

HOEBRIDGE GOLF CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 28th November 2018

Present As shown on attendance list : (38) P.Jones, E.Spiller,R.Foster.A.Richardson, J.Foster M.Crowe, P.Smith, G.Norris, G.Pugh, S.Lester,C.Hardy, C.Rodgers, R.Burton, G.Kingshotte, L.Moseley, A.Ryzner, F.Marshall, A.Evans, T.Gamlin, B.Trendell, J. Mercer, L.Mercer, F.Freeston, M.Waite, K.Homewood, S.Singh, C.Gant, D.van Piggelen, J.Howard, T.Green, C.Trendell, T.Weslowski, J.Pain, P.Collins. N.Spiller, M.Teagle, M.Pearce, B.Goodman.

1. **Apologies** D.Heavey, J.Pugh, J.Absom, B.Crotaz, P.Pitcher, P.Wallace, B.Cohen, R.Purcell, S.Farminer, J.Smith, J.King, D.Evans, V.Seth, D.Breen, J.Pitt, C.Gracey, A & A.Streven, A. McCarthy, K.Townsend, A.Layman, P.Coleman, S.Reed, Anne Stratford, Sandra Combstock S.Ketcher, W.Emerton, M.Richardson Roger Newth (29)

2. **Chairman's Introduction**

Good evening and welcome – Thank you for attending the 2018 Hoebridge Golf Club AGM. It is a club tradition that we pause for a minute's silence in memory of those members no longer with us. Tonight we remember Jane Cohen.

3. **Minutes of the 2017 AGM**

The Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting were proposed by T.Green and seconded by N.Spiller

4. **Matters Arising**

None

5. **Chairman's Report (Peter Smith)**

It has been an honour for me to serve as your club chairman for a second year. Once again I am extremely grateful to my colleagues on the Management Committee for all their help and support, with a particular thanks to our excellent captains, Norm and Mina.

Running the club is a team effort. Apart from the Management Committee we have the Men's and Ladies' Committees, a Charity Committee, a Finance Committee and a Handicap Committee. They in turn are supported by many members who give their time whether as competition organisers, starters, newsletter editors, website and PSI managers, and so on. My sincere thanks to you all.

At the start of this year I said that I had four main priorities: supporting BGL's efforts to attract new members; working with the Treasurer to ensure our finances remained healthy; promoting the junior section; and consolidating the progress made with the introduction of the club website and the PSI terminal.

Turning first to new members, I am pleased to report that Jonathan and his team have done a great job. Our membership now stands at 560, a 10% increase over last year. We are still well short of our peak of over 700 but it marks a strengthening of the improvement we started to

see last year after several years of decline. It also contrasts with the recent report from England Golf that club membership in England has been declining, with a fall of over 20% in the last 10 years.

Whilst on the subject of new members can I thank Peter Becque for his tireless efforts in liaising with Burhill to ensure we have an accurate and timely record of club members. This is essential in order both to achieve membership income for the club and so that we can properly support the new members.

Although the increase in membership is welcome it has come from the men's section, with ladies' membership remaining roughly constant. Our Lady Captain and her committee have addressed this issue and Burhill are well aware of it. Various initiatives are now underway, including new dedicated teaching for ladies. More work will be required next year but it has to be remembered that this is a national, not a local, issue.

As a consequence of the overall increase in membership, the Club's finances are in a healthier state than they have been for some time. This is also due to the increase in those playing in club competitions, and hence entry fees, as well as tight financial control by the club, ably led in this regard by our Treasurer. I am pleased that he has agreed to stand for re-election. Overall, our income is up and our expenditure down which means we have a surplus of nearly £14,000.

Your committees have discussed in some detail how some of this surplus might be spent. Mindful of the potential fluctuation in future membership, a prudent approach has been taken so as to preserve flexibility in the coming years.

