

**MINUTES OF THE CHINA FLEET MEN'S GOLF SECTION**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD**  
**On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 1900**

**There were only 3 members present together with the Committee.**

**Introduction and welcome**

**Peter Church**

On behalf of the Committee I would like to welcome everyone to the China Fleet Men's Golf Section Annual General meeting 2019.

It is disappointing that so few people have attended as this the opportunity for members to have comment on what the committee are trying to achieve.

The minutes of the AGM 2018 have been circulated and copies available for your perusal tonight.

**Matters arising**

There was only one item which was raised by Mr Ian Burgess in relation to reciprocal arrangements with clubs via the St Austell Brewery, this matter was discussed with management and China Fleet's arrangements with the brewery does not include this option.

Proposed as a true record  
Seconded

Ray Ball  
Mark Fox

As you will all be aware our current Captain Gary Pavey has not had the support of a Vice-Captain this past year and we still do not have a Captain nominated for 2019-2020 season, with this in mind in discussion with the committee Gary has stated that he is willing to act as Captain for a further year.

I'm sure you will agree he has done a fantastic job, with lots of improvements for the benefit of members.

I therefore propose that Gary Pavey is elected as Captain for the 2019-2020 season.

Seconded

Gary Sweet

### **3. Captain's report and review of the year.**

**Gary Pavey**

**2018-2019** has been a busy but successful year for China Fleet Club and that is down to everyone involved, members, players that support the Club Competitions, Committee members, Club Management, staff within the Golf shop and the green keeping staff, so thank you to you all.

I would like to not only thank but praise the Committee on the whole, as the time, the effort and the willingness to continue to highlight and make improvements for all members is a credit to you all, so thank you. Engagement between the Committee and the Golf Management Team continues to improve, which has enabled discussions to be held and positive changes to be made, so again, thank you to all involved. I would like to single out a few specific individuals for not only their commitment but their continued drive to support everything that is good about our club:

**Peter Church** has continued to have significant roles within the Club from Club Captain, to the Secretary and has agreed to undertake the role gain for another year, this is appreciated by numerous members, thank you.

#### **Team Captains:**

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, so my thanks go to:

<b>Richard Keith</b>	Frank Wills and B Team Captain
<b>Dave Callaghan</b>	Cornish Bowl Captain
<b>Steve Weeks</b>	Presidents Cup Captain
<b>Darren Billings</b>	PAL Team Captain

Subsequently I wish thank this year's Team Captains and wish them success:

<b>Andrew Hatch</b>	Frank Wills and B Team Captain
<b>Gary Sweet</b>	Cornish Bowl Captain
<b>Steve Weeks</b>	Presidents Cup Captain
<b>Darren Billings</b>	PAL Team Captain

**Nathan**, ( Head Green keeper and his team ), China Fleet has a healthy membership, in comparison to many other clubs and within that membership, I think that we have a large percentage of aspiring green keepers! Improvements to the course have continued and Nathan and his team are regularly updating the Committee on potential changes and I am sure that everyone would agree that within the last year, certainly last summer the course was in fantastic condition, so thank you and lets hope that with the changes that Nathan is trying to implement that the course goes from strength to strength.

**Darren Billings** has undertaken the role as Competition Secretary and has agreed to not only continue in that role for the next year but also take on the added responsibility as Vice-Captain. He is also a successful PAL Team Captain this year being victorious in the final held in France, a special mention to Darren, as he is instrumental within China Fleet and I would not only like to recognise that but also thank him for all his efforts.

**Cameron Kenworthy** has provided the required support, guidance and help to the committee particularly in dealing with competitions and handicap adjustments, thank you.

**Linda Goddard** has been with the club for numerous years now and has supported the committee throughout, I would like to say thank you for everything that she has done, Linda has been most valuable to me within my Captaincy year, of which I am most grateful and on behalf of the Club, members and committee wish her the best for her upcoming retirement.

All our competitions are well supported and the new Winter Comp in particular, with some of the scores that have been achieved this year, changes may well be required but overall this has been a welcome and positive change.

Other new competitions, such as Nelsons Trophy and an annual event against St Mellion, are also due to be implemented throughout this year.

This year has seen a measure of success throughout various competitions and I would like to thank everyone who has represented the Club and implore all players to add their names for selection to play in both competitions and events throughout the year.

<b>Maxam</b>	Tom Fox & Matt Fox, Cameron Kenworthy & Richard Keith, Scott Summerfield & Andy Sullivan, finished a credible 5 <sup>th</sup> , behind the County “big boys”, Perranporth, Tehidy, St. Enodoc and Tevose.
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**Frank Wills**  
round defeats.

