

HELSBY GOLF CLUB POWERED WHEELCHAIR APPEAL (HGCPWA)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:30pm Tuesday 8th March 2018

Minutes

1	Present: 31 members attended the meeting.
2	Apologies: 15 members sent their apologies
3	<p>Minutes of last meeting</p> <p>The Chairman, Steve Cuniffe welcomed the Captain and Lady Captain and thanked members for attending the 12th A.G.M.</p> <p>He read out a message from Peter & Jackie Alliss who had sent their apologies "Please thank everyone for their wonderful support and we will see some of you at Old Thorns in September".</p> <p>Bert Dyson, our longest serving trustee, and Alice sent their apologies. Alice is not too well after having a fall.</p> <p>Approval of the minutes of the last meeting was sought. The vote of approval was unanimous.</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>
4	<p>Report and Accounts</p> <p>Steve Cuniffe presented the report for the 12 months to 31st January 2018.</p> <p>During 2017, we raised £33,681 and 16 powered wheelchairs have been presented bringing the total number of wheelchairs to 370.</p> <p>The main fundraising events during the year were as follows:-</p> <p>The Spring Dance was held on 22nd April and raised £630. Wheelchairs were presented to Lloyd Humphries and Zac Maltby. Thanks were sent to the friend of the Captain who had donated a knitted golfer which was raffled.</p> <p>The 35th Wheelchair Classic was held on Thursday 8th June. Wheelchairs were presented to Bethany Kelly, Sophia Flood and Lily Wakeling. Steve thanked Chris Lindley, Managing Director of Jigsaw Law who sponsored the day. £16,002 was raised.</p> <p>We presented a wheelchair to Leo Bailey Heath at the Open at Royal Birkdale on 19th July. He was so excited that he sped off across Royal Birkdale with his mum chasing after him. She thanked everyone for giving him his independence.</p> <p>Our 16th Mega Day took place on 2nd August. Chairs were presented to Imogen Byrne and Yasmin Watkins. Thanks were given to David Syddall for providing the prizes on the day.</p> <p>The event raised £2,238.</p> <p>A Glitz and Glamour Ball was held on 9th September at Chester Racecourse. We presented 3 wheelchairs to Arriella Burn, Amy Warburton and Natasha Boothman. Thanks were given to Claudia Dickens for all her help in organising the evening. The event raised £7,321.</p> <p>The Black & White evening was held on Saturday 2nd December when wheelchairs were presented</p>

to Vance Parker, Alfie Richards and Jasmin Beedles. £700 was raised for the Appeal.

The Chinese Banquet was held on Sunday 14th January 2018 at the Fortune Palace, Delamere. Wheelchairs were presented to Dillon Healey and Matthew Beautyman. This chair was the 500th that had been presented in support of the Peter Alliss Masters Crusade. The evening raised £1,005.

A moving thank you was received from the parents of Lily Wakeling who had battled to adopt Lily and bring her back from China to England.

Steve thanked everyone for their continued support which makes it possible for us to help so many children.

Special thanks were extended to the following who have helped raise funds for us in a number of different ways –

- Hugh & Kathryn Hoather who held a Hog Roast on a very soggy July evening and raised £1,035.
- Roddy Snedden and Merseyside Electrical Traders Association donated £3000 bringing the total presented by them over the last few years to £24,000.
- Ellesmere Port Lions who sponsored 2 holes at the Classic
- Nat West Bank, Alex Walters volunteers his services on our committee
- Amy Walters donated her Boodles Charity contribution of £100.
- Vauxhalls who support us each year with a donation.
- Freda Thomas who raised £50 for us from not sending Christmas Cards.
- Alan & Joan Dunwell. Alan was a past member at Helsby and sadly passed away this year.
- Judy Millington of Fox Plant Hire for her donations.

All these donations helped us to raise £33,681 this year.

Thanks were given to the following notable supporters:

Phil & Chris Davies
John & Hilary McGrady
Jim & Val Fishwick
Norman Martin
Lindsey Kitchen
Cath Gleave
Christine Fletcher
Peter Moir

Also to a number of people behind the scenes, without their help we would not be as successful. All the members of the committee plus Keith Ainsworth, Brian Prince, Chris Cousins, Phil Davies and Karen Applegate.

Also, all those supporters who provide auction, raffle and tombola prizes.

Accounting Information:

- £25,780 brought forward from last year
- £33,681 was raised during the year
- £350 spent on general expenses
- £48,751 spent on wheelchairs
- £500 donated to Helsby Golf Club for the use of facilities
- £552 received in respect of Gift Aid

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £9,860 carry forward to next year <p>A vote took place and the Accounts were unanimously adopted.</p>
5	<p>Election and Appointment of Officers and Trustees</p> <p>In accordance with the Constitution of the Helsby Golf Club Powered Wheelchair Appeal the following was unanimously re-elected as Trustee and Officer of the charity for a period of 3 years:</p> <p>Secretary, Penny Ainsworth – Proposed by Steve Cunniffe and Seconded by Barbara Prince</p> <p>In accordance with the Constitution of the Helsby Golf Club Powered Wheelchair Appeal the following were appointed as Trustees of the charity for a period of 3 years:</p> <p>Karen Fozard – Proposed by Steve Cunniffe and Seconded by Penny Ainsworth</p> <p>Kathryn Hoather – Proposed by Steve Cunniffe and Seconded by Penny Ainsworth</p> <p>In accordance with the Constitution of the Helsby Golf Club Powered Wheelchair Appeal the following was a new appointment as Trustee of the charity for a period of 1 year:</p> <p>Howard Pay - Proposed by Steve Cunniffe and Seconded by Penny Ainsworth</p>
6	<p>Forthcoming Events for 2018:</p> <p>Spring Dance – Saturday 17th March</p> <p>Wheelchair Classic - Thursday 7th June</p> <p>MEGA Day – Wednesday 8th August</p> <p>Black & White Evening – Saturday 1st December</p> <p>Chinese Banquet – January 2019</p> <p>Looking forward to 2019, we are hoping to present our 400th powered wheelchair at a special Glitz and Glamour Evening at the end of the year.</p>
7	<p>Peter Alliss Masters Presentation</p> <p>Ray Feldwick gave a roundup of the Peter Alliss Masters performance.</p> <p>Since 2006, 502 powered wheelchairs have been presented by members associated with the Peter Alliss Masters crusade with a value of £1.7m. In 2016, the number was 42 with Helsby Golf Club a major contributor with 14 wheelchairs.</p> <p>Peter presented 8 wheelchairs at the Open at Royal Birkdale.</p> <p>The 30th Peter Alliss Masters was held at Old Thorns Manor Hotel in September. The Green jacket was won by Ken Warwick of West Byfleet GC. Charlotte Bolton of Old Manor GC won the Ladies Trophy. 9 wheelchairs were presented to local children.</p> <p>There are new initiatives to try and get more clubs to support the Crusade. In 2019, it is hoped to present chairs at the Open in Royal Portrush with support for the Cause from Irish clubs.</p> <p>The 31st Peter Alliss Masters will be held at Old Thorns on 19th & 20th September 2019.</p> <p>Thanks were extended to Helsby GC as 'Our Leading Club'</p>
8	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The Captain thanked Steve for his presentation and the committee for all their hard work.</p>