You should all have received a copy of the budget together with my covering note setting out the initiatives we will be taking. They include increased support for club competitions and events and for juniors, subsidising the purchase of club kit, working with BGL to increase club membership and keeping competition fees unchanged for yet another year. I hope you will welcome these measures.

My third priority area was juniors. Here again we have seen a strong increase in membership, from 27 to 44. A new junior co-ordinator has been appointed by Burhill and I know Jonathan and his team are aiming to see a further increase in junior membership in the coming year.

The final priority was to continue to improve the website and to ensure the successful introduction of the PSI terminal. I would like to thank Bill Goodman and Tom Wesolowski respectively for their sterling work on this. The website is continuing to improve. Howdidido is well established and a clubV1 app is now available. I believe the benefits of the PSI terminal are also widely recognised. Further developments in this area are being considered. We can safely say that Hoebridge has now entered the 21st century.

Moving on, I would like to pay special tribute to our Charity Committee. This year they raised some £22,000. This is another remarkable achievement. A round of applause please.

The chair, Debbie Evans, is standing down. During her five years at the helm the committee has raised something of the order of £100,000. Debbie cannot be here tonight but I would like to record the club's appreciation of her remarkable contribution.

For anyone who may not be aware, our outgoing Lady Captain, Mina, will be taking over as chair of the committee. Mina, we wish you well.

Can I also make special mention of our Handicap Secretary, Andy Richardson. Having taken on the role earlier in the year, Andy has found himself at the forefront of preparations not only for the rule changes from 1 January next year but also the introduction of the World Handicapping System in 2020. This is of course in addition to all the usual tasks that befall a handicap secretary. Andy, the club thanks you for your work so far and looks forward to your guidance as the new changes are introduced.

Can I ask you all please to note that Andy will be doing a presentation on the new rules at 2.00pm on the 19th of December and again at 2.00pm on the 12th of January. These will be promoted by Burhill who will also be providing refreshments.

I have already paid tribute to the excellent sales efforts by Jonathan and his team. May I also thank Jonathan personally for his support of the Club. It has been a tough year for the greenkeeping staff. The condition of the course was as good as I have known it earlier in the year. The adverse weather took its toll but I am confident that Terry and his team will give us a great course again next year.

I said at the outset that the work of the Club depends on the commitment of many members. I have mentioned only a few of them this evening. It is, however, the work of many that has made such a success this year. I very much look forward to working with you to build on this in what I am sure will be an exciting 2019.

I will now hand over to Norm for his Men's Captain's report.

6. Captains Report (Norman Spiller)

First of all it was an honour and a privilege to be Men's Captain for 2018. Every year the incoming captain faces a number of different challenges. My initial key focus for the year was: New Members – integrating them into the club quickly.

Club database (ClubV1) - improving the accuracy.

Finance - Managing the men's budget.

The enjoyment of golf by our members.

New Members - we have worked closely with BGL to make early contact with new members, helping them with their handicaps, enabling them to take part in competitions and social events. Data Protection brought its own challenges. This included the data cleanse of the ClubV1 database, bringing it up to date to meet data protection requirements.

Finance - This was the first year that the men's budget was given to the Captain to build, which I have managed to work within. We will be introducing 3 divisions for weekend medals/stablefords to cater for the increase in participants. Weekend prize money is now paid out direct by the treasurer. We recognise that Texas scrambles are popular so you may be seeing more of them in the future. In addition informal golf was introduced this year (alternate Mondays. It is available to men and Ladies via online sign up.

The PSI terminal and Online sign up has been improved across a number of competitions with process and procedures put in place. Moving a large element of competition information from the old diary to the website was a major piece of work, resulting in a slimline diary.

We have managed the introduction of maximum handicaps of up to 54 from the start of this year, this will need monitoring as we go forward.

The main Hoebridge course has been re-measured and certified. In addition the men's stroke indices on holes 5 and 7 have been swapped.

