



SBGS AGM MINUTES 2022

CORREIA BAR SÃO ROMÃO 08th SEPTEMBER 4PM

APOLOGIES

Steve Coulson, Peter Box, John Osborne, Sean Hayes, Leslie & Archie Macnish, Richard Lay, Alex Jackson, P Lockyer, Penny & John Thornberry, Sandra & Allan Stronghill, John Gittins, John Kurau, Richard Lay

ATTENDEES

Ty Gardner, Jonathan Winfield, Adrian Jones, Simon Davey, David Keeble, Jeff Sweet, Robin Moore, David Elsworthy, Ron Martin, Stan Russell, Susan Martin, Clive Walker, Eric Coulson, Martin Crago, Christian Parn, Roger Hatley, George Savage, Barry Knightley.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The Chairman Ty Gardner opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and advised that the Society was going from strength to strength with a peak of 48 members this year. The release from Covid restrictions had enabled the Society to resume its social functions and he said that as we had had such a great Captains Day Party in April with the "Basement band" at "Borboletas" in Almancil, that we had decided to book them again for the end of Season Awards Dinner at Hortas on the 17th of September. Ty impressed again upon members that should they like to see different types of games or have any ideas for the future then they should please submit them to the Committee. He welcomed Adrian Jones as the incoming Captain and Robin Moore as Vice Captain for the 2022-23 season and wished them a successful year.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Simon advised that it is a requirement for all Committee members to stand down at the end of Season and advise whether they wish to stand again for the following year. Additionally, any other member can put their name forward for election of any office. This year Simon advised that he had requested to stand down from the role of Secretary and concentrate on the roles of Handicap Secretary and Website Manager. Regrettably there had not been any volunteers forthcoming. Simon advised that it was unhealthy for all the duties to be concentrated in one person and that it would benefit the Society if more volunteers came forward. He advised he would nevertheless continue carrying out all the duties in the short term and the Committee

would remain as it was for 2021-22

TREASURER'S REPORT & UPDATE ON FUNDS

The treasurer David Keeble supplied a spreadsheet of income and expenditure. (See attached sheet) He explained that we were not a profit making organisation and that we had managed with a limited amount of sponsorship to provide new shirts for all members during the year with a €15 charge. Overall we had just about broken even.

David went through the spreadsheet and explained its contents. He also advised that this year we would be providing individual trophies and more prizes for members to keep in addition to the large shield trophies.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS / RESIGNATIONS

The Society had a surge of new members in 2022 rising to 48 active playing members. In view of this the Secretary had managed to secure 10 tee times at Benamor for competitions in the forthcoming season as we have had to put members on standby for certain competitions in the past year due to oversubscription.

Regrettably for completely different reasons we had recently lost Chris Cameron Gudge & Chris Mudd leaving us with 46 active members.

SPONSORS

The sponsor for 2022-23 would remain as “ Benson's Woodliving” of São Brás de Alportel. Work is in hand to find another sponsor for the 2023-24 season however Simon asked that all members could try and query whether companies that they have experience of , would like to become involved with SBGS. With the old adage “If you don't ask you don't get”.

SHIRTS

A second order mainly, for newer members, has been placed and should be arriving very soon

HANDICAP UPDATE

Simon advised that he believed the current system was working very well. During the last season we had 39 scores of 36 and over by 21 different players almost identical to the 2020-21 season. Also 21 different players have won medals during the year. We have seen the regular weekly friendly golfers improve and as they have done so their handicaps are starting to come down as they perform well in the competitions. We are regularly seeing the majority of players scoring 30+ points during competitions and this is very healthy and suggests that the HC system is not far from being correct, if any system really can be. He recommended that the format of handicap adjustment remain the same for 2022-23. Members adjusted annual handicaps for next season will be published after the 2 day Challenge. Simon thanked Christian Parn for all his help in processing the scores during the past year especially as it has been a very difficult year for him personally. We hope to see Christian back firing on all cylinders very soon.

CHARITIES:

David advised that we would have almost €1000 for the Bombeiros by the end of the season to be presented to them publicly with the aid of Jeff Sweet.

SOCIETY RULES

A suggestion was made that we should consider “Gimmees” to speed up games. The current rules forbid “Gimmees” and Simon provided his personal thoughts as to why this should remain the same. A Discussion ensued however the consensus was that the status quo should remain.

No other changes to the Rules published were raised.

A query over whether a ball lying next to a rake would invoke a penalty if the ball subsequently moved was responded to by Simon who suggested that it would be common sense to not apply any penalty. Also, that rakes should be left in bunkers not outside them. There is nothing worse than your ball being deflected into a bunker by a rake left outside.

FORMAT OF GAMES

There would be no change in format to the games other than the winter games will start where possible at 0900.

A request was made that the Ladies could have their own Longest Drive. It was suggested & agreed by the meeting that we would use holes 9 and 11 for longest drives as the Ladies have a big advantage on those holes.

WEBSITE

Simon advised that apart from the 3,4s&5s results the website was up to date with the September Results and the Player of the year table. The Handicap list for the 2 Day Challenge is also available. The events list has been updated and it should be noted that the October Stableford is on Friday the 14th this year.

COMPETITION PRIZE WINNERS

In addition to the large plaques members would, where possible, receive personal attractive glass engraved trophies.

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LUNCH VENUES

During the year members had been canvassed regarding the post competition lunch venues. The result had been a that a small majority were in favour of remaining at the clubhouse. As the majority in favour of remaining at Club was quite small the Committee will try on

occasion to find a restaurant to accommodate members as a change, however it would need members to proceed to that restaurant immediately after the game.