

# HELSEBY GOLF CLUB POWERED WHEELCHAIR APPEAL (HGCPWA)

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:30pm Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### Minutes

1	<b>Present:</b> 30 members attended the meeting.
2	<b>Apologies:</b> 8 members sent their apologies
3	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting</b></p> <p>The Chairman, Steve Cunniffe welcomed the Captain and Lady Captain and thanked members for attending the 13<sup>th</sup> A.G.M.</p> <p>He read out a message from Peter &amp; Jackie Alliss who had sent their apologies "This is a message just to wish you all well. Over the years you and your Club have been the most amazing supporters of the Wheelchair Crusade. I can't thank you enough on behalf of all the young people you've helped. You all deserve at least a CBE! Once again, all the best for the rest of the year – you're a very special group of people. Jackie joins me in sending all good wishes, Sincerely, Peter Alliss</p> <p>Approval of the minutes of the last meeting was sought. The vote of approval was unanimous.</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>
4	<p><b>Report and Accounts</b></p> <p>Steve Cunniffe presented the report for the 12 months to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019.</p> <p>During 2018, we raised £38,339 and 12 powered wheelchairs have been presented bringing the total number of wheelchairs to 382.</p> <p>The main fundraising events during the year were as follows: -</p> <p>The Spring Dance was held on 17<sup>th</sup> March and had an Irish theme and raised £486. A wheelchair was presented to Carys Johnson from Chester.</p> <p>The 36<sup>th</sup> Wheelchair Classic was held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June. We were joined by special guest Ricky Tomlinson for the presentation of wheelchairs to Charlie Holmes, Bethany Stocker, Connor Webb, Declan Maynock and a very cheeky Freya Boothman. Steve thanked Chris Lindley, Managing Director of Jigsaw Law who sponsored the day. £18,104 was raised.</p> <p>There was also a very special presentation of the George Makey Bible to Appeal Chairman, Steve Cunniffe and Club Captain, Graham Poland by Ray Feldwick on behalf of the Peter Alliss Masters. 'The Bible' is a record of the foundation of the society which eventually became the Peter Alliss Masters. George wanted the original document to be presented to 'the valiant and generous Members of Helsby Golf Club in recognition of their extraordinary contribution over many years'. This will be kept safely at Helsby Golf Club.</p> <p>Our 17<sup>th</sup> Mega Day took place on 8<sup>th</sup> August. Chairs were presented to Isabella Gray and Tom Gate. Tom's chair is a very special all terrain chair as he lives in the countryside. It was very expensive at over £21,000 and we were joined at the presentation by Dom &amp; Jo from Tom's village who had raised £10,000 towards the chair and Jane from the Steve Morgan Foundation who donated a further £4,000. Thanks were given to David Syddall of Optimum Cost Consultants for his sponsorship. The event raised £2,334.</p>

The Peter Alliss Masters Tournament was held in September. We presented a wheelchair to Nina Collins of Congleton who is now attending a residential college in Hampshire. Her new wheelchair gives her the independence to be able to attend the college. The winner of the tournament this year was Keith Ainsworth from Helsby who received the Green Jacket & Quaich from Peter Alliss at the Gala Dinner.

A Fashion Show for the ladies was held at the Best Western Forest Hills Hotel in Frodsham. Thanks were given to the Hotel for providing the function room free of charge and all their help in organising the event which raised £1,500.

The Black & White evening was held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December when wheelchairs were presented to Caitlin Allan and Jake Hesp. £537 was raised for the Appeal.

The Chinese Banquet was held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at the Fortune Palace, Delamere. A wheelchair was presented to Emily Jane Coulthard. The evening raised £1,088.

Messages of thanks were read out from some of the parents and children; Conor Webb's mum Kay, Carys Johnson and Tom Gate's parents.

Steve thanked everyone for their support which makes it possible for us to help so many children.

Special thanks were given to

Roddy Snedden and Merseyside Electrical Traders Association

Steve Morgan Foundation

Mike Lawson

Franc Cuncliffe & Dave Fletcher

Ellesmere Port & District Lions

Alex Walters

Woodart Workshop in Frodsham

Phil & Chris Davies

Jim & Val Fishwick

John & Hilary McGrady

Norman Martin

Lindsay Kitchen

Cath Gleave

Howard Pay & Mike Whitaker

Thanks were also extended to a number of people behind the scenes, without their help we would not be as successful. All the members of the committee plus Keith Ainsworth, Brian Prince, Chris Cousins, Keith Trenell and Norman Clough, Pauline Branigan, Phil Barker, Rob behind the bar and Karen Applegate.

Also, to all those supporters who provide auction, raffle and tombola prizes.

#### **Accounting Information:**

- £9,860 brought forward from last year
- £38,339 was raised during the year
- £221 spent on general expenses
- £42,125 spent on wheelchairs
- £500 deposit for the forthcoming Glitz and Glamour Evening
- £5,353 carry forward to next year

A vote took place and the Accounts were unanimously adopted.

5	<p><b>Election and Appointment of Officers and Trustees</b></p> <p>In accordance with the Constitution of the Helsby Golf Club Powered Wheelchair Appeal the following was unanimously re-elected as Trustees of the charity for a period of 3 years:</p> <p><b>Alex Walters – Proposed by Steve Cunliffe and Seconded by Penny Ainsworth</b></p> <p><b>Howard Pay – Proposed by Steve Cunliffe and Seconded by Penny Ainsworth</b></p>
6	<p><b>Forthcoming Events for 2019:</b></p> <p>Race Night – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</p> <p>Wheelchair Classic - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>MEGA Day – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August</p> <p>Glitz and Glamour Evening – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at Chester Racecourse</p> <p>Chinese Banquet – January 2020</p>
7	<p><b>Target for 2019</b></p> <p>Steve explained that the PWA was hoping to raise £55,000 and present its 400<sup>th</sup> wheelchair by the end of November 2019.</p> <p>So far, £5,000 had been raised and 384 wheelchairs presented; only £50,000 and 16 chairs to go. He asked for any suggestions to help achieve these targets.</p> <p>Offers included a Captain's Charity Day to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, the 3 Peaks Challenge and the Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge.</p>
8	<p><b>Peter Alliss Masters Presentation</b></p> <p>Ray Feldwick gave a roundup of the Peter Alliss Masters performance.</p> <p>Since 2006, 538 powered wheelchairs have been presented by members associated with the Peter Alliss Masters crusade with a value of £1.81m. In 2018, the number was 37 with Helsby Golf Club the major contributor with 13 wheelchairs.</p> <p>The 31<sup>st</sup> Peter Alliss Masters was held at Old Thorns Manor Hotel in September. The Green jacket was won by Keith Ainsworth of Helsby GC. Linda Malkin of Tytherington GC won the Ladies Trophy. 9 wheelchairs were presented to local children including one from Helsby.</p> <p>Three new clubs have adopted the PAM as their charity to support and the Irish PAM is planning to present 6 chairs at the Open in Royal Portrush.</p> <p>The 32<sup>nd</sup> Peter Alliss Masters will be held at Old Thorns on 16<sup>th</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019.</p> <p>Thanks were extended to Helsby GC as 'Our Leading Club'</p>
8	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>The Captain thanked Steve for his presentation and the committee for all their hard work.</p>