Club Honours: Congratulations to Rod Gallagher who was the NAPGC Men's Gross Champion. and Andy Sandison won the NAPGC Div1 Gross Men's Champs - Piccadilly Trophy
The 2018 Men's Club Champion was Laks Appalakondiah. Senior Nett Champion Trevor Collett, Kolin Tatla was the AXTELL winner and the RONDEC was won by Stuart & Bradley Bennett. The Men's Foursomes Champions this year were Chris McPherson & Jeremy McPhee
The Mixed Foursomes winners were Al & Debbie Evans, and Mixed Pairs Sally Lester & Peter Smith. Midweek Singles Graham Norris, and Midweek Pairs Pete Becque and Mark Pearce,
Hole in one – Des Lewin on the 2nd.

The Midweek section goes from strength to strength, well done to Tom Wesolowski our midweek co-ordinator and the army of guys who support him. The midweek knockout competitions have proved popular, are well supported and growing in stature.

Interclub matches - we have played Winter League matches plus Summer friendly matches, all of which have proved popular and are well supported.

External competitions - We have put entries into external competitions such as the Clapham Common/ Surrey 4's /Surrey 5's / John Ling and Bridgestone Trophy

My thanks to Debbie and the Charity committee for another successful year. A great charity day plus numerous events run throughout the year, raising over £10,700 for my charity - the Prostate Project. Also thanks to those that sponsored me for my 10k run in July. In addition to this the Poppy Day Texas scramble raised over £400 for the British Legion. Overall Hoebridge GC has raised over £20,000 for charity this year, an incredible achievement !

A very good working relationship with Jonathan Gray the centre manager has been maintained and his Sales Team have brought in a significant number of new members this year. Well done to Terry Edwards and his team, giving us a great course to play on given the amount of traffic our course endures, it really is a credit to Terry and his team.

My thanks to the men's committee in supporting me and helping to drive the club forward. In particular Andy Richardson our handicap secretary who has progressed numerous items on behalf of the club and has certainly made my Captain's year a lot easier. Everyone who represents the Club on a Committee does so as a volunteer, giving up their own free time to ensure the Club runs smoothly for the benefit of our members. We are volunteers and we do try our best. If you do have any concerns or suggestions to improve our Club then let us know. Remember you do not have to be on a committee to help manage the club !

It has been a privilege and an honour to Captain this Golf Club over the past 12 months, something I am very proud of. I would like to wish Graham and Pat the very best of luck for next year. Together with their Vice Captains we have a great team of people in place and our club is in very good hands going forward.

Finally - A very big thank you to Mina, who has been a great Captain to work with and I really could not have asked for a better partner over the last 12 months. We have worked extremely well as a team, thank you Mina for all the hard work you have put in.

7. Lady Captains Report (Mina Crowe)

This year has been a great experience. I was very lucky in having a wonderful Men's Captain who shouldered so much of the burden of organising competitions, dealing with finance, recruiting helpers etc, that I was able to swan along beside him looking cool, calm and collected, giving the impression I knew what was going on.

We have experienced quite a lot of change this year with new handicap limits, an influx of 16 new lady members, changes to the technology we use and some challenges in the catering line.

The Ladies' section has dealt with the higher handicap limit by redrawing the boundary between the first and second divisions. We have also agreed a policy of inclusiveness and have not imposed minimum nor maximum handicap requirements for members entering competitions. We have worked very hard to contact and include all the new lady members who have joined us this year. Technological and other challenges have been met as they occurred.

The bad weather we experienced in the early part of the year meant that some events were cancelled, abandoned or rescheduled but, once the summer arrived we were able to run a full programme of events. Participation in ladies' competitions has increased during the year and my thanks go to the midweek and weekend teams who have worked so hard to achieve this growth.

Our lady members have again demonstrated their generosity by helping to raise thousands of pounds for the captains' charities but it is not just money they give – it is their time, their enthusiasm and their many other talents that make our fund raising so successful.