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**Presidents Trophy**  
PAL ( Plymouth Area League)  
in France.

Runners Up to West Cornwall  
Champions, beat Staddon, final held

Club members also represented China Fleet in other County  
Competitions, such as  
Lieutenants Trophy and Royal Cornwall Goblets.

It has been an honour and privilege to the last year to be your Club  
Captain and I look forward to another successful year.

### **3. Competition Secretary's Report.**

**Darren Billing**

The 2018/19 season has again been another fantastic success, with a large increase in the number of members participating in the different events. Last year saw some new pairs events brought into the golfing calendar, although we were unable to gain enough interest in the Men's Open and Guest Day. The monthly medals & stablefords were as always, well supported by the members, and there was a great deal of interest in the new Saturday roll-up stableford.

Everyone sees the Masters as the beginning of the golfing season, but at China Fleet, we have to wait until May for our 1st major, The Anniversary Plate. The winner of last year's competition, who topped an entry field of 111 players, was Andy Challen with a nett score of 68.

The Dragon's Trophy is another big event which takes place every June. This is a better-ball pair's event, which has seen some high winning stableford scores in previous years. Last year saw the scoring back to some normality, with Scott Summerfield and Martin Cleave claiming victory by 1 point, with a score of 44.

Going into July, we have the eagerly anticipated Club Championships, and although there was the new Grayburn trophy for the winner, there certainly wasn't going to be a new

name on the cup. Tom Fox, who some of you may have heard of, was triumphant over Colin Kitt for the 2nd year running, winning with a 1 under score of 143. The handicap event kept it as a family affair, with Mark Fox beating Kelvin Rogers by 3 shots, with a nett score of 139. The winner of the higher handicap trophy was Derek Baxter, who beat Jimmy King over the two days.

Although we lost the Men's Open in August, we did manage to introduce The China Fleet Trophy Day. This was a stableford event, with new trophies available to the winners of each handicap division. The inaugural winners of these trophies in 2018 were Kevin Jones (Div 1) with 44pts, Alan Blaikie (Div 2) with 42pts & Roger Curtis (Div 3) also with a score of 44pts.

September usually sees the final individual trophy of the season, The Captain's Trophy, but unfortunately due to the weather, last year's event was re-arranged for October. Victory was eventually had by Andy Whitby with a score of 39pts, beating a host of players by 1pt.

The Captain's Trophy event is also the last opportunity for players to earn points towards the Order of Merit. This event is run throughout the season, with points awarded depending on positions in medal & stableford events. Going into the final event, there were a number of players who could still win, but it was Kenie Donnelly who eventually prevailed, gaining enough points to overtake Alain Blaikie and collect the coveted Hudson Shield.

As always during the summer, we have the various knock-out competitions being played, and last year saw new names being engraved on the trophies. The list of winners for the ko's were Lee Kingdom in the scratch, Mark Friend & Stefan Kelly won the handicap sections, the 4BBB winners were Paul Jones & Dave Hobbs, with Steve Jones & Luke Silver winning the Greensomes.

The final trophy introduced for 2018 was The Hawtree Cup, this is a four-somes medal in which the winners also represent the golf club in the Daily Mail foursomes. Winners for first time were Steve Hatherley & Pete Grant, who beat Jim & Scott Johnston by half a shot.

Finally coming into the winter months, the committee were looking for a competition to replace the stableford non-qualifiers, and we eventually came up with the idea of the winter series. Judging by the interest in this event, it seems like the idea was actually a good one, and going into Sunday's last round, we were still unsure who the first winner would be. At the time of writing, the results for Sunday's round were not yet published, but hopefully the overall winner will be announced at The Captain's Drive-In.

Anyway, a massive thank you to all those who have assisted me throughout the year, and good luck to you all in 20

#### **4. The following were elected without contest**

Secretary	Peter Church
Treasurer	Andrew Sullivan
Competition Secretary	Darren Billing

#### **Proposed New Committee Members**

Jamie Mitchell	Proposed	Gary Pavey
	Seconded	Gary Sweet
Ian Apps	Proposed	Gary Sweet
	Seconded	Steve Weeks

Both accepted as new members of the committee

#### **6, Financial Statement**

**Andrew Sullivan**

Apologies for not being able to make this evening's AGM, unfortunately work had to take priority.

As the AGM is being held slightly earlier than usual this year I am not yet able to present the annual financial reports as these run to 31st March 2019. I will have these prepared as soon as I have received the final bank statements through from the bank and they will be

presented to the Committee for publication in due course (I'd expect this to be by the end of April as a worst case).

As this is my first year of holding a role of an independent Treasurer, given that I stood down from the Committee last year, I was less involved in the underlying financial decisions and took more of a role of advising on the availability of funds for investments that the committee wished to make throughout the year.

