Chairman’s Report for 2020/21

Well, what a year 2020 turned out to be for all of us.

We went into the year in a very, optimistic mood, expecting to see a big improvement in our financial position, as a result of the restructure made, combined with some prudent financial controls being put in place, but sadly this was short lived as we spent much of the year in Lockdown meaning there was little golf for us to play and little in the way of income from the Bar.

As our Subscriptions were due on the 1st April, which was at the start of the first Lockdown we took that view that we should support our Members where we could, by offering a discount for the first Lockdown period, a move which I don’t think any other local Club followed.

We are a Members only Club and are dependent on you to enable us to continue to manage the Club.

Some of our Members decided not to take advantage of the discount offered, for which we are very thankful. We do though fully realise and appreciate that not all Members were able to do this due to their own personal financial position but equally we would like to thank them for renewing their subscriptions.

We would like to thank our Members for all the support shown to the Club during what has been a very, difficult year, for us all.

GMS continues to generate much needed revenue for the Club and this year this increased to £104,485 and I would like to thank our Business Manager, Robert Turner, for his hard work in continuing to grow this business.

We are very thankful for the Government Grants, Loans and Furlough payments we have received, without which the Club would have had some serious Financial issues to address.

We have also submitted a claim under our Business Interruption Policy, for loss of income etc. and have now received a payment from the Insurer, which is included in the accounts.

In terms of the Roils Head development then sadly once again Covid restrictions have meant that we have not made as much progress as expected, due to the Calderdale Council (CMBC) employees mainly working from home, meaning that contact has been almost impossible.

Having said that the Barratt’s David Wilson Group (BDW) are extremely keen to go ahead with the planned development and have managed to re-engage with CMBC.

There are some obstacles to overcome, which we are working on, and if we can resolve these we will of course come back to Members with detailed plans and ask for their approval to proceed. No decision will be made until the Members have had their say.

We have, however, some plans as to how the Club House could be updated if the development goes ahead, and we will share these with Members along with the suggested new hole design for Roils Head once these are received from the preferred Course Designer, Swann Golf Design.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Committee Chairs and their Committee Members for all the hard work they have done during this year. Without their help and support the Club would simply not be able to function and I would ask all our Members to consider giving up some of their time to join these Committees and to become involved in the management of the Club.

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Club Chairman