The Ladies' Section reintroduced an informal Invitation Day this year which proved very popular and 40 ladies, including several Shey Copse lady players took part in the event.

We also instituted a ladies' Coffee morning which was a qualified success. Five teams signed up initially but 2 withdrew on the day. However, the ladies who played enjoyed the event and we hope for a better turn out next year.

A very successful innovation was the Two Course Challenge devised and run by Ann Ryzner and Sally Royall. Five and seven day members played the Shey copse course and the Maybury course – more of a challenge than you might think – with snacks and prizes to follow. It was enjoyed by everyone and will, hopefully, be repeated next year.

Although only 21 ladies' entered the Club Championships this year their enthusiasm and the quality of the play was exceptional and the worthy winner was Sandra Combstock.

We were able to enter teams in the Pearsons competition, the JHB Shield, White Webbs Trophy, Mary Forster Bowl, the Hawtree and the Ladies' Championships of England with varying degrees of success.

We were well represented at St Andrew's this year in the UKPCC finals – unfortunately the ladies did not enjoy the success of previous years but all enjoyed the experience.

Our weekend and midweek friendly matches were a great success – we had several notable wins and the cream teas were a tremendous incentive to sign up to play.

I particularly enjoyed my Lady Captain's awayday at the Drift in June. All the ladies dressed as birds – naturally I was on the Crowe team – the weather was glorious and a great time was had by all – the vision of Vikki Kitcat dressed as a swan in a tutu and flippers will linger for many years! My thanks to Teresa for doing such a great job organising the event and making it such a success. I would also like to thank her for her sterling work looking after the trophies and ensuring the engraving is up to date.

As well as Teresa and Norman who have both given me so much support and advice throughout the year - I need to thank many people for their kindness and support.

- My wonderful committee who are so good at dealing with all the admin and day to day running of the ladies' section.
- My fabulous vice captain Pat who can always be relied on for fun and frolics
- All the ladies who turn out week in, week out to play in competitions, join in social events and give of their time and enthusiasm so freely.
- I would also like to pay tribute to the Management Committee for all their hard work smoothing out the problems and difficulties that arise throughout the year.
- And finally I want to thank the Hoebridge staff. Despite the unusual weather Terry and his team have kept the course in great condition and the office staff have done a wonderful job selling memberships and helping with arrangements for competitions and special events.

So it is with a mixture of sadness and relief that Norman and I hand over to Pat and Graham and wish them good luck, good weather and good golfing for the coming year.

8. Treasurer's Report (Phil Jones)

Good evening ladies and gentlemen

As you have already heard from previous reports the club has had an excellent year in many of its areas of activity, not least in its finances. Although the treasurer is responsible for the club's finances, it is in reality the hard and dedicated efforts of those responsible for organizing competitions, events and teams who create the figures that you see before you. We are truly a team!

However before I come to the results of their efforts let us give credit to the outstanding efforts of the BGL personnel at Hoebridge in both maintaining and raising our membership levels. Unlike most clubs we have no direct involvement for the initial membership process and rely on BGL efforts for our membership numbers and income which as you see from the accounts have gone up again this year. That in turn has led to increases in the numbers playing in our competitions and this is where the club's "team spirit" mentioned in prior reports comes to the fore. Certainly some of the increases reflect new members' natural interest in our competitions when they join but we should give equal credit to the efforts of competition/event organisers who "cajole and coerce" entries! Finally we have a series of competitions that are deemed "self-financing" which in my book means they break even – however we have noticed over the past three years that they have collectively always made a small surplus. For 2019 we have agreed that these competitions will now collectively receive financial support from the club to improve members' experiences. Well done to all of you who

have worked so diligently on the income side – we need income to keep flowing positively in order to maintain and improve what we can offer to members.

