



DATE

Sunday 4th February 2007 at 8pm

VENUE

'The Sebright Arms', 9 Alston Road, Barnet, Hertfordshire, EN5 4ET

PRESENT

Mark Collins – Chairman, Treasurer
Alex Conrad – Captain
Andy Picton – Vice-Captain, Handicap Secretary
Benjamin Riley – President, Secretary
Daniel Stevens
Stuart Ware
Dave Williams
Andy Woods

1. OPENING

The Chairman opened the meeting at 20:17. Apologies were received from Darren Kyte (Picton), Edward Sturdy (Riley), Jonathan Smith and Nigel Wildman (Ware).

2. PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINTUES

Not applicable.

3. COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT

The President delivered the report and began by noting how successful 2006 had been. Our summer tour to Greetham Valley was most enjoyable with both the Open Championship and Riley Cup coming down to the very last holes. All society members enjoyed the uniform shirts and our effort was notably appreciated by the GVGC membership. Shirts for 2007 have already been organised and are of a superior quality, professionally embroidered with the society logo and personalised with each member's initials. These shirts should be good for several BBGS events and tours. The Riley Cup format worked perfectly and will be retained although the 2007 teams will be determined by age. 2006 saw the introduction of the Barbill Bell and the Masters, the former even going to a play-off. The BBGS website was launched in late October and has already received over 1100 hits. Our site has also been nominated for a Herts24 Web Award and members will be able to register their votes from the 23rd of February. A notification and link will be posted on the website at this time. The society's handicapping system was explained in brief and members were reminded that full details are available on the BBGS website. The President recognised the great work of the Handicap Secretary and suggested that the system he has put in place is working extremely well as can be demonstrated by the close finishes that we have had in almost every competition. All agreed.



4. TREASURER'S REPORT & ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer presented the accounts showing income of £5969 and expenditure of £6478, resulting in a loss for the year 2006 of £510 which has been covered by the President. It was noted that income received and expense incurred during 2006 for events taking place in 2007, e.g. the summer tour, will be represented in next year's annual report. Mr Ware requested a breakdown of the IT expenditure and it was explained that the costs were incurred in registering the society's domain and hosting the website. It was made clear that no website development costs have been incurred by the society. The accounts were approved.

5. CHARITY PROPOSAL

Mr Picton proposed that the society choose a charity to support each year. This was agreed and a number of fund-raising vehicles will be implemented. Firstly, we will add £5 per head to the summer tour sundries bill. Secondly, we will introduce a tariff of fines to be implemented during all BBGS competitions. This will include fixed penalties for getting bunkered, hitting the water, failing to pass the Ladies tee, air shots and lateness. The maximum fine for each will be £1 and the committee will determine the specifics and publish a tariff in due course. Thirdly, we will look to organise a Captain's Charity Day from which all proceeds will be added to the charity fund. The Captain will investigate the possibility of playing for free at Potters Bar Golf Club thereby maximising the charitable contribution. Mr Picton also proposed that this year's charity should be The Jack Brown Appeal. This was agreed and the President will arrange for a link to the appeal website to be placed on BBGS Web.

6. ADHERENCE TO RULES

Mr Riley raised the question of how strict we should be during society competitions. It was agreed that we should adhere to all rules, including the Rules of Golf as defined by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, local course rules and any playing conditions defined by the committee. It is the responsibility of each and every member and guest to comply with all rules. Penalties must be declared and applied accordingly. Anyone failing to declare a penalty on themselves, and therefore submitting an incorrectly marked scorecard, will be disqualified. It was agreed there will be no exceptions.

7. EVENT SCHEDULE

It was agreed to hold a new event, the Chairman's Chalice, on the 19th of April. The Summer Tour is booked and confirmed for the 8th to the 11th of July which will include the Open Championship and the Riley Cup. The Barbill Bell will be held on the 5th of October and the Masters again on New Year's Eve. The Secretary will look to schedule the Captain's Charity Day in early June and a further event in late August or early September. Schedule details and firm dates will be published in due course.



8. MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION

Mr Stevens raised the issue of membership expansion. It was agreed that we should actively encourage the addition of new members to the society. A limit of 32 (playing) members was agreed however this number will be reviewed as and when necessary.

9. APPAREL

The President showed some sample apparel that is available to order. Each item is embroidered with the society logo. A number of items are available including wind shirts, headwear, bag towels and golf balls. A list of items and their respective prices will be distributed to members and orders plus payment must be sent to the President by the 28th of February.

10. ANNUAL DINNER

Mr Conrad proposed that we hold an annual society dinner. It was agreed that such an event be arranged towards the end of the year and that partners would be welcomed. The committee will investigate options later in the year.

11. OVERSEAS TOUR

Mr Conrad also proposed that an overseas tour be arranged. It was agreed that this is a nice idea and a proposal will be formulated and distributed to the members at a later date.

12. INTER-SOCIETY COMPETITION

Mr Williams discussed an opportunity to play a match against a Manchester-based golf society. The notion was welcomed and all members were encouraged to look out for such opportunities. In such circumstances, contact should be initiated with the Secretary.

13. OFFICER ELECTIONS

The following nominations were approved:

- President – Benjamin Riley
- Chairman – Mark Collins
- Captain – Alex Conrad
- Vice-Captain – Andy Picton
- Secretary – Benjamin Riley
- Treasurer – Mark Collins
- Handicap Secretary – Andy Picton

14. CLOSURE

The Chairman concluded the meeting at 21:24 and thanked everybody for their attendance.