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The Inches Golf Society

2023 Annual General Meeting

Date: 18th November 2023 Time: 17:00

Venue: 67 Ridge Avenue, London N21 2RH

Minutes

Present: Bernie Butler (Captain), Dave Sharpe (Chairman), Andy Rippington (Treasurer), Martin Fox (Secretary), Jon Mann, Lee Robinson, Gordon Crisp, David Goldfarb, Stuart Hawes

- Apologies for Absence:
David K, Simon, Mitchell, Luke, Andy J, Doug, Brennan, Nigel, Chris, Dave E
- Chairman's opening address (Dave S)

Dave thanked the committee for all their hard work throughout the season and looked forward to next seasons fixtures, in particular the new venue Canons Brook which we're playing in June. Dave stated he was happy to continue in the role of Chairman if so elected by the society.

- Treasurer's Report (Andy R)

Andy presented the 2023 Annual accounts in detail ([available on website here](#)). Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Stuart Hawes and seconded by Dave Sharp.

Andy also produced a list of suggested standing order amounts, based on each individuals playing habits should any member wish to pay by this means. Only 4 members currently pay by SO but the offer is there for anyone

to take up if it makes their lives easier. If not, then top-up amounts as and when required will continue as usual.

Andy then made the following declarations as required by the society rules:
....that subject to approval by the AGM, the subscription fee due for the coming year remains £20

.... that subject to approval by the AGM, the Players Fee due for the coming year remains at £20

.... that subject to approval by the AGM, the insurance fee for the coming season remains at £7.50

.... that subject to approval by the AGM no visitors fee other than the appropriate tournament fee is applicable.

Andy mentioned that in AOB we should discuss rule **6.14.2 The tournament fee collected shall be distributed in a manner decided upon at the A.G.M** This is a rule which we have not discussed since first inception and we should therefore decide during this and subsequent AGMs exactly how the tournament fee will be set for each event in the coming season. (See Proposal 2 in AOB below).

Andy stated he was happy to continue in the role of Treasurer if so elected by the society.

- Secretary's Report (Martin F)

Martin also thanked the committee with particular thanks to Andy R & Bern for all their hard work without which the society would fail to function. Martin asked if it was possible for more photos to be sent to him after each event if possible – this really helps enhance the website. Re. website, Jon Mann said he would look into the issue of drop-down menu pages not appearing on mobile devices (Martin to send Jon the details).

Martin stated he was happy to continue in the role of Secretary if so elected by the society.

- Captain's Report (Bernie B)

*I must start this year's report with a word of warning. Last year 6 players turned up for the opening fixture at Blakes in November, I had to cancel our annual visit to Brampton Park because of lack of numbers. This has never happened before. More and more clubs are stating minimum numbers of 12 for visits. On 5 occasions this year we did not meet these criteria. On numerous occasions this year I have had to sweet talk venues into not charging for last minute drop outs-I get the distinct feeling this may not be acceptable in the future. **[It was noted that the previous para would also be emailed to all members so everyone has awareness of the issue].***

With that out of the way the season was in general a success.

The overnight stays at OLD THORNS and DALE HILL were both very good offering good facilities and excellent golf. The only slight problem was the fog on the 2nd day at dale hill which forced us to play the WOOSNAM course twice instead of the slightly inferior old course. It was no hardship and Lee prevailed on the 36th green to win by one point over Nigel. Andy Rips won the players amassing a very impressive 640 points clear of Gordon by 60. Congratulations to LEE and ANDY.

The other major went to Nigel who won the open at Woolston Manor.

Society day winners were as follows:

Andy R - 2 David G - 2 Nigel - 2 Bern - 2 Gordon Dave S Dave E and Mo. Commiserations must go to Luke for twice losing society days on countback.

The trip to La Cala in September was another great success with all 3 courses in excellent condition, immaculate weather, great extra curricula padel tennis and spa circuits with only a small amount of alcoholic intake. Special thanks must go to Andy Rips for the effort he puts into this trip with all the accounting done and the completely baffling RIPPERS POINTS calculations which brings such fun to the proceedings.

Next season we return to 2 excellent venues for our overnights EAST SUSSEX NATIONAL for the players and STOKE BY NAYLAND for the Masters, not forgetting the Shadow of WESTCLIFFS and potentially ROYAL OBIDOS hanging over the lucky ones next September !!!!

Bern stated he was happy to continue in the role of Captain if so elected by the society.

- Election of Committee

The existing committee all stated they were happy to stand again. There were no other nominations for the role. There were no objections, and the motion was carried.

- AOB

Proposal 1 from Martin (seconded by Bern) – Given the fantastic accounting work that Rippers does for the society throughout the year, not forgetting the additional accounts required during and after our trips abroad, I propose that Andy’s committee subsidy fee should be increased from £20 to £40, bringing it in-line with Bernie. (Carried 8 - 1).

Proposal 2 from Andy R (seconded by Martin) – The tournament fee distribution for 2023/24 season should be [as detailed here](#) (Carried 9 -0)

Proposal 3 from Andy R (seconded by Martin) – The visitors fee should be the same as the members fee at all events, even though a visitor cannot claim the prize for winning an event, only nearest pin, longest drive & 2’s club (but no rollover). (Carried 9 - 0)

Proposal 4 from Lee (seconded by David G) – The society pot (currently standing at approx. £1300) should be used to subsidise the 2024 ‘Players’ cost of £166 per person. The subsidy should be £26 per person approx, therefore making the actual cost of the event £140 per person. (Carried 9 - 0)

There being no other business, the AGM closed @18:30