



Minutes of Club AGM – 708th of February 2019
The meeting opened at 7.30pm

Total attendees inclusive of committee members 60 Andrew Craven (Golf Consultant)

Apologies : Neil Boyden

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Remembrance of Past Members

Alan said he was very sad that we had lost a few members this year. Alan asked for all members to remember those that have passed. Teresa Jordan, Pat McKay, Chris Musgrove

Opening remarks – Vice President Alan Ramage

Alan Ramage thanked everyone for attending with unbelievable attendance.

Approval of Previous AGM Minutes

The minutes were proposed by Russ Ball, and seconded by John Noble

Past Captains Speech –

Steve addressed the minutes. Thanked committee for their help and Agnes and the bar staff for the evening.

Introduction of the new Club Captain Jason Gibson

Steve presented Jason with his jacket.

A member since 1995 considers Bushey Hall his home. Jason thanked Steve for his help, Charity will be Royal Brompton Children Charity. Vice-Captain named as John Roberts.

John Noble Treasurer

John presented accounts and asked for questions none were forthcoming.

The appointment of officers to the committee was made as follows;

Social Secretary No nominees

Information officer No Nominees

Secretary	Russ Ball
Handicap Secretary	Peter Tannion
Treasurer	John Noble
External Competition Secretary	Ave De Souza
Juniors Representative	No nominees

President. John Dillon to stand.

Andrew Craven

Construction of the flats and clubhouse likely to commence in autumn 2019.

Club will close during construction.

Liaison with committee re club alterations. Existing members may stay on current rates until closure based on the requirement that 150 members sign up.

Questions

Colin Reith: use of landfill on site Andrew advised spoil will be used in moving 18th green, buggy paths and bunkers with anticipated approx. 50000 cubic metres of waste

JJ. Question re muck away and contaminated spoil from car park: Andrew at present could not answer

Lionel: possibility of 9 hole course staying. Andrew to advise.

Russ: EIA and soil investigation. Andrew advised as these were available on planning portal

Alan Golding. Asked what system of membership would follow. Andrew suggested new members on traditional membership but could not confirm

Mick Franks. Query construction time based on 6 months. Andrew was unable to confirm

Carole. Use of portacabin. Andrew advised these will not be considered.

Malcolm Fry Senior Commitments up to October will result in letting down other club. Andrew advised October is the preferred month to start.

Gary Everitt queried why constitution was amended to 6 weeks. Andrew stated that this was to assist the company in managing short term membership commitments and decision making

Jason. Concerns about Mr Golotes involvement with dwindling membership and lack of investment into course. Andrew advised that Mr Golate is aware that he is losing money and wants to address this and provides a sustainable golf club. This was challenged by Kevin O Niell who stated that whilst the club had 150 member only 80 k had been invested to date.

Agnes Taylor – Club General Manager’s address

Good evening ladies and gentlemen and thank you all for attending the Club's AGM tonight. I would like to thank you all for your patience, contribution and continued support to the club.

We have gone through a year of so much uncertainty and I would like to thank each and every one of you for your loyalty to the club. The support that myself and my team have received from the membership throughout the year has been incredible and we are very grateful to have you all.

My special thanks goes to all our outgoing Captains Steve Cockbain, Emma Goss, Steve Kirk and their committees for all their hard work throughout the year.

I would also like to welcome our incoming Captains, Jason Gibson, Carole Golten and Geoff Osgarthorp and look forward to working with them in the new membership year.

As you are all aware, the plans for the New Clubhouse and Residential apartments have been approved by the council. But due to the Economic uncertainty, Veladial Leisure has decided not to start the project this golfing season. The date for the start of the building work will be announced in due course.

Membership fees for 2019 have been reviewed. The costs of running the club keeps growing with utilities and business rates going up year on year. Veladial has decided to charge £1200 for full 7 day membership and £700 for 5 day members.

We are also going to actively promote Flexi Membership at £300 which will be a 1000 points credit and can be topped up from £100. This will also depend on the time of day a member wishes to play. Details of the point system will be sent out together with the membership renewal notice.

