

Members Notice

Annual General meeting – Thursday 8th July 2021, held at the Golf Centre commencing at 7.30pm.

The re-arranged 28th Annual General Meeting of the Club, was held on Thursday 8th July 2021 at the Golf Centre, under the continuing Government restrictions in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In accordance with usual practice, we called for nominations for Committee positions, and these were detailed on the proxy voting form.

On the night, only the Management Committee were in attendance (6 attendees) and the rest of the members in attendance by proxy (49 members returned proxy forms) which enabled the meeting to be quorate.

The results of the proxy vote were as follows:

Resolution:

	For	Against	Withheld
1. To receive and adopt the Report of the Treasurer and the Financial Statements of the Club for the year ended 31 December 2020	49		
2. To re-elect John Kelly as Chairman of the Club	49		
3. To re-elect John Brothwood as Secretary of the Club.	49		
4. To re-elect Matthew Dale as Treasurer of the Club	48		1
5. To re-elect Peter Gill as Handicap Secretary of the Club.	48		1
6. To re-elect Bernard Jones as Gentlemen's Captain of the Club	45	1	3
7. To re-elect Mrs Angela Smith as Lady Captain of the Club.	48		1
8. To re-elect Mrs Anne Wakelam as Ladies Vice Captain of the Club	47		2
9. To re-elect Christian Shotton as Gentlemen's Vice Captain of the Club	45		4
10. To elect Mark Jeff-Johnston as Assistant Handicap Secretary of the Club	45		4
11. To re-elect Mrs Jill Bullock as Committee Member of the Club	47	2	
12. To re-elect Mrs Gail Hewitt as a Committee Member of the Club	49		
13. To re-elect Jeff Rushton as a Committee Member of the Club	45		4
14. To re-elect Lee Machin as a Committee Member of the Club	45		4
15. To re-elect Wyn Watley as Senior Gentlemen's Captain of the Club	44		5
16. To re-elect Deryck Hall as Senior Gentlemen's Vice Captain of the Club	45		4
17. To re-elect Luke Bimson as Junior Captain of the Club	46		3
18. To re-elect Harry Hawkesford as Junior Vice Captain of the Club	46		3
19. To re-elect Steve Bimson as Junior Organiser of the Club	45		4
20. To re-elect Mark Jeff-Johnston as Junior Committee Member of the Club	45		4
21. To elect Gary Hawkesford as Junior Committee Member of the Club	45		4

In respect of **Resolution 1 – the Treasurers Report** was adopted by the meeting and a copy will be available on the website for information.

In respect of the nominations for Committee – **Resolutions 2 – 21** – these were all duly elected and will serve until the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Due to the restricted programme of events in 2020 due to the pandemic there was little to report and therefore the usual reports from the various Sections were dispensed with for 2021.

A report from the proprietors summarising the past 12 months is available on the website.

Any other business:

1. Raised by **Mark Hawkins** - My question is related to the current accounts and I can see that we have well over £12k in the pot of members money and wanted to know why the competition entries are being maintained at £3 and if the relatively low percentage of entry money that goes to the prize funds can be increased such that more of the money is released back to the members....especially in a year where

there is little external competitions being played, as they have all been suspended until next year.

I applaud the idea that every year the committee needs to add to the pot however I cannot remember in the 13 years since I held the post when that pot has been seriously threatened by a major outlay, even for the 25 year anniversary which was well financially managed and it would be good to release some members funds back to us.

I remember when I was captain, Dave Went as Secretary at the time announcing from the EGU that they stated that an ideal club members fund to keep in reserve would be between £6k and £10k....so if the committee was to keep £10k as the target that would enable a good release of members money back to them this year in the form of higher winnings and/or lower entry money for the comps.

Whilst it sits in an account somewhere the members can't enjoy it.

Treasurer's response – The issue of the appropriate level for the Club reserves is something that has been discussed at Committee over the last few years and it has been agreed that we should aim to keep reducing the balance to a target of £10k. It should be noted that back in 2010 the balance was £17k and we have steadily reduced this by setting deficit budgets each year. We have kept comp entry fees unchanged at £3 for several years and match fees at £2 also for several years. Obviously over the years costs have increased for green fees, entry fees, food etc. so this is slowly reducing the balance and will continue to do so. We have recently agreed to introduce a gross winners prize for medals and stablefords starting in July and also a gross winner prize in certain trophy competitions such as the scrambles and some others. We will also look at increasing the % of comp entry paid out this year - historically this has been approx 50% and I agree that increasing this % is a good way of reducing the balance.

2. Raised by **Deryck Hall** - Competition Winnings

Why is there a significant delay in the payment of prize money to those:

- a) winning club competitions
- b) recording a two at a par 3

When entering club competitions through How Did I Do, entry fees are automatically deducted from your Member Card. However, there are several occasions when the payment of prize money has taken well over one month to appear on your Member Card.

As I write, I and the rest of my team have still not received prize money from the Fun Day competition we won in mid-May.

It does not seem unrealistic to expect prize money to be paid within one week of the competition results being posted on How Did I Do or the club website.

What systems will the Club put in place to ensure that winnings are paid promptly in future?

Response by the Chairman - Thank you Deryck for your query regarding Competition Winnings.

Fun day Competition May

You are right to say payments have been delayed. Errors in both the BRS booking system and HDID entry system, caused many problems. These resulted in the original competition having to be reconstructed, a process that has taken several weeks.

I believe this reconciliation, has resolved, outstanding issues and payments should have been made to the winners Members cards.

All other competition payments are up to date and have been paid out.

As a club we run a large number of competitions on behalf of members. Sometimes payments may be delayed, but we have to remember the people dealing with these matters also have other jobs and undertake these positions on a voluntary basis. So, a degree of patience may be required by members.

You are correct in saying entry monies are deducted from cards automatically. Unfortunately, the system is not live and issues arise for coordinators when members change teams. It collects a new fee but does not return funds for those replaced.

If we take the Summer Scramble, the Centre collected £375 from members. The coordinator collected £336 from the number of players. Only when we get the audit trail from the Centre, can we find the difference, and refund players who entered but did not take part on the day. It would help if members entered the correct starting line up into the HDID application.

Therefore, this will cause minor delays in paying out prize money. The Club Systems HDID app is not interactive, as many members think.

I am happy the Club has the right systems in place to ensure payouts are made in a timely fashion.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 07.45pm.

Bromsgrove Golf Club
John Brothwood,
Secretary