

# THE EREWASH VALLEY GOLF CLUB LTD

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Friday, 25 January 2013 at 7:30pm.

### 1. Attendance

Total members in attendance:	72
Total apologies received:	22

### 2. Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman, Mike Ronan, welcomed members to the meeting and congratulated the new Lady Captain, Karen Williams, and the new Lady Vice Captain, Lorraine Wheatley, on their appointment following the Ladies AGM held on Tuesday, 22 January. The Chairman then asked the General Manager to read out the notice convening the meeting. The General Manager, Andrew Burrows, then read out the following:

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the above named company will be held at the Clubhouse on **Friday 25 January 2013 at 7.30pm.**

1. To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27 January 2012.
2. To approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meetings held on 27 January, 17 July and 12 December 2012.
3. To present the accounts for the year ended 31 October 2012.
4. To elect the officers and members of the Management and General Policy Committee.
5. To appoint accountants to review the accounts for the year ended 31 October 2013.
6. To do all such business as by law and the Articles of Association may be transacted at an Annual General Meeting.

### 3. Apologies

The General Manager Andrew Burrows announced that apologies have been received from:

Nigel Seale, Malc Dinneen, Jen Dinneen, John Hendy, Gary Block, John Pugh, Robert Wass, Nick Woodford, Dick Durran, Peter Green, Anne Littlewood, Les Haines, Jane Haines, Don Bryan, Stephen Huckle, Richard Moulds, Albert Wright, John Eckersley, John Campbell, Polly Bass, John Delaney and Norman Stewart.

#### **4. One Minute's Silence**

The Chairman requested one minute's silence for the following members who had passed away since the last Annual General Meeting:

Alan Winter, Jack Loverseed, Gwen Tingle, Cliff Smith, Norman Meads, Janet McGregor, Tony Thornton, Alec McGregor, Chris Horsley, Harry Turner, Ron Palmer, Marie Windmill, Barry Steed, Stan Wright

#### **5. Minutes of AGM 27 January 2012 and the EGMs held in 2012**

The Chairman explained that copies of the Minutes of the previous AGM (27 January 2012) and the three EGMs held in 2012 (27 January, 17 July and 12 December), had previously been posted on the notice board and on the EVGC website.

The Chairman then asked if there were any objections from those present at the meeting if we voted to approve these en bloc. As there were no objections the Chairman then requested a proposer and seconder for these minutes.

After being proposed to be a true record by David Bagshaw, seconded by Mike Coxall, the minutes were approved by a unanimous show of hands.

#### **6. Accounts for Financial Year ending 31 October 2012.**

The Chairman then introduced the General Manager to present the accounts for the year ending 31 October 2012, in the absence of the Treasurer, John Hendy.

Copies of the main table summaries from the Financial Statements were issued with the notice of this meeting (Balance Sheet, Cashflow Statement and P/L). Additional copies of the main financial summaries were also available to members as they entered the meeting.

The full Annual Report had previously been e-mailed to those members willing to accept "e-mail only communication", with hard copies available for collection at the clubhouse by other members.

The General Manager then presented the accounts for the year ended 31 October 2012, stating that, as these were unchanged from the figures presented at the EGM on 12 December 2012, he would be brief.

Total income for the year was down by £2k, with subscription income lower by £9k. This was clearly due to the fall in membership numbers, following National trends as presented at the December EGM. Entrance fees remain important and were up by almost £6k, bar sales were increased by £3k and green fee income was up by £2k in what was a very difficult year due to the weather conditions. This was primarily due to Society income with the total number of Society rounds almost doubled, although member guest rounds fell sharply in contrast.

When the proposed subscription increase requested at the Jan 2012 EGM was turned down the 2011-2012 budget presented at the December EGM had been further revised. Total expenditure for the year was actually down by £19k, some £21k better than the revised budget total, primarily due to savings in course maintenance and buildings upkeep.

There was however a large increase in the depreciation charge for the year from £46k to £58k, which was due to acquisition of new equipment and a change in accounting policy for buildings depreciation, was noted.

The overall bottom line figure showed an improved position from an overall deficit of £61k to £43k. If the depreciation effect is striped out, shows movement from a cash deficit of £15k to a surplus of £15k.

However there were other items of expenditure and balance sheet changes which affected the cashflow statement, with approximately £50k of new capital assets purchased. These included a number of new Greens equipment items such as the greens mower, turf iron and utility vehicle, as well as the replacement air-conditioning units in the clubhouse. Consequently from the cashflow statement, there was an overall cash movement of £45k.

After presenting the key features from the accounts for the year ended 31 October 2012, the General Manager stated that on behalf of the Treasurer it was his duty to state that these accounts are a true reflection of our performance for the year and propose that they be accepted by the club.

The General Manager then asked if there were any questions on the accounts for the year ended 31 October 2012.