We are going to make changes to our operational setup from April 2019 and this is likely to affect the current staffing levels. The upstairs area is going to be closed off completely. The bar and lounge areas will be in use for members, visiting golfers, golf societies and inter club matches. Captain's day and Lady Captain's day are all going to be discussed at the committee meetings to come up with the best option for the limited resources we will have together with our food offering for interclub matches.

We will not be holding any functions here and for this reason, the members' discount rate of 15% is not sustainable to us and we will only be able to offer 10% on both food and drinks. There will not be any other incentives on food and liquor.

The club catering and pro shop opening times have been reviewed as well. Coffee and Tea will be available in the bar area from 8am. The bar will be opened to serve alcohol from 11am when food will be available.

The pro shop will be relocated to the clubhouse and will be open from 7am in the summer months where members and golfers can sign in and book their tee times if needed. Our closing times for the summer months will be reviewed on monthly basis.

We hope that these changes will help reduce the substantial loses made by the company over the years. Thank you All and hope to see you in the new golfing season

Questions

Carole Golten: What would the ladies membership be. Agnes advised that ladies membership would be £900.00. Juniors would remain the same as 2018 fees.

Russ Ball: What would the membership fee be after reopening. Agnes advised that this had not yet been decided and would take question back to Veladail

Kevin O'Neill. The fees are based on 150 members, what would Veladail commitment would be if this figure was not achieved. Agnes advised that this had not yet been decided and would take question back to Veladail

Jason Gibson. What would Veladails position be if members transferred to Flexible membership therefore reducing the overall club membership. Agnes advised that this had not yet been decided and would take question back to Veladail

Various other questions were asked but these centred on the above themes.

John Roberts Club Secretary – Formal questions raised through the Secretary

Carole Golten

Lily has requested, as per Teresa's wishes, to open up her 2 competitions to the men, namely The Spring and Autumn Meetings which make up the Equinox Cup. They are presently in the diary for Sunday 24 March and Saturday 22 September. However, we could make this one day only. These are relatively new competitions to mark the Bowe/Jordan connection with Bushey Hall for almost 40 years. Traditionally we have been holding these competitions for the ladies only with prizes for NTP, Longest drive, best front and back and overall winner. It's always been well attended and enjoyed and prize giving has followed lunch.

This was proposed by John Roberts and seconded by Alan Ramage

Edward Roberts

Has any decisions been made regarding the memorial plaques and trees for Ted Bowe, Teresa and Mark Jordan and David Wright during the development and construction period.

Andrew Craven agreed to take this back to Veladail and incorporate into planning requirements for construction

Mick Franks

Could we consider making the course a PAR 71 by extending either the first, thirteenth or sixteenth holes into PAR 5s.

Andrew Craven advised that this had been considered and was not realistic due to risk factors

Mick Franks

Bearing in mind lack of membership would the owner consider reducing feeds to attract players.

This was covered in Agnes speech.

Andrew Peperell

Would the owner consider having a new category to cover two day membership for weekends only.

This was covered in flexible membership option

Mick Franks

Would there be any financial benefit to members if they were to volunteer to carry out Artisan works to assist and supplement green staff

Andrew Craven to take back to Veladail

Russ Ball

Question re state of course: Answered by Andy Kane.

The meeting was formally closed by Vice President Alan Ramage at 8.48 PM

The Club Captain Jason Gibson invited everyone to join him for a drink.

List of Attendees

John Roberts	Airlie Dyson	Agnes Taylor
Alan Ramage	Alison Moody	Andy Kane
Billy South	Pat Whelan	Chris Drane
Gary Everett	Julie Sargeant	
Bob Bennett	Lynn Jessett	
Andrew Pepperell	Lily Bowe	
Mick Franks	Carole Golten	
Dave Slade	Susan Goddard	
Roger Bullivant		
B S Alexander		
Peter Tannion		
Tony Blacker		
David Walters		
Cliff Johnson		
John Noble		
Pat Sullivan		
Steve Hewitt		
Alan Golding		
Don Whiteman		
Wayne