy Sullivan. **Competition Secretary** Steff Milligan (Newly elected)
Committee Members. Richard Mansfield. John Williams. Gary Pavey. Andy Forster. Mark Friend. Scott Johnson. Pete Mackley.

11. **Competition Secretary**

I'd like to thank the Captain, Committee, and all here present for your vote on this role as Competition Secretary and hopefully look to doing a good job.

Team Captains Appraisal

Undertaking the role of Team Captains can be difficult at times, as selection for teams across all competitions can at times be difficult, particularly when China Fleet Club remains competitive across all teams that are entered:

My Thanks goes to the 2021/22 winter league team Captains and all their team players.

Richard Mansfield

Frank Wills and B Team Captain

Stephen Smith

Cornish Bowl Captain

Peter Mackley

Presidents Cup Captain

Cameron Kenworthy

CTC Captain

Presentation to the Retiring Captain Gary Pavey
(Already Made 1st Turkey trot Nov 2021)

Captain's AGM Address

March 24th, 2022

The year as with the past year has been overshadowed by the impacts of Covid-19 for all of us. Golf was a minor consideration in comparison but nevertheless returning to play under social distancing restrictions was very welcome.

The Club was also able to resume competitions and the support from the membership has been fantastic with golf being a truly safe sport in what has been a trying 2 yrs.

Having proudly assumed the Captaincy, little did I think that it would be in a covid hit world. We'd never heard of social distancing and Covid-19 seemed to be something which was only a problem in Asia. 24 months on, the world has changed dramatically, and it certainly wasn't the first year of Captaincy I had envisaged. Fortunately, the game of golf has been one of the positives to emerge from the pandemic with increased participation across the country and thankfully that has also been the case at China Fleet

Collectively, we have turned around a very challenging year into one which we can reflect on with great pride, with a cautious but healthy outlook.

Our greenkeeping team working during numerous lockdowns to keep the course and its surrounds maintained, to preparing the club for reopening after lockdown and I think we can all agree that given the restrictions on budget and manpower Nathan and the team have done a marvellous job with many course improvements.

As highlighted in our communications, the golf course has been in excellent condition throughout the year, testament to the work of our greenkeepers.

The greens staff have again presented the course in exceptional condition. This is a notable achievement given the changeable weather conditions and pests we are no

longer able to control with pesticides this coupled with the very high course usage during the pandemic.

Congratulations to all golfers who won silverware last season, our end of summer season presentations are held after the 1st Turkey Trot to celebrate your achievements.

We had record numbers playing, which was fantastic to witness – the only issue was trying to get a tee-time! With golf, one of the few sports people could participate in – which is indeed still very much the case at present – demand for play reached unprecedented levels, with the tee booked all day, every day for the most part. Another hugely pleasing aspect of 2021 was the number of new members joining the club and hopefully you have all enjoyed your first-year experience. Golf has proved to be one of the safest and healthiest sports during the pandemic.

As everyone should know by now that World Handicap System replaced our current system on 2nd November.

This will be used by all clubs around the world and should make playing across different courses fairer for all players. Full details of the WHS are available on our website or from England Golf. If players wish to gain/maintain handicaps they MUST sign up to the WHS.

2021 has been an extraordinary year with the COVID-19 pandemic again causing profound impacts upon all our lives. Despite the disruption this has caused at China Fleet Golf, I am pleased to report that the Club has responded favourably to the challenges associated with the pandemic.

I wish to give my own personal thanks to the many people who have worked so hard to enable all the club members to get the most of any golfing opportunities that we have had during the past year. This long list includes all the staff and the committee members. I have no doubt that their hard work and dedication is appreciated by all the members. Also, I think it is true to say that we have all worked very well together to play safely whenever given the opportunity, and eventually we will see the day when our club returns to the strong and vibrant community that we have always been proud to be associated with.

Finally, my sincerest thanks go to our outgoing Captain Gary Pavey, who has worked tirelessly, without complaint and always focussed on the clubs' best interests, also having worked hard to get the CGU at the club we hosted the Maxam in August 2021 and had get great feedback from all those that took part. His leadership and dedication have been difficult to replace.

My Charity again this year will be the "Luna's Fund" and I hope you all will try and attend my Charity Day of July 23rd.

James Parry
Captain 2021-2022

Please see attached Statements.

Balance£3416.00

Andy's footnote;

I imagine there may be some questions/follow up about the fact that the bank balance just keeps increasing (and usually continues to over the Summer!) so if it's not already on the cards we may want to bring up the subject of investing in some new items once again.

14. Greenkeepers Report.

March 2022

Greens

Beginning on Monday 7th March, the greens will be hollow cored with 13mm tines at 2-inch centres. This practice is to implement soil exchange, where we remove thatch and replace with fresh sand/rootzone.

