

Minutes of the 61st Annual General Meeting of the Company held in the Clubhouse on Thursday 4th July 2013

Mr. Paul Markham was in the Chair and 63 Members signed the Register.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Steve Greensill from Pursglove and Brown, our auditors, and thanked members for attending.

Apologies for Absence from:

Mr. & Mrs. John Baird

Mrs. R Cooper

Mr. W Pattison

Mr. D Russell

Mr. P Carr

Mr. M Earley

Mrs. E Robertson

Mr. W Smith

1 To Approve the Minutes of the 60th Annual General Meeting held on 27th June 2012:

The minutes of the 60th Annual General Meeting held on 27th June 2012 were read and confirmed as a true and correct record. They were proposed by

Mr. J. Cleland and seconded by Mr. Captain, Mike Allen.

2. Matters Arising:

The Chairman reported that due to work commitments Bob Neeld had resigned from the Board and that he, Paul Markham, had been elected as Chair. Bob had contributed an enormous amount of time and effort in setting up the new website and continues to keep it updated on a weekly basis and thanks were given for his years served as our Financial Director.

Staff reductions on Green keeper and Office positions had been completed in line with the Board's previous initiatives.

David Birch had been subsequently appointed as our new Administrator. David has streamlined the management accounts in line with the auditors systems and has been instrumental in renegotiating various contracts providing savings for the club. The office computers and server have been updated and increased the efficiency of the department. Thanks to Wendy Anscombe and Jenny Hunt for their help throughout the office transition.

The BRS tee booking system has now been introduced. Bob Neeld and Barrie Newton have worked tirelessly on this project and continue to do so and thanks were recorded for their input and expertise. The system allows us to efficiently manage tee times and benefits are clearly shown in Club takings.

Submission for the Donkey Field and the 17th Ladies Tee has been accepted into the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment process.

It is possible that a limited scale of development shall be required, though whether this will be near to the City of Chester or extended to rural villages remains to be seen. Upon review, the club's sites will be reassessed and placed on a revised schedule of opportunities for consideration.

Martin O'Connor was appointed as our new Professional in September 2012. Martin is a great asset to the club and the shop now stocks a wide range of goods.

Junior fees were reduced earlier this year and this has resulted in an increase in junior members from 20 to over 50.

Green fee income had increased substantially from 2012. Two seasonal workers have been appointed for the summer months to work with the green keepers

The Greens 300 Club has brought much needed revenue to the Club, thanks to John Baird for his efforts.

Taster membership offers have been introduced to actively encourage potential new full members to join for 2014. These have proved moderately successful and marketing will continue to look at ways of raising revenue.

A Clubhouse refurbishment program was commenced at the beginning of the year thanks to volunteers whom helped to save the club money whilst increasing the attractiveness for outside functions, an important revenue area. Thanks to all who gave their time and expertise. It was also hoped to tackle the Committee Room later in the year

The much needed major overhaul of the kitchen was completed in May and thanks were recorded to Jenny Hunt, Dave French and Ian Wharmby for ensuring that the project was completed within the time scale and budget.

3. To Receive and Consider the Finance Director's Annual Report of the Directors and Draft Accounts for the Year 2012:

Mr. P Robertson presented his report, a copy of which was made available to members at the meeting and can be obtained from the office.

After successful implementation of the Board/s various initiatives the club returned to a profit of £19,000 before taxes for the year to December 2012 compared to a significant loss in 2011.

The Accounts for 2012 were in draft form and whilst they were complete the Auditor, Mr. Greensill of Persglove and Brown preferred to sign them when the company could ensure that there was sufficient cash to cover resources for the next twelve months.

In response to a question from Mr. J. Michie it was reported that redundancy costs were £29,126.00 and were shown in the accounts as part of the staff cost in Course and Admin.

3. To Present an Update of the Board's Objectives for 2013 and Future Plans: The Chairman presented an update of the Board's objectives for 2013 and future plans:-

Driving Range:

Following an Open Meeting of the Club in March, there was overwhelming support to continue the development of the Driving Range project. First stage environmental and topographical surveys have taken place together with outline concept architectural and designs plans of the developed site. Studies had also been carried out in respect of the expected level of fill and a preliminary traffic view of the impact of the proposed scheme. This remains a viable project that can have a real impact on the Club both in terms of what we can offer members and our financial stability with potential to bring about a significant return to the club. It is understood that the project must be developed with minimum risk and impact to the club

2014 sees the 75th Anniversary of Vicars Cross Golf Club and planning is well advanced with prestigious competitions being organized to promote the club and showcase our facilities.

5. To Elect Directors

The Chairman reported there were 4 vacancies on the Board due to retirement by rotation of Mr Dave French and Mrs Wendy Anscombe. Mrs Anscombe is standing for re election.

Nominations were received from John Gray and Peter Robertson. There being no further nominations, the Chairman declared Mr. Gray, and Mr. Robertson duly elected and Mrs. Anscombe duly re elected.

The Chairman thanked Mr. French for his valued contribution to the Board over the last 13 years.

6.To Elect Members of the Social Sub Committee:

The Chairman reported that there had been no nominations for the Social Sub Committee. This response is disappointing. The Chairman thanked the existing members of the committee for all their efforts.

7.To Appoint the Company's Auditors

Pursglove and Brown have indicated their willingness to carry on as the Company's Auditors. The Chairman proposed the appointment and, on a show of hands, Pursglove and Brown were duly appointed.

8.To Transact Any Other Business Which May be Property Dealt with At An Ordinary General Meeting.

The Chairman asked members if the weekly Directors Surgeries should continue. It was agreed, by a show of hands, that these surgeries should be held at monthly intervals on the first Wednesday of each month.

The Chairman thanked the Immediate Past Captains, Mr. Peter Carr and Mrs. Rita Simpson and his fellow Directors for their support during the year. He

thanked Mr. Greensill for his attendance.

The Captain, Mr Mike Allen, thanked the Board and retiring Directors for all their hard work and dedication.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the 61st Annual General Meeting closed.