



Minutes of the 36th Annual General Meeting of Knighton Heath Golf Club Ltd held on Thursday 18 October 2012 at 19:30pm at the Clubhouse, Francis Avenue, Bournemouth, BH11 8NX,

The President and Chairman, Bill Kennedy, opened the meeting and confirmed there were 74 members present which constituted a quorum in terms of Rule 26.

Some non-voting members were also present.

He welcomed all those present as well as Mark Magrath, our auditors, from Harrisons.

1. Apologies

26 apologies received from:

Sue Bond, Tim Bunce, Ian Dibblin, Maureen Dilkes, Paul Donaldson, Barry Fincham, Roy Fox, Marie Fox, June Frampton, Sally Greenwood, Robin Gurman, John Harris, Mike Howarth, Hazel Iverson, Margaret Joyce, Adam Lennon, Clive Loader, Sue Merritt, Cathy Pearce, Roy Prickett, Tony Psaros, Peter Samuels, Reg Underwood, John Way, Cicely Welch & Brian Whiffen.

2. In Memoriam

All those present stood in silence in memory of all long-standing and well-respected members who had passed away since the last meeting.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 October 2011 were confirmed as a true record and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

Proposed: D Gritt

Seconded : P Keeping

There were no matters arising.

4. Captains & Management Committee Proposals

- (a) The Chairman said that it was his intention to discuss each alteration to the rules as proposed and then gauge the feelings of the meeting. Items would then be withdrawn from the total package of amendments if members were not comfortable with the proposal, thereafter a vote would be taken.

Rule 5 – Definitions, was removed from the package. It was the general view of the meeting that 5 day members should be allowed to use the practise facilities on a weekend.

Rule 8 (a) – Directors, was removed from the package. It was the general view of the meeting that to limit the number of Directors to 6 would be difficult to manage if there were resignations during the year. Co-opted members would not have been elected and therefore could not vote. This may also lead to difficulties in obtaining the required quorum for meetings.

The following alterations to the rules were then tabled:

Rule 4 : Members – The Club shall consist of:

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- a. Not more than 700 playing members including colts and juniors.
- b. A social membership which shall be limited to those current playing members transferring to Social Membership and other persons at the discretion of the Management Committee.
- c. A country membership of not more than 15 players whose normal place of domicile is 50 or more miles from the Club.

Replace with

- a. Not more than 700 playing members.
- b. The numerical split of Members shall be determined by the Management Committee from time to time.

Rule 7 (b) : Officers – the officers of the club shall be: (insert bold text)

The Captain and Vice-Captain who shall be full member and **should be** of at least 5 years standing

Rule 10 : Committee Membership – The membership of the two committees shall be as follows:

- a. The Captain's Committee shall be established from the following members:-

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- i. The Captain, Vice-Captain and Immediate Past Captain.

Replace with

- i. The Captain and Vice-Captain.

Rule 21 : Election Procedure - Nominations

*Delete in brackets () / insert **bold***

Nominations may be made in writing by any two full members of the Club of at least two years standing. All nominees must be full members, and those for Captain and Vice-Captain (must be of) **should have** at least five years standing in accordance with Rules 7 & 8.

Rule 35 : Resignation, Expulsion & Suspension of Members - Misconduct

Delete in brackets ()

Any complaint about a member of the Club should be made in writing to the Club Manager, (signed by two members,) detailing the circumstances that gave rise to such notice.

Entrance Fees, Subscriptions & Other Payments

Rule 40

Delete

Annual subscriptions, locker and trolley shed rentals and any imposed levy shall be payable in advance by the day on which the financial year shall commence. Invoices will be issued one month before the end of the financial year. Any member who has not paid the amount due by the first day of the new financial year may be banned from competing for any Club trophy or voting at any meeting. Any member who has not paid the amount due by the 14th day thereafter cannot compete for any Club trophy or vote at any Club meeting. A list of all such members may be posted in the clubhouse at any time. Any member whose subscription is unpaid 31 days after the commencement of the financial year shall, if the Management Committee so determines, cease to be a member, and his/her name shall be erased from the books of the Club, but may be re-instated by the Management Committee upon the occurrence of a vacancy and on payment of the arrears.

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Rule 41

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Upon recommendation from the Captain's Committee at an AGM members may elect as a Life Member any full member who has rendered distinguished service to the Club. A Life Member is entitled to all the privileges of membership without paying the annual subscription or any special payment for such membership.

Replace with

Upon recommendation from the Captain's and Management Committees at an AGM, members may elect as a Life Member any full member who has rendered distinguished service to the Club. A Life Member is entitled all the privileges of a Full Member without paying the annual subscription or any special payment for such membership.

