

HELSBY GOLF CLUB POWERED WHEELCHAIR APPEAL (HGCPWA)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:30pm Tuesday 7th March 2017

Minutes

| 1 | Present: 34 members attended the meeting. |
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| 2 | Apologies: 10 members sent their apologies |
| 3 | <p>Minutes of last meeting</p> <p>The Chairman, Steve Cuniffe welcomed the Captain and thanked members for attending the 11th A.G.M and asked for approval of the minutes of the last meeting. 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 2017.</p> <p>During 2016, we raised the highest amount ever in our 33 year history at £57,229 and 13 powered wheelchairs have been presented bringing the total number of wheelchairs to 354.</p> <p>The main fundraising events during the year were as follows:-</p> <p>The Spring Dance was held on 30th April and raised £470. The star of the show was a delightful little girl called Evie Russell aged 7 from Great Sankey in Warrington who received her wheelchair.</p> <p>The 34th Wheelchair Classic was held on Thursday 9th June.</p> <p>Wheelchairs were presented to Penny Griffin aged 16 from Holmes Chapel and Lloyd Griffin (not related) aged 15 from Cheadle Hulme who were both taking their GCSE's. Also Kayla Sinnott another delightful 6 year old from Widnes who kept the audience amused with her incessant chatter. Steve thanked Chris Lindley, Managing Director of Jigsaw Law who sponsored the day and Ed Palmer for the prizes. £16,570 was raised.</p> <p>Our 15th Mega Day took place on 3rd August.</p> <p>Chairs were presented to Avi Sanghera aged 15 from Ellesmere Port and Luke Burns aged 11 from Liverpool</p> <p>Thanks were given to David Syddall for providing the prizes on the day.</p> <p>A new trophy was donated by Frank & Keith O'Neil in memory of Tony Brutus, who was one of the founding members of MEGA, who had sadly passed away. The trophy will be presented each year to the winner of the MEGA players' individual competition played at Helsby on MEGA Day. The first winner was Fred Whitfield, the brother of Frank one of Helsby's members. Fred was presented with the trophy by MEGA Captain John Davis.</p> <p>Steve thanked Frank & Keith, previous Helsby members, who have been great supporters of the Appeal for many years, for their continued support.</p> <p>The event raised £1,939.</p> <p>A Glitz and Glamour Ball was held on 19th November at Chester Racecourse.</p> <p>This was a new event in our calendar which was organised by Claudia Dickens and Keith O'Neil to celebrate the presentation of our 350th wheelchair.</p> <p>We presented 4 wheelchairs. Jacob Cannell aged 13 from Warrington, George Blakeley aged 11</p> |

from Frodsham, Hazel Simpson aged 12 from Newcastle under Lyme and the recipient of our 350th chair was Laura Hunt from Northwich

We were very pleased to be joined on the evening by 2 of our favourite girls Lucy Meacock and Emma Cuniffe who have been coming to present wheelchairs for us for the last 20 years at least. This was the first time that they had both been to the same celebration. We also welcomed Daniel Brocklebank, star of stage and screen, probably best known for his role as the vicar in Coronation Street, to his first presentation. We were very grateful to them for giving up their precious time to join us. Lucy gave a very moving speech on why she has supported us for so many years.

The event raised £7,066.

The Chinese Banquet was held on Sunday 15th January 2017 at the Fortune Palace, Delamere. Lady Captain, Penny Ainsworth presented wheelchairs to Chris Hardman aged 13 from Ormskirk and Owen Rollerson aged 15 from Stoke on Trent. We were supposed to present another chair to a young man from Moreton on the Wirral called Jonathan Osborne. He was introduced to us by David Williams who had heard Martin Mann give a speech on the Powered Wheelchair Appeal when he was our Captain and thought that we might be able to help. Jonathan has many physical and behavioural problems and lives with his mum and siblings who all have health issues which prevented them from attending.

The evening raised £881.

The following have been received from the children:

Poppy Farrell received her chair at the Black & White Evening in 2015. She has updated us with her progress 3 times throughout 2016 explaining the tremendous difference the chair has made to her life.

Thank you letters were received from Luke Burns' mum, Avi Sanghera's mum and George Blakeley's mum.