Now let me turn to the expenditure side. The reduction in our expenses has been a major part of our surplus this year, yet in some ways that does not always mean achievements that are either welcome in terms of the long-term success of the club or that should be thought as sustainable in future years. The level of membership in the ladies' section has already been mentioned and as a result there were times in the monthly medals and stablefords where the entry level was insufficient to spread the prizes across all the divisions. In addition it is also disappointing from a club's standpoint when we budget to enter competitions, but then either fail to enter because of lack of support or do not progress as far as projected. That said, the club gives support to those who do progress and reach national finals, yet you may be surprised to know that the cost of national finals in your accounts before you should have been £250/300 higher if members had claimed their entitlements. Success on the golf course is always a boost to both the club and the members and we are very pleased to continue to offer support to those who reach national finals.

You have heard me pay credit to BGL for their impact on our income – although not always expected or sought, we should also recognize their positive impact on our expenses. We continue to benefit from the level of green fees that they charge for visitors who play in matches at Hoebridge which allows us to maintain our subsidies for those matches. Let us also acknowledge their generosity in other areas which may not be so obvious to all – they provided food for the recent Poppy Appeal event last month, and offered discounted prize vouchers for Charity Day. Finally all that you have enjoyed tonight is also down to BGL. Please acknowledge that with a round of applause for Jonathan and his team.

There are other areas when we have not spent as much as we had forecast in our budget last year – trophy engraving and refurbishment (£155), website maintenance (£170) and captains' days (£343) to mention a few. Finally you will have noticed that your club diary is smaller in content this year; this has decreased our printing costs but the upsurge in membership has resulted in a higher print run which will continue with the 2019 diary to ensure that we have sufficient for all members.

We have added a new report that shows in detail how the Charity Committee has raised money for our charities in 2018 – it shows the results of the excellent effort by Debbie and her team but it also highlights the many ways that money is raised which may not be known to all members. New ideas are always welcome!

I would also like to acknowledge the work and support from my fellow members on the Finance Committee – the time and effort that you put in to looking how we are doing against our current year's budget as well as preparing the figures for the next year's budget all contributes to how to manage our finance - .not always as easy as it may sound when you are involved in the detail of the figures.

I referred to our team at the outset. From our two excellent captains this year (it will be a difficult act to follow in 2019!) to all those committee members and others who have organised events, diligently filled out forms for events/expenses (even in this age of technology we still need paperwork), or have chased entry fees (we have a few forgetful members), paid money to the club, or simply played in our competitions or attended our events - you all play your part in making this club what it is today; well run with a strong organisational structure, willing and talented volunteers who give their skills and their time to the club unstintingly and a robust financial position that augurs well for the future. We still need to seriously consider outside revenue opportunities so that we can look to offer even

more to our members, opportunities that can be facilitated by our investment in new technology over the past few years.

It has been an honour to be your treasurer over the past three years and to oversee the progress that we have made in our finances that will hopefully secure benefits for members over the coming years. I trust that you will support the formal approval of these accounts and I will be happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you.

The Chairman thanked Phil Jones and Roger Newth, Independent Examiner for their work and successful completion of the HGC accounts.

The Chairman invited questions – Chris Gant asked for clarification on the £800 for website maintenance in 2017 and nil in 2018. PJ replied that this was the initial cost for the website. Adam Duff had maintained the web for zero costs in 2018.

Approval for the accounts was proposed by John Head and seconded by Andy Richardson and agreed unanimously.

9. General Manager's Report (Jonathan Gray)

It really is a privilege to be here at my second AGM in a place and with people that share the passion I have developed for Hoebridge.

As I reflect on 2018 here, I do so with pride, conviction, opportunity and ambition for the plans that are being put in place.