Rule 42

Delete

The Captain's Committee may propose for Honorary Membership any person who has rendered distinguished service to the game of golf. Proposals for Honorary Membership shall be subject to vote at an AGM. Honorary Members may play for medals and prizes, but they shall not be entitled to vote at meetings or propose candidates for membership or serve as officers of the Club or on the committees.

Replace with

Upon recommendation from the Captain's and Management Committees at an AGM, members may elect as an Honorary Member any person who has rendered distinguished service to the game of golf. Honorary Members shall not be entitled to vote at meetings or propose candidates for membership or serve as officers of the Club or on the committees. Honorary Members shall not pay a subscription.

Seconded : B Lennon

The Charman asked the members to vote on the balance of the changes as above by a show hands.

Having attained the necessary $\frac{2}{3}$ majority the alterations to the rules were approved.

- (b) Life Membership – Mr L Tanswell. The Chairman said that Mr Tanswell was currently an Honorary Member and had given years of service to the club, and he had no hesitation in seconding the proposal. On a show of hands Mr Tanswell was unanimously elected as a Life Member.
Mr Tanswel thanked the members and said that as one of the original committee members he accepted the honour on behalf of the rest of the committee.

5. Chairman's Report

Mr Way said that he had already submitted his report for the year which was included in the R & A packs distributed to the members.

He thanked the Directors for their support and particularly Mrs Lennon, who spent many hours on the finances and Graham Taylor and Mike Welch for managing the course.

He also thanked the Club Manager, Reunert Bauser and Course Manager, Alan Magee for ensuring that the club and the course ran smoothly as well as Messrs B Kennedy and B Lennon for managing the office during the period when the club was without a Manager. He asked that members if they had any questions:

Mr Gell said that Course and House reports should be included in the Report & Accounts pack as members did not know what was happening on the course.

The Chairman said that the Committee would consider included for the next AGM

With no further questions, Mr A Hebditch proposed and Mr K Doidge seconded the adoption of the report. The members voted by a show of hands to accept the adoption of the report.

6. Financial Director's Report

Mr D Lennon tabled her report "Hopefully you have all read the accounts and so I do not intend to go through them in any detail tonight.

We made a small surplus again last year of £6,662 which is an excellent result in the current economic climate. For the past few years our income has been down compared to the year before due to the recession and certainly not helped by the very bad weather we appear to experience on a very regular basis. The only way we can make a surplus is by keeping our expenditure down and this does not happen by itself.

Our managers work very hard to keep expenditure down against rising prices and for that I thank them all. In addition I would like to thank my fellow directors for their acceptance of the financial situation and for their understanding that it is not necessarily possible to spend money when they would like to.

At the beginning of this financial year we lost slightly fewer members than budgeted which is promising and means that our subscription income this year is more or less in line with budget. However we are already seeing a drop in bar and catering income compared to last year and this is due in part to the weather where we have seen the course closed on quite a few occasions which is quite unusual for this time of year. In addition our opens have not been as well supported as in previous years and these events have traditionally been a source of additional income for the club. Whilst other clubs now look to functions such as weddings and parties to boost their income we are unfortunately unable to do this due to the fact that we not have a separate function room.

Once the new committee meets next month one of the things that we will be looking at is how we can increase our income or reduce costs. Unfortunately cutting our cost base any further may impact some of the services currently provided. The alternative to this would be to increase our revenue through increased turnover or pricing. This is a difficult balance to achieve but is something I have had to deal with over the last three years and feel confident that the balance can be achieved going forward.

If you have any questions regarding the finances of this club then please do speak to me or email me rather than the other directors. I am closer to the figures than they are and I will always get back to you with the answer.

I have agreed to stay on as Finance Director for another term of three years. However if any of you are interested are qualified accountants or have a financial background and fancy taking on the role at any time in the future then please let me know. Time goes by very quickly and it would be nice to have someone earmarked for the role.

I would like to thank Reunert, Alan, Trish and Sandra who have always been supportive and worked hard to stay within their budgets.

Finally I would like to thank all the directors for their support, hard work and help over the last three years.

I can honestly say that on the whole I have enjoyed the challenge of the role and this has been made easier by the help and friendship of the whole management committee team”.

Mr M Magrath said that in these difficult economic times not all clubs had managed to maintain a solid financial base. The Committee had during this time upgraded the clubhouse and also purchased new course equipment.

Mr H Ivie – enquired as to the progress on the VAT on visitors green fees court case as he believed that Broadstone GC had been paid.

