

## **Devon Dumpling Golf Society – Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Devon Dumpling on Sunday, 7th February 2016**

### 1. Members Present

Ray Baldwin, Adrian Lardner, Jimmy Banks, Ray Ford, Paul Bishop, Bernie Fenner, Dave Fenner, Rob Harvey, Alan Tucker, Nigel Ford, Doug Harris, Pat Harris, Stuart Wilkinson, Dave Wensley, John Woollacott, Mike Cox, Danny Davis, Tom Greenwood, Bob Grogan, Jan Green, Colin Locker, Bob Groves, Sue Gurney

### Apologies

Val Banks, Barry Privett, Pete Higgins, Lynne Lyon, Sue Baxter, Paul Green, Mike Hill, Phil Porter, Libby Porter, Keith Fenner, Dan Lall, Tony Brinsley, Andy Hayes, Chrissy Morrell, Ian Jones, Jon Yeo, Alan Yeo, Alan Furner, Richard Brinsley, Paul Howard, Chris Hucker, Grant Pritchard, Billy Tucker..

Ray Ford thanked the members for attending then introduced retiring Captain, Pat Harris. Pat presented the remaining Order of Merit prizes for last year, (the first three had been presented at the Christmas dinner). 4<sup>th</sup> Dave Wensley, 5<sup>th</sup> Tom Greenwood, 6<sup>th</sup> Stewart Wilkinson, 7<sup>th</sup> Paul Bishop, 8<sup>th</sup> Tony Brinsley, 9<sup>th</sup> John Woollacott, 10<sup>th</sup> Mike Cox.

### 2. Confirmation of the 2015 AGM Minutes

Ray reminded members that they were on the website and he had a copy for anyone who had not seen them. Ray asked if the Minutes should be recorded as a true copy of the meeting. There was unanimously approval.

### 3. Matters Arising from 2015 Minutes.

No matters arising.

### 4. President's Report

Ray Baldwin said it had been a good year and that Pat had done a great job as Captain. He thanked Adrian & Pat for putting the article in the Herald Express to celebrate 35 years of the golf society. He thanked Tony Brinsley (Secretary) and Jimmy Banks (Treasurer) for their efforts during the year. He politely asked members to try and look after the trophies when they win them as some of them are looking a bit battered. He also reminded members that we are guests of the host club when we attend golfing venues and that we must ensure that we act respectfully. We had received a complaint last year from Dainton about the amount of bottles and cans left on the course, i.e. not in the rubbish bins! Ray had visited Dainton to smooth over the complaint.

## 5. Treasurer's Report

Jimmy Banks explained that the last raise in the subscription fee had achieved the desired effect. He said that the accounts were in a healthy position and the Society had made a small profit of £200 last year. He reminded members, if you put your name down to play and cannot attend on the day you will be liable to pay the £5.00 prize fee as the Captain will have already spent the money on prizes for the day based on the number of entrants on the list.

## 6. Election of Officers

- Chair Person: Ray Ford
- Treasurer: Jimmy Banks
- Secretary: Tony Brinsley
- Fines Chairman: Chris Bater, supported by Chris Pallister

**All were unanimously voted in.**

**Note:** The Secretary would like to hand over the reins in the near future, please!

## 7. Retiring Captain's Report

Pat said it was a shame the weather has been so bad that we hadn't been able to play today. She had enjoyed an excellent year with good attendances, the only downside being that her captaincy had affected her standard of golf, slipping from 11<sup>th</sup> in the Order of Merit to 28<sup>th</sup> this year. Her Captain's Day weather in August just about turned out okay as it had brightened up after the early rain. Even so, it had been a great day although a couple of people had got a little bit carried away. She thanked Mike Cox for inviting her to be Captain, the first lady captain of the Society. The support she had received from the committee ensured there had been no disasters on her watch and she thanked Tony for the fixtures and getting us the best deals, Jimmy & Ray Ford for their help and Ray Baldwin for his wisdom and keeping her on the straight and narrow. She thanked the members for their support and it was nice to see that some who had previously played as guests were now joining as members. Her last task as Captain was to present Paul Bishop with the Clubman of the Year Trophy, which he had been unable to collect at Christmas dinner, because of illness.

Pat thanked Paul for all of his support as Vice- Captain and assisting with the cards. She also thanked Doug Harris for his support during the year.

She presented Paul with a gift to show her gratitude, a Captain golf shirt, and wished him all the best for the year. Finally, she reminded members that we are a friendly society.

#### 8. Election of new Captain & Vice Captain

The Chairman welcomed Paul Bishop as the new Captain. Paul said that Pat had completed a great year and the coming year will be eventful. He announced His Vice-Captain as Tom Greenwood, Paul finished by saying he hoped the weather will be good and we all play a good game.

#### 9. Election of new Members

Applications to join had been received from Hilary Bray, David Bray, Sue Gurney, Terry Jones, Mel Wilks, Bryan Easson, Robert Turnbull, Steve Courtier. All were accepted.

#### 10. Membership Fee

The Treasurer had already stated that the annual accounts supported keeping the membership fee at £15.00. No alternative proposals were put forward. Fee to remain at £15.00 was proposed by Nigel Ford and seconded by Dave Fenner.

#### 11. Fixtures

Tony handed out the fixture list and highlighted a few changes. He reminded members that the list is on the Society's website and they will also be emailed to each member.

#### 12. AOB

Chris Pallister discussed his proposal to create a Devon Dumpling Golf Society Facebook Page, which would be a closed group, only accessible by members. Chris proposed it and it was seconded by Pat Harris. Agreed by all members.

It was proposed that Bernie Fenner should be made an honorary member of the Society and exempt from 'winning' the Dog House Trophy. This was agreed by the members.

Chris Pallister proposed that the Society should adopt the official golf rules for handicaps, whereby the maximum handicap for men should be 28 (except Bernie Fenner who should remain on 36) and 36 for ladies. This was agreed by members.

Ray Ford reminded members of the Society's rule for playing in the Christmas fixture; that you had to be members of the Society, and if you had not played a minimum of five (5) fixtures, including the Christmas fixture, then you would have to pay for your Christmas dinner. Notwithstanding this, Ray confirmed that the Captain has a discretionary power to allow guests at the Christmas fixture, and similarly to invite guests on Captain's Day at Dainton.

Ray Baldwin raised what he said was a small matter; the trophy cabinet in the pub, which looks empty if trophies are not returned. He reminded members that each winner should take the trophy to Torre Trophies to have it engraved, following which they are entitled to keep it for a month before returning it to either Ray or the current Captain so that it can be placed back into the cabinet.

Pat Harris said she felt the website was looking a bit tired and needed updating with new crest etc. It needs freshening up and she and Chris Pallister will work with Tony to try to get this done. Mel Wilks proposed a new position as Social Media Secretary for Chris Pallister and this was seconded by Rob Harvey. This was agreed by members.

Alan Tucker said that anyone needing new shirts, jumpers etc. could place an order with him at the first fixture of the year. He will also place a copy of the order form on the website and Facebook page, which members could use to place orders.

There being no other business, Ray Ford thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a good year. The meeting was declared closed.