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**The Inches Golf Society**

**2024 Annual General Meeting**

Date: 16th November 2024        Time: 17:00

Venue: 67 Ridge Avenue, London N21 2RH

**Minutes**

* **Present**: Bernie Butler (Captain), Dave Sharpe (Chairman), Andy Rippington (Treasurer), Martin Fox (Secretary) - remotely, Chris Dyer, Jon Mann, Lee Robinson, Gordon Crisp, David Goldfarb, Stuart Hawes
* **Apologies for Absence:**

*David K, Simon, Mitchell, Luke, Andy J, Doug, Brennan, Dave E, Nigel*

* **Chairman’s opening address (Dave S)**

*Dave thanked the committee for all their hard work throughout the season and thanked Andy R for hosting the AGM again. 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 2024 Annual accounts in detail (*[*available on website here*](https://www.the-inches.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/000-Accounts-24-1.pdf)*). Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Lee Robinson and seconded by Gordon Crisp.*

*Andy 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*
* *the Players Fee due for the coming year remains at £20*
* *the insurance fee for the coming season remains at £7.50, while noting rule 6.7.2 regarding members with their own appropriate personal insurance.*
* *no visitors fee other than the appropriate tournament fee is applicable to guests playing at Society fixtures.*

*Andy mentioned that in AOB we should discuss rule 7.1* The society is a non-profit making society & therefore **any profit made over a season shall be returned to society funds, not to individual members accounts.**

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

* **Secretary’s Report (Martin F)**

“*The season was a success once again. However, I am but a mere small cog in the well-oiled central mechanism of the TIGS committee.*

*So my thanks as usual have to go to Rips for supplying me in a timely manner with the results of every event in a format that is easy to upload to the website, and of course to Bern for everything that he does.*

*Please note that the fixture list for next season is now complete (apart from a couple of tee-times in the latter half of the year), so please ensure all those dates are in your diary.*

*Other than that, I have nothing else to report and am happy to stand again as TIGS secretary, subject of course to our usual voting process”.*

* **Captain’s Report (Bernie B)**

*“I am pleased to say that last year’s grim start to my report in the main was heeded and player participation was better this year but we still only had 7 at Bush hill for the twilight round .We do need to try and attract more members and also stress to existing ones to prioritise the events that are booked months in advance and should be in diaries already for 2025.*

*The overnights at EAST SUSSEX NATIONAL for the Players and STOKE BY NAYLAND for the Masters were both excellent offering good facilities and golf. It was such a shame that the Players could not be completed due to the closure of the course on Monday [ I remind everyone we still have 16 vouchers worth £65 each to use b4 may 25 ] Congratulations to MR B and Lee for their victories in these 2 majors.*

*The Open was deservedly won by Brennan at Woolston Manor.*

*Society day winners were as follows…*

*Stuart 3, Lee 2, David G 2, and 1 by Bern, Gordon, Dave S, Andy R and Martin.*

*Gordon again won the Order of Merit by a clear 70 points which is a commendable effort considering all the aches and pains he endures during his rounds.*

*Prai del Rey in September was another great success with both PDR and WESTCLIFFS providing challenging and stunning courses in excellent condition, great warm weather, fantastic hotel and beach and padel tennis. but not such great PRAWN PASTA.!*

*The Players in May will give more members the opportunity to play the excellent OXFORDSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP COURSE, twice venue of the Masters which only 8 qualified for. The Masters returns to CELTIC MANOR and the Montgomery and Roman Road courses WELL WORTH STRIVING FOR TOP 8 POSTIONS ON THE ORDER OF MERIT.*

*Next September sees our return to LA CALA, the magnificent venue in Spain which I must tell you was very difficult to get into even booking 12 months in advance.*

*I hope members enjoyed this season and make every effort to do the same in 2025”*

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.

*Proposed by Chris Dyer & seconded by Jon Mann*

* **AOB**

Proposal from the committee – *Rule change to section 7.1*

7 PROFIT.

7.1 The society is a non-profit making society & therefore **any profit made over a season shall be returned to society funds, not to individual members accounts.**

7.1.1 Any monies going into an AGM approved society fund shall not be deemed as profit.

7.2 The treasurer shall at the AGM declare how much profit has been made, if any, and upon approval by at A.G.M move these monies into society funds.

7.3 The committee have the right to use society funds as they deem necessary for the benefit of members, including, but not limited to, subsidising future society events.

7.4 The treasurer shall keep an account of all monies left in the accounts, as regards each member, & make details of this account readily available to any member that wishes to see it.

7.5 The treasurer shall keep account of all monies in society funds and make details of this account readily available to any member that wishes to see it.

7.6 Any loss made during the year shall be declared at the A.G.M. & all “Members” shall share an equal share.

**Voted and passed by majority 9 -1**

**There being no other business, the AGM closed @17:50**