Mrs Lennon said that the club had submitted a claim and that as far as she was aware no club had been paid out. The case had been referred to the European Court of Justice and was not scheduled to be heard before the summer of 2013 at the earliest.

With no further questions, Mr A Hebditch proposed and Mr K Doidge seconded the adoption of the report. The members voted by a show of hands to accept the adoption of the report.

7. Captain's Report

“Firstly may I congratulate Linda Willetts and Sandi Wiswould on their appointment as Lady Captain and Lady VC for 2012-13.

Moving on, I have already submitted a full report in the AGM pack and don't wish to repeat the content here verbatim.

At this time of year we begin to turn our thoughts toward next year and at the same time look back on the year just passed. At KHGC we are no different.

I would like to thank all those on committee for their tireless work and effort during 2012 and in particular Lynn Scoones as Lady Captain and Chris Langston as my Vice Captain. Along with some key new staff appointments I believe we are now even better placed to move forward with confidence into next season in what still remain uncertain economic times.

I would like to add my personal thanks to a few of the staff by presenting them with a token of my appreciation.

Many thanks on behalf of all our members also to all those that have acted as Captain of the various teams – they along with the volunteers at Open events etc are key players in the smooth running of the club each year.

We celebrated the success of our trophy winners last Friday and my congratulations again to all those who picked up awards. It has been a very good year again and thanks to both David and Leigh for all their help in running the competitions and in the excellent teaching they provide.

As I alluded to in my report success can be measured in so many ways – it isn't always about winning.

Our great game does provide us with the unique opportunity to forge new friendships both on and off the course. I have been very lucky to meet a large number of people at golfing and social events during my year as Captain and their camaraderie has been a major factor in making my year so memorable.

Equally new members (and visitors alike) are often quoting the warm welcome and friendship shown by our members and staff as one of the key factors for joining (or visiting our club). I cannot emphasise enough that we all have a key role to play in this if KHGC is to continue to be viewed in such high regard.

Likewise the generosity shown by you, the members in helping us reach a total of £3,850 for the Sparkle charity appeal is much appreciated by myself and the lady Captain. Thank you for all your contributions.

I strongly believe our club is moving in the right direction and that under the leadership of our newly elected president, directors, committee members and captains that this will continue through the rest of 2012 and into 2013.

I wish them all well and hope that they will all enjoy the fabulous support given by so many of you during my year of office.

In closing I should not forget to thank my wife Debbie for her help, support and encouragement during my year as Captain and thank you once again for allowing me the honour to be your Captain.

2012 will certainly be a year I will never forget.

Mr M Levens proposed and Mr D Gritt seconded the adoption of the report. The members voted by a show of hands to accept the adoption of the report.

8. Appointment of Auditors

Mr B Andrew proposed that we appoint Harrisons once again as our auditors and this was seconded by K Doidge and carried.

9. Election of Office Bearers

a) *President* – Mr K Way proposed Mr B Kennedy. He said that Mr Kennedy provided great security and stability and understood the running of the club. He also represented the club at County level. Mr M Collins seconded the proposed and with a show of hands Mr Kennedy was unanimously elected as President for the next 3 years.

Mr Kennedy thanked the members for their support and said it was an honour and a privilege to serve the club.

b) *Captain* – Mr B Lennon proposed Mr C Langston, seconded by Mr K Way. With a show of hands Mr Langston was unanimously elected as Captain. Mr Langston thanked the members and said his charity was “The Cherry Tree Nursery” a sheltered work project.

c) *Vice-Captain* – Mr C Langston proposed Mr J Airth, seconded by Mr B Channon. With a show of hands Mr Airth was unanimously elected as Vice-Captain.

10. Election of Directors

a) Finance Director – Mr G Taylor proposed Mrs B Lennon, seconded Mr J Airth. With a show of hands Mrs Lennon was unanimously elected as Finance Director for a 3 year period.

b) At least 2 Directors – The following 3 nominations were received:

Mr B Andrew: Proposed – Mr G Spillar / Seconded – Mr J Harris

Mr M Collins: Proposed – Mr R Gell / Seconded – Mr B Twist

Mr C Knight: Proposed – Mr A Nicholas / Seconded Mr J Airth

With a show of hands the members unanimously voted that in terms of Rule 8 (a) all 3 nominations should be elected as Directors for the next 3 years.

12. Any other business

No items received in terms of the club rules.

As there was no other business Chairman closed the meeting at 21:05.

B. KENNEDY
CHAIRMAN

Dated