I am pleased to say that, as a result of these steps, the committee was able to purchase a substantial number of new trophies to be presented at competitions throughout the year, as well as the acquisition of the new trophy cabinet that has now been mounted in the lounge bar which will house said trophies throughout the year. I'm sure that everyone will agree that these are great additions to the golf section.

As in previous years the committee has continued to financially support the various teams that represent the club by supplementing the cost of meals for winter knockouts, county events and also the Plymouth Area League. The committee also continues to provide a supplement on the purchase of team kit to ensure that all team members have team kit available.

Over the next year I will continue to support the committee with their financial affairs to ensure that future investments into the golf section are able to be actioned.

Gary Pavey gave his thanks to Andrew Sullivan for his work.

## **7. Senior's Section Report Powell**

**Graham**

"As you may be aware our Senior's year, commences in November thru to the end of October each year. And, having taken over as Seniors Captain at our AGM in Nov

2018, I am therefore pleased to read the Seniors report for the year 2018 to Nov, as prepared by last year's captain Mike Partridge.

I will then add a few points covering off my 1st Quarter report leading up to this March AGM 2019

Naturally, I shall be happy to submit my own 2019 report to read at your next AGM in March 2020"

"Mike thanked the committee and all members for their support in his year as captain. He also made a special thank you to Lyn, Tilly and Kathy for their help during special match days and to Fay for being a good host.

Mike also thanked Graham Clatworthy and Ted Woodhouse for their Welfare Officer and Press Officer roles respectively.

Charity Funds Raised: Mike was very appreciative of all the support which enabled the Captain's charity to raise the sum of £2,575.00 for his chosen charity, Mount Edgecombe Hospice. The presentation was made prior to the Hospice representative, at the start of the Snrs Nov 2018 AGM.

Matches played through the year:

1. Matches: Of the 24 Friendly Fixtures, the results were:

Won 11 ~ Drawn 3 ~ Lost 10

2. Result in the Harry Champion @ The Point was that we entered one team, but did not reach the Final day play.

3. The Seniors Open and Captain's Day competitions had proved very successful, with positive responses and all prizes delivered.

4. The annual Devon V Cornwall Seniors Match was won by Devon."



As you may know, Mike is always short and to the point – which leads me nicely to add my objectives on becoming Snrs Captain in Nov 2018, thru to now.

#### 2019 Objectives:

1. To enhance COMMUNICATION & PUBLICITY both internally to the various Sections and importantly to the outside press & golfing fraternity.
2. To that end we now have our own Facebook page and improved Website pages. We also have a weekly update to the Press in both the Plymouth & Cornish newspapers. This will become a major feature as the season kicks in.

2. To broaden our FIXTURES LIST and improve our year end results in the various external competitions we enter.

With a much-increased number of section members now approaching 95, we are finding the roll-ups very well attended and am pleased to advise we now have had an average 45 turning up to play – which has been greatly helped by the relatively mild and dry winter.

Consequently, we now have increased Tee times with earlier starts in readiness for April onwards.

3. To broaden our INTERNAL FIXTURES to encompass the whole Club and add two new Honours Boards to the Hall of Fame.

We have therefore introduced two new Competitions, namely the Mixed Open in July, and the very First Seniors Medal Championship which will be played in September. This will be open to all Club members over the age 60+, and played off Yellows.

The two new boards will be the Peter Gill Memorial – a long-standing two-day event - and the newly announced Seniors Champion from 2019 onwards.

Finally, I am pleased to advise that we have had a very strong entry for members wishing to represent our Teams in this year's Calendar – which looks set to be a very exciting year ahead.

Gary Pavey thank Graham for the work he was doing to broaden seniors activities within the club and looked forward to seeing more as the year goes by....

## **8. Prize Vouchers**

**Ray Ball**

The issue raised was regarding competition vouchers held post competition in the golf shop currently they are filed in date order and RB asked that they be kept in Alphabetical order.

GP responded stating that there had been discussion with management and it had been agreed that vouchers would now be in alphabetical order as requested.

## **9. Guest Day**

**Ray Ball**

**RB** stated that he had was disappointed that there was no Guest Day having previously enjoyed same, and as numbers had dwindled wondered if cost was an issue? Discussion then ensued and GP sated that there had been discussion with management and the new Competition, The Nelson Trophy which is a team event, taking place on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019 members would be allowed to invite guests, at a cost of £15.00 green fee payable to the club. Should interest increase then a Guest Day could be an option in future years.

RB thanked the committee and green staff on behalf of the membership.

There being no further business the meeting g was closed at 1935 hours

P Church  
Honorary Secretary