*Don Eastwood stated that there had been a commendable reduction in the total for heat and light in 2012 compared to 2011; however, he felt that the 2012 figure was still high when compared to 2010. DE also asked had there been any significant change in energy consumption.*

The General Manager (AB) responded that there had been no significant change in energy consumption. Also the 2011 figure had been inflated by £4.5k, due to a late bill which actually related to the 2010-11 accounting period.

*Tony Cooper asked for a breakdown of the items which made up the total for Sundry Receipts and Locker Rent.*

AB responded that this item included Locker Rental, Buggy storage, Meeting Room Hire, Function Room charges, Mobile Mast Rental Income and other miscellaneous income items.

*Tony Cooper then asked for details contained in the Sundry Expenses line item from the accounts.*

AB responded that this item included Subscriptions, Adverts, Licence Fees and Computer Maintenance.

*Tony Cooper then raised a question about the repair and upkeep of club premises, noting that although this had reduced from £66k to £59k, he felt that this figure still seemed far too high, considering the amount spent on the recent clubhouse redevelopment and again asked for a breakdown of what was included in this line item.*

AB responded that this item includes a number of different costs, the largest of which is for the clubhouse cleaning contract, which totals £23k. Other costs which make up the clubhouse repairs and maintenance total include actual building repairs, electrical maintenance, kitchen repairs, kitchen cleaning, dining room supplies, security maintenance, and television costs, with AB supplying actual figures for each.

*Tony Cooper then asked why the television costs were still £2k as we had removed Sky TV.*

AB responded that the contract was only cancelled part way through the year which did indeed save £2k in the last financial year but would save £4k plus VAT this year.

*Tony Cooper then asked why the legal fees had increased in 2012.*

AB responded that this was primarily due to the payment made to settle the employment tribunal case in November 2011. After further questions on this issue, AB repeated the statement made at last year's AGM; that we were not able to reveal the amount paid but that the decision to settle had been made on a purely commercial basis, at no additional cost to EVGC, with the amount paid being equivalent to the cost of employing a barrister for the hearing.

*Tony Cooper asked why there was no expenditure on wages and NI for the clubhouse in 2012.*

AB responded that this was because David Saunderson had retired during the course of the previous year and that we no longer employed a handyman, but used a contractor on an as required basis.

After these questions the General Manager proposed that the accounts should be adopted as per the proposition from the Treasurer, John Hendy, and asked for a seconder. Ian Stewart then seconded the proposal to formally approve the 2011-12 accounts.

The proposition was duly carried by a show of hands, with a small number of members voting against approval of the accounts.

## **7. Election of Officers and Members of the Committee**

### **7.1. Captain for 2013**

The Chairman, Mike Ronan, explained that following the resignation of the Vice Captain in October, the Past Captains Committee had met in December to review the position of Captain for 2013.

The Chairman then announced that the Past Captains Committee had proposed that the current Captain, Mike Coxall, continue in the role of Club Captain for 2013, which after having given this a great deal of thought he had agreed to. This proposal had subsequently been raised and approved at a Management Committee Meeting.

The nomination for Mike Coxall as Captain 2013 was then formally proposed by Tony Haines. After noting that it had been an extremely challenging year for Erewash Valley Golf Club, Tony Haines stated that the Captain had faced those challenges with astute common sense, excellent business acumen and above all had retained a tremendous sense of humour, dedicating himself to portraying EVGC as a club to be proud of. As already mentioned, no-one is prepared at the moment to take over the mantle; therefore it gave him great pleasure to propose that Mike Coxall be appointed as Captain for a further 12 months, in the knowledge that he has the full backing of his very supportive wife Jackie.

The nomination was then seconded by Steve Gallagher, who echoed the sentiments of Tony Haines.

The Chairman then asked for a show of hands, following which he announced that Mike Coxall had been duly elected as Captain for 2013.

The Captain, Mike Coxall, then made a short acceptance speech, stating what an honour it was to be made Captain for a second year. The Captain said that he was really looking forward to working with the new Lady Captain Karen Williams and wished her a very Good Year in office, before announcing that their Joint Charity will be The National Association for Colitis and Crohn's Disease, working as Crohn's and Colitis UK.

Finally he thanked all the members for their trust and support and hoped that like him they were all looking forward to great year ahead.

### **7.2. Vice-Captain for 2013**

The Captain then announced that no candidates have been put forward for the position of Vice of Captain 2013, but it is hoped that this position will be filled by the start of the playing season.

The Captain also announced that the Past Captains have offered to assist the Captain until such time as a candidate for Vice Captain has been found.

### **7.3. President 2013 - 2015**

The current President, Mike Ronan, made a short retirement speech, stating that he'd had three wonderful years as President, which he had enjoyed immensely.

He then announced that four excellent candidates had been reviewed to take over the role of President, one of whom was outstanding. The Chairman then announced that Peter McGrath had been recommended to the position of President, which had been ratified at a recent Management Committee meeting.

He stated that having been M&H Chairman for 14 years, Captain in 1985 and 2005, Chairman from 2007 to 2012, Peter McGrath had demonstrated exemplary conduct both within Erewash Valley Golf Club and in the wider golfing community.

The retiring President then formally proposed that Peter McGrath be elected to the position of President, which was seconded and fully endorsed by David Bagshaw.

The Chairman then asked for a show of hands, following which he announced that Peter McGrath has been duly elected to the position of President of Erewash Valley Golf Club and asked him if he would like to say a few words.

The new President then made a short acceptance speech, stating how honoured he felt to be elected as President. He also thanked the outgoing President Mike Ronan for all his work on behalf of the Club during his three years of office.

### **7.4. Sub-Committee Chairs**

#### **7.4.1. Honorary Treasurer**

The Chairman announced that John Hendy has decided to stand down as Honorary Treasurer after two years and thanked him for all his efforts on behalf of the club, both in this role and the preceding eight years as Match & Handicap Chairman.

The Chairman then announced that we have only one candidate for Honorary Treasurer, this being Richard Moulds, who unfortunately was unable to attend, and had sent his apologies for this evening, having been proposed by the Chairman and seconded by John Hendy.

The Chairman then asked for a show of hands, following which he announced that Richard Moulds had been duly elected as Honorary Treasurer.

#### **7.4.2. Greens Chairman**

The Chairman then announced that we have only one candidate for Greens Chairman, Bob Cox (who was asked to stand), having been proposed by David Bagshaw and seconded by Mike Coxall.

The Chairman then asked for a show of hands, following which he announced that Bob Cox had been duly elected as Greens Chairman.

### 7.4.3. Match & Handicap Chairman

The Chairman then announced that we have only one candidate for Match & Handicap Chairman, Gary Block, who unfortunately had also sent his apologies for this evening, having been proposed by the Chairman and seconded by John Hendy.

The Chairman then asked for a show of hands, following which he announced that Gary Block had been duly elected as Match & Handicap Chairman.

### 7.4.4. House Chairman

The Chairman announced that John Pugh had decided to stand down as House Chairman and thanked him for his efforts on behalf of the club.

The Chairman then announced that we have only one candidate for House Chairman, Glyn Richards (who was asked to stand), having been proposed by David Bagshaw and seconded by Rob Stevens.

The Chairman then asked for a show of hands, following which he announced that Glyn Richards had been duly elected as House Chairman.

### 7.5. Management & Policy General Committee Positions

The Chairman announced that we have one candidate for a place on the M&PG Committee, John Burns (who was asked to stand), having been proposed by Mike Coxall and seconded by Mike Ronan.

The Chairman then asked for a show of hands, following which he announced that John Burns had been duly elected to the M&PG Committee.

### 7.6. Sub-Committee Positions

The Chairman asked the candidates who had been put forward for places on the three Sub-Committees to stand as their names were called, all having been duly proposed and seconded as follows:

<b><i>Sub-Committee:</i></b>	<b><i>Candidate:</i></b>	<b><i>Proposed by:</i></b>	<b><i>Seconded by:</i></b>
<b><i>Greens</i></b>	Robert Wass Jamie Brice	Mike Ronan Mike Coxall	Bob Cox Bob Cox
<b><i>House</i></b>	Yvonne Stevens Ann Goodall	Cherry Huckle Mavis Skelston	Ann Joyce Fay Warner
<b><i>Match &amp; Handicap</i></b>	Peter Doyle Nikki Sorrell	Adam Buck Ann Joyce	Jason Smith Mike Coxall

The membership was then asked to vote for each sub-committee in turn by a show of hands.

The Chairman then informed the meeting that the following have been duly elected to the various sub-committees:

<b>Greens</b>	Jamie Brice	2 years
	Robert Wass	2 years
<b>House</b>	Yvonne Stevens	2 years
	Ann Goodall	2 years
<b>Match &amp; Handicap</b>	Peter Doyle	2 years
	Nikki Sorrell	2 years

#### **8. To Appoint the Accountants**

In the absence of the Treasurer, the General Manager proposed that Charnwood Accountants & Business Advisors LLP of Granite Way, Mountsorrel, Loughborough should continue to be appointed to review the accounts and issue their opinion until the close of the next Annual General Meeting, and asked for a seconder.

This proposal was seconded by Peter McGrath and carried unanimously by a show of hands.

#### **9. To do all such business as by law and the Articles of Association may be transacted at an Annual General Meeting.**

There had not been any ordinary propositions from the membership in advance of the meeting.

#### **10. Meeting Closure**

The Chairman then thanked all the members for attending and congratulated all those elected to office this evening, stating that he thought we had a great team to look after the interests of Erewash Valley Golf Club in 2013.

The Chairman again thanked the members for their support during the course of the last 12 months and declared the meeting closed at 8.22 pm.

**Andrew Burrows  
General Manager**