This has been one of the most challenging years for golf with extremity of weather that included heavy snow and freezing conditions through March and then April with a Summer of hot and dry conditions that turned our beautiful courses brown here. Is with great pride that I can highlight the efforts made by Terry and the greenkeeping team that kept us open with salt spreading, had our courses available sooner than most and managed a seeding programme that targets our ambition to continue to deliver courses in the greatest condition here. Of note within 2018 our expenditure was highest in recent history and included £116,000 of new equipment and increase within the size of the greenkeeping team at Hoebridge. Terry has also reviewed the programme of management of Driving Range maintenance and improved the outfield that has included the installation of the Foot Golf targets, enhanced lighting and bay cleaning where regular vacuuming has quickly freshened this area.

Ian within the Shop has maintained and developed our golf bookings and I hope you would agree he really does ensure high service levels from a team of experts that love golf and genuinely want you to have great experience here. This extends to the Wardens that now with instant access to our Tee Sheets and with more coverage of the courses welcome and looking after our golfers at Hoebridge.

It clearly is not that easy to sell memberships in challenging conditions but the sales team have done just that. Billy then Adam have worked hard in growing several parts of the business and this has meant that we now have fifteen more Five and Seven Day Members and more eighty three Flexible Members that in 2017 at Hoebridge. This protects the Club, really is great for golf and further develops our community here.

Is actually important that we show an appreciation for the great work in the Health Club where Ryan has grown the membership and the great team have kept many of our golfers in shape out there.

As we endeavour to provide great facilities off the courses Mick has extensively decorating each part of the Centre and ensured good levels of maintenance and cleaning here. This has been further supported with an investment programme that has included surfacing of the Car Park, Furniture and Pathways at Hoebridge.

Having reviewed the Food and Beverage department we have recently employed Dan to enhance our offering at Hoebridge. There have been some recent issues as we restructure the department, however, focus and planning with Dan and Paul, the new Head Chef has allowed us to review menus, working practice and our systems to create an offering in line with the standards evident in those other areas of Hoebridge.

As we approach 2019 our plan is to continue our investment within Hoebridge. I am not currently in a position to announce the detail but there is clearly support for the Centre and it is my hope that we shall soon present investment levels that demonstrate this. As for the Club, we shall continue to support the development of what you do with improvement to promotion and display around the Centre and continued effort to make the relationship we have as seamless as it can be.

As I review this year and look forward to next with the ambition we have at Hoebridge I would like to reiterate my appreciation for the Club, its committee and how important I believe the work that is done is to our success here. You really are incredibly dedicated and give so much to manage handicaps, put on competition and create golfing community and encouragingly as we endeavour to build golf I have real gratitude for the desire to involve yourselves with our new members and the juniors at Hoebridge. At Hoebridge we have, through consultation, investment and engagement demonstrated how important we believe the relationship is with you and how much we want to support it.

It is, therefore, important that I take the opportunity to thank the committee for their valued contribution at Hoebridge. Peter, Rosey, Phil, Mina, Norman, Pat and Graham thank you. There alongside this committee is the great work done by Debbie on the Charity side and then Andrew Richardson supporting the handicap process and within this taking on our compliance of significant alteration within this area.

10. Election of Men's Committee

The following nominees were elected onto the Men's Committee

Mark Pearce – Proposed by Graham Norris seconded by Norman Spiller

Peter Becque – Proposed by Graham Norris seconded by Norman Spiller

Bill Goodman – Proposed by Chris Metherell seconded by Ray Redrup

John Head - Proposed by Ray Bolton seconded by W. Emerton

Graham Norris – Proposed by Tom Wesolowski seconded by Mark Pearce

Norman Spiller – Proposed by Tom Wesolowski seconded by Mark Pearce.

11. Election of Ladies Committee

The Ladies Committee remains unchanged. Pam Pitcher decided not to stand for re-election for personal reasons.

12. Election of Management Committee

Phil Jones agreed to serve as Treasurer for a further three years.

Proposed by Peter Smith, seconded by Rosey Foster.
Election was agreed unanimously.

