

## **DURHAM CITY GOLF CLUB**

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

(35 MEMBERS PRESENT)

The Chairman, Mr Kevin Sample welcomed those members present to the Annual General Meeting and requested a minute's silence in memory of those members who had passed away in the last twelve months.

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr SW Park, Mr A Whitehill

#### **2. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 (circulated) were proposed as a true record by Mr K Nelson, seconded by Mr A Whitehill and accepted by the members.

#### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

#### **4. CLUB COMMITTEE REPORT & NON AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

Acceptance of the Club Committee report and Non Audited Accounts was proposed by Mr K Sample, seconded by Mr A Dobson and unanimously agreed by the members.

#### **5. VARIOUS REPORTS.**

Report of the Chairman	—	Kevin Sample
Report of the Captain	—	Ian Harries
Report of the Course Chair	—	Matt Harper
Report of the Ladies Section	—	Joan Robson
Report of the Seniors Section	—	Dave Stainsby
Report of the Junior Section	—	Andrew Megginson
Report of the House Chair	—	Colin Sturdy

Acceptance of the reports was proposed by Mr K Nelson, seconded by Mr DH Bell and unanimously agreed by the members.

#### **6. AMENDMENTS TO RULE 7.3 - Fees**

The Chairman went through the new fee proposals and that the term period for the equalisation of fees was coming to and end. He felt that the £20 increase was justified when you look at the increase in wages, pension contributions for employees and the investment in new machinery for the course.

Mr M McPherson asked if we owned the new machinery or was it leased? The Treasurer informed the meeting that the machinery was purchased on a HP agreement and at the end of that agreement it would be owned by the Club.

Mr D Ateess queried the increase in junior fees for the 15 – 17 categories. A discussion followed.

The following fees were proposed by the Committee, seconded by Mr I Harries and agreed with effect from 1st November 2020.

Full Member	£730.00
Full Combined Member	£1430.00
Octogenarian	£290.00
Intermediate - age 18 - 21	£275.00
Intermediate - age 22 - 25	£400.00
Student (age 18-21)	£255.00
Junior 15 – 17	£165.00
Junior Academy Member	£45.00
Non-Academy Junior Member	£15.50
Country Member	£450.00
Suspended Member	£25.00
Non-Playing (Social)	£12.50 plus VAT

## **7. ELECTIONS**

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic the Committee proposed that Mr D Liddell shall serve a second term in office as Club Captain. Mr GW Rennie seconded the proposal and Mr D Liddell was duly elected.

### **a) Vice-Captain**

Mr C Sturdy was the only nominee as Vice-Captain.

This proposal was unanimously agreed by the members and Mr C Sturdy was duly elected as Vice-Captain in accordance with rule 3(b).

Mr D Liddell, Captain for 2021, thanked Colin for accepting the invitation to become his Vice-Captain for 2021.

### **b) Committee**

The Chairman announced there had been four properly received nominations for the eight vacancies and as a result a ballot had not been needed.

The four members elected to the committee were Mr J Hope (re-elected), Mr K Sample (re-elected), Mr A Whitehill (elected) Mr E Holmes (elected)

The Chairman thanked Mr SW Park, Mr D McColl and Mr I Harries for their great service to the Club as part of previous Club Committees.

## **9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

The Committee proposed and Mr D Findley seconded the reappointment of Messrs JN Straughan & Company as auditors for the year commencing 1st November 2020.

## **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 10.1 The Chairman made an announcement regarding the breaking news of one of our members who had recently been found guilty of a grooming offence of a person under the age of 16. The Chairman said that the Committee were aware and that his membership had been rescinded with immediate effect until such a time where more details were available so a further discussion could take place.
- 10.2 Mr D Atess asked if there were any immediate plans to improve/develop the practice area? The Course Chairman said there was no immediate plans and this was currently not scheduled on the winter programme.
- 10.3 Mr G Donaghy Graham Donaghy asked if the club received the £25,000 government COVID grant? The Treasurer confirmed the Club has received these monies.
- 10.4 Mrs P Thomas asked if the Committee would re- introduce practice balls been distributed from the Professional shop? The Chairman said this would be discussed at the next main meeting.
- 10.5 Mrs P Thomas asked for an update on the "Wild Flowers." The Course Chairman informed her that he was in dialogue with the lady member who made the donation and that they would be replanted for next year.
- 10.6 Mr A Sinclair asked if the "count back rule" could be changed to the back nine to fall in line with the V1 & HDID scoring system? He was informed there were no plans to change the Clubs countback but that conversations were taking place with HDID in relation to an upgrade in their software which would allow front nine countbacks to be generated.
- 10.7 The Chairman finished the meeting by thanking the Course & Bar staff for hard their work through these very difficult and trying times.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.**