The greens will then be heavily top dressed and brushed in. This will cause disruption to the greens for at least 7-10 days, until the sand is worked in, and we can get back to normal cutting regimes. However, this is an essential practice to keep the greens performing well throughout the Spring/summer.

Prior to this, the greens were verti drained to a depth of 7 inches, with a 12mm diameter tine, and then fed with a granular fertiliser which will aid recovery and growth.

A list of the overall benefits of greens aeration:

- Improve surface drainage
- Reduce compaction
- Improve root growth
- Encourage microbial activity
- Physically remove thatch
- Gaseous exchange
- To dilute organic matter
- To produce firmer, smoother surfaces
- Encourage finer (bent) grasses
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Tees

The tees will once again be verti drained as part of our maintenance week to encourage deeper rooting through the winter. The tees will be fed with a granular slow-release fertiliser in spring when soil temperatures improve.

Fairways

The fairways will be divotted in due course, or arrange a divot evening with committee and members? Please discuss possible dates.

Bunkers

Work has continued with stage 3 of the bunker plan, with stage 4 currently in planning. The 2nd bunkers have been re-shaped, and sand has been replaced, the bunkers will be back in play soon, and the remaining grass areas have been seeded, but will remain G.U.R. for some time until we see decent enough coverage of grass in the area. We will also be removing the old sand from the greenside bunkers on the 2nd, and replacing with new sand, so that we have consistency throughout the hole. Bunker liner will also be installed on the steep faces of the greenside bunkers.

Trees

We are delighted to have made our contribution to the Queen's Canopy scheme. We have now planted 100 trees around the golf course. We selected varying different species, very much in keeping with the native trees already on the course. The areas for planting were carefully selected to fill in gaps in tree plantations, or where trees have previously been removed, and in some areas simply to fill in wide open spaces. Careful consideration was given to positioning to avoid problems in the future such as leaf fall, shade, and airflow.

Whilst the course has been too wet to access with machinery, the team have been tidying the tree plantations between the 16th and entrance drive.

Hedgerows

All hedges have now been strimmed and the team are in the process of topping the hedgerows where scrub had begun to grow in the gaps between trees. The hedgerows now look a lot tidier and will be much simpler to maintain.

Ropes

As you will have seen, there are many ropes around the course protecting areas, and guiding foot traffic. These ropes are moved several times during the week to spread wear.

Machinery

During the wet winter months, we have made use of the time off the course, giving our machinery annual service maintenance. This will obviously prolong the life of the machinery and ensure optimum performance during the busy season.

15. Questions Received from the section 14days prior to the AGM.

The Committee wishes to purchase a laptop for the storage of all minutes, documentation, and Web site rather than use their own/work computers, memory sticks & Disc's as it passes to new and future officers elect.

[The Members here present to vote and ratify the above.](#)

A vote was conducted and passed unanimously.

Ray Ball.

1. What percentage goes to the prize fund and where does the rest go.
.75p goes to the section. Remainder is 50% 30% 20% to each Divisional placing.
2. Can the club extend the length of the prize vouchers from 1 year to 2 years.
After many, many discussions, and consultations with the Golf Management Team and our then Captain Gary Pavey we came to an agreement that all vouchers would be valid for 12 months (Date Stamped) from the said competition date.
3. Speed up players on Competition days.
Speed of play has always been a cause of slow play not only at our club but other clubs too, we have coming up (soon) Marshalls from the shop to monitor speed of play on busy days to assist with this issue.
4. Promote players to replace divots, repair pitch marks and rake bunkers.
All Players and Groups are responsible for the above while out playing.
Please read the AOB minutes of 8th March 2022 as documented.
5. Get rid of the 2-ball series and go back to individual competitions in the winter.
The winter series was introduced (Captain Gary Pavey) prior to the WHS changes so that a Competition could be played thro-out the winter as the course was too short with the winter mats being in play.
The Tamar Trophy and an Honours Board was purchased for this purpose.
However since the WHS introduction we have now a Green Course, where you can put a casual card in (Handicap purposes) or sign in to play a Pro shop Stapleford (Saturdays) wintertime.

16. Any Other Business for committee consultation.

Seniors Captain Joe Francis.

We were asked what the gifts were for as documented in our yearly Financial Report.

These were gifts too, Past Captain Gary Pavey.

Competition Secretary, Darryn Billing.

Committee Secretary & Winter Team Captain, Peter Church.

For all their extra-long service in each position.

This was also recorded as a true record in the December Minutes 2021.

Also from the floor for consultation.

A new Order of Medit table for the Pro shop Roll-up Wednesdays.

A Presentation of a Medal to the winner on a Medal Competition Day (Divisional)

17. The Captain closed the meeting @20.10 and thanked all those here present.