13. Any Other Business

The Chairman read out a Resolution: "That this meeting resolves that the financial year for Hoebridge Golf Club should in future be:

1 January to 31 December and that in consequence:

- the next accounting period will be for 14 months, from 1 November 2018 to 31 December 2019;
- the next AGM will not be held until early 2020 but within 10 weeks of the end of the next annual accounting period, as provided for in the Club's constitution;
- the period of appointment of the Treasurer as elected at this AGM should run for two more years from the next AGM rather than three years from the present AGM;
- similarly, any members of the Management, Men's and Ladies' Committees should have their periods of appointment extended to coincide with the date of the appropriate AGM; and
- the Management Committee is authorised to make whatever amendments are required to the Club's constitution to reflect these changes."

The change to the Club's financial year has been recommended by the Treasurer, Phil Jones, and the Independent Examiner, Roger Newth, and is supported by the Management Committee. After summarising the reasons for the proposed change the Chairman invited questions:

Fiona Marshall pointed out that in the first year of change there would be two presentation evening costs in the accounts. PJ confirmed this would be the case but pointed out that this would be offset by increases in the club's income.

The Chairman invited approval for the Resolution: Proposed by Norman Spiller and Seconded by Teresa Green.

13.1 Ken Holmwood asked if the HGC year should be in line with the BGL financial year.

J.Gray responded that the BGL membership would not change from 1st April.

John Foster asked if the membership renewals should be from 1st January.

John Head reminded members that BGL had indeed had a membership year at the 1st January but it was not successful with renewals and therefore moved to 1st April some years ago.

The Chairman confirmed that HGC Competition fee renewal date would remain at 1st April.

13.2 Graham Norris (Vice Captain) announced that after consulting with several club members in the men's section he was pleased to confirm Tom Wesolowski as his Vice Captain in 2019. This was greeted with applause.

13.3 Graham Norris stated that the 2019 charity fund raising would be towards ovarian cancer and divided between Ovarian Cancer Action (for research) and Ovacome (to support women and their families).

13.4 Ken Holmwood asked 1) . the status of the reservoir 2) . Fairway watering.

JG replied that there was at least 2-3 year supply in the reservoir. BGL had discussed the costs of fairway irrigation but it was considerable and not in the immediate plans. He would enquire about the movable watering machine that had been used in past years though he thought this no longer operated as it had made little difference.

13.5 Bill Goodman asked if more trees could be planted to replace those lost from the car park. JG replied that the car park had cost £75k and tree roots would damage the new surface. Very few trees are lost during the year due to age or disease. There have been trees planted around Shey Copse.

13.6. Caroline Trendell thanked NS and MC for their successful year. The food served on Beaujolais Day was poor and the café coffee served was not of a good quality, particularly given the cost. JG replied that he had noted in his report that food and beverage was undergoing change. He had a meeting with the coffee supplier soon and would contact CT direct with their response.

13.7 Mark Teagle asked whether the 5m section of Astroturf on the 7th path before the green would be extended. JG said it was only there to show what it would look like if installed. He would be discussing the issue further with Terry Edwards.

13.8 Teresa Green asked whether the area around the shoe cleaning area could include a sunken grill to catch the surplus grass and mud. JG agreed that this needed to be addressed and hoped that this could be included in a work schedule in February.

13.9 Mark Teagle asked PJ if Flexi members were playing the courses without contributing to the club. PJ replied that only Flexi members who paid their additional club 7 days or 5 day fees plus the Medal and Stableford entry fees could play in competitions. Players who just paid to be Flexi players were to be targeted by the club and the Burhill sales team to convert to membership. PJ added that a number of new events are to be held next year to encourage and convert more Flexi players to full membership eg: '9 and wine'

14. Date of next meeting

The date of the next annual general meeting will be held early in 2020 due to the change in financial year. Date to be confirmed.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm with refreshments supplied by BGL.

Signed
CLUB CHAIRMAN

Date.....28th November 2018...