Laura Hunt was the recipient of our 350th wheelchair and her mum sent the following "It's such a great charity. And my daughter is overwhelmed you are such an amazing bunch that do such fantastic things for disabled wheelchair users. YOU ARE AWESOME ☐ ☑ Dawn Hunt"

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 –

- The Captain, Steve Cuniffe who performed the amazing feat of playing 6 rounds of 18 holes at each of 6 courses in 6 different English Counties in 1 day and raised £9,600
- Gavin Conery who completed the Great North Run on 11th September as a thank you to the Appeal for giving his daughter a wheelchair in 2015. He raised £1,973 from his supporters which was matched with £1,000 from his employer, Morrisons.
- Sue Kiberd works for Lloyds Bank. At the end of October, she organised a Charity Day with her colleagues at their Chester & Speke Offices to raise money for the Powered Wheelchair Appeal. They raised £1,577.12 which was matched by the Bank, bringing the total to £3,154.12.
- Roddy Snedden and Merseyside Electrical Traders Association donated £3000 bringing the total presented by them over the last few years to £21,000.
- Judy Stewart was a long standing social member at Helsby and was a great supporter of the Appeal. Judy sadly passed away in May 2016. Judy's son, John & his wife Lindsay joined us at the Classic with Margaret & Malcolm from the Ellesmere Port Lions to present a cheque for £1,000 to the Appeal in her memory. Judy will be sadly missed.
- Kay Houston, who held an end of Christmas Season Ladies' Night for family and friends and raised £250

- Harry Wellings was a long-standing supporter who played in the very first PWA Classic. The tradition is now being upheld by his son Neville who donated £7,000.
- Geoff Harris had a significant birthday and asked for donations instead of presents which raised £707. We presented our 150th chair to his son, James in 2002.
- Claudia Dickens who raised £510 in the raffle at the Northwich Christmas Fayre.
- Nat West Bank who gave £250 to the PWA as Alex Walters volunteers his services on our committee
- Freda Thomas who raised £40 for us from not sending Christmas Cards.

All these donations helped us to raise an incredible £57,611 this year.

Thanks were given to the following notable supporters:

Helsby Golf Club Ladies Section
 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, Keith Ainsworth, Brian Prince, Chris Cousins and Phil Davies. Lastly, our thanks to Dave Nagle who sadly passed away recently and who we are going to miss tremendously. He sat quietly behind the desk at the Classic dealing with everything so efficiently. He is going to be a very tough act to follow.

Accounting Information:

- £7,786 brought forward from last year
- £57,611 was raised during the year
- £583 spent on general expenses
- £38,534 spent on wheelchairs
- £500 donated to Helsby Golf Club for the use of facilities
- £612 received in respect of Gift Aid
- £25,780 carry forward to next year

A vote took place and the Accounts were unanimously adopted.

5 **Election and Appointment of Officers and Trustees**

In accordance with the Constitution of the Helsby Golf Club Powered Wheelchair Appeal the following were unanimously re-elected as Trustees and Officers of the charity for a period of 3 years:

Chairman, Steve Cuniffe – Proposed by Penny Ainsworth and Seconded by Barbara Prince

Treasurer, Barbara Prince – Proposed By Steve Cuniffe and seconded by Penny Ainsworth

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:

Bert Dyson, MBE – Proposed by Steve Cuniffe and Seconded by Penny Ainsworth

Sheila Fenwick – Proposed by Steve Cuniffe and Seconded by Penny Ainsworth

Viv Nagle – Proposed by Steve Cuniffe and Seconded by Penny Ainsworth

Roddy Snedden – Proposed by Steve Cuniffe and Seconded by Penny Ainsworth

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| | <p>Forthcoming Events for 2017:</p> <p>Spring Dance – Saturday 22nd April</p> <p>Wheelchair Classic - Thursday 8th June</p> <p>MEGA Day – Wednesday 2nd August</p> <p>Glitz and Glamour Ball – Saturday 9th September</p> <p>Black & White Evening – Saturday 2nd December</p> <p>Chinese Banquet – January 2018</p> |
| 6 | <p>Peter Alliss Masters Presentation</p> <p>Ray Feldwick gave a roundup of the Peter Alliss Masters performance.</p> <p>Since 2006, 457 powered wheelchairs have been presented by members associated with the Peter Alliss Masters crusade with a value of £1.54m. In 2016, the number was 43 with Helsby Golf Club a major contributor with 13 wheelchairs (30%).</p> <p>The 29th Peter Alliss Masters was held at Old Thorns Manor Hotel in October. 74 players from over 20 clubs took part in the competition. The Green jacket was won by Adger Brown from Cooden Beach GC. Karen O'Neil, one of the Helsby contingent won the Ladies Trophy. 8 wheelchairs were presented to local children and the event raised £8,000 for the charity.</p> <p>The 30^h Peter Alliss Masters will be held at Old Thorns on 25th & 26th September 2017.</p> <p>Thanks were extended to Helsby GC as 'Our Leading Club'</p> |
| 7 | <p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The Captain thanked Steve for his presentation and the committee for all their hard work. He offered his support for the Charity over the coming year.</p> |
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