



S.B.G.S GOLF SOCIETY AGM MINUTES

24th September 2020

Chairman's Address

The meeting was opened at 1600 by the Ty the Chairman who thanked everyone for attending and advised that it had been a very difficult year due to the corona virus and events following the election for Chairman last year. He thanked all the members for their continued support and contribution in making a success of what season we had been left with.

In view of the completely fragmented year he proposed that the current committee remain in situ. for the coming 20/21 season however emphasizing that it was very important that members do volunteer to act on the committee and that the more members who could assist and become involved in Committee work would benefit the Society in the long run.

The Chairman announced that Jonathan Winfield had been nominated, Vice Captain for the coming year and looked forward to him becoming an active member of the committee.

The Chairman advised the meeting that Roger Hatley had stood down as Handicap Secretary at the end of the season and he wished to express his thanks on behalf of all members to Roger for all the good work and long hours he had spent during the year. The HC Secretary's role would be absorbed within the committee for the coming season.

The Chairman asked members for their views to be sent to the Committee on any ideas for the future as it is always looking to improve upon what the Society offers its members.

The Chairman thanked all the Committee members who put in a lot of work behind the scenes to make everything run smoothly during the year.

Captains Report on the Handicap System

Christian reported that overall the HC system was working well and in the first 8 stablefords of the year the medals had been shared between 14 different members, both high & low handicappers. The trophies and places in the competitions played, had all been shared by high & low handicappers.

Whilst there had been discussion over changes he emphasised that the current system appeared to be quite adequate and that to keep changing it every year would be detrimental. He proposed that it would be beneficial to keep the current system running for at least 2/3 years.

One pattern that had been identified was players who played regularly won more competitions/prizes, and members were encouraged to try and get out on the course more if at all possible.

There are Benamor members who play in the Society each day of the week and members wanting to get more practice were encouraged to contact them should they want a game.

Whilst acknowledging that overall the system has been working well, it had been recognized that some members needed an adjustment of their handicaps to enable them to be more competitive. The committee had looked at this and would produce an adjusted handicap list prior to the New season October Stableford.

Additionally the committee is currently looking at a web based system where multiple committee members could input HC data. A future handicap similar to the WHS rolling based system where the last 8 or more games are evaluated was a possibility, as was the availability for members to view at home.

There was a general meeting discussion over point increases when scoring less than 36 points however no objections from the floor were raised to maintaining the status quo for the coming year.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer David reported that he had been handed €1198 last year without any documentation from the previous Treasurer. The Society has spent €1365 on new shirts and €585 on prizes in the

current year. Assuming expenditure was in line with this year he predicted the Society would have a running balance of €350 at year end. Whilst this would not be huge, he thought it to be sufficient.

Membership

The Secretary Simon reported that we have 38 members 36 of which are active and as such we could expand to 40 or 42 members should we need to do so. Very unfortunately 2 members Andy Wrench and Nick Richards would not be renewing their membership next year due to illness. We wish them both well and hope that they can return very soon. We have had 3 applications for membership from Messrs. David Elsworthy, Loather Nessman & Philip Lockyer and they all were approved and welcomed to the Society.

The Chairman was pleased to announce that in honour of their long term service to the Society and as founder members Jeff Sweet, Leslie Macnish & David King had been given Honorary life time Membership. Congratulations to them all.

Anyone with knowledge of individuals interested in becoming a member should contact Simon the secretary by email.

Sponsors

The Chairman advised that the Society would be staying with Algarve Removals for a second season and that we had received vouchers from them totalling €300 for the coming year. It was felt that due to the current economic crisis new sponsors would be hard to find, though if anyone who knew of a company that would like to sponsor the Society for the 2021/22 season they should make contact.

Charities

The Chairman advised that our normal charity is the Bombeiros however as we have had no social functions there had not been the opportunity to collect donations. It was suggested from the floor that the 2s money be increased to 2 euro's with 1 euro being donated to Charity. This was supported by the meeting.

Rules

The Secretary advised that Rule 7 concerning the procedure over tied games had required clarification and that a provisional rule had been posted on the website. Any member who disagrees with this amendment should contact the Committee a.s.a.p.

The amendment is as follows

PROPOSED AMENDMENT RULE 7

The following will be applied to our competitions:

1. **Player of the year. Taking into consideration only scores from the 6 qualifying stablefords.** In the event of a tie, the winner will be the player who scored the most points in the last (**of their 6**) qualifying stablefords. Repeat as necessary.

2. **2 Day Challenge** Should there be a tie after 2 days the winner will be the player who scored more points on the **second** day . Should there still be a tie it will be decided on the last 9 of the 2nd day and then count-back from the 18th on the last day .

3. **3s 4s & 5s** Should there be a tie for any place .**Using only data from the 6 qualifying rounds.** The winner will be the player who scored more points on the last of their **6 qualifying rounds**. (Note this may not be necessarily from the same month as the other tied member) Repeat as necessary until decided.

4 **Other Day/Monthly competitions Stablefords etc.** In case of a tie. Use the back 9 and if still tied, count-back from hole 18 then 17 then 16 as necessary.

Website

The Secretary reported that the website is fully up to date. Members can now see winners from previous years in the new Roll of Honour page. A Final Table of the Player of the year and the 3s 4s & 5s top 3 places.

AOB

Eric Coulson raised a query over additional friendly game and was advised that some members play nearly every day at Benamor and they should be contacted if a game was needed.

A query by Jim Smith was raised over playing different courses and members were requested to try and find out what rates could be obtained.

The Chairman closed the meeting by reemphasising the need for input from members regarding any aspect of the Society and wished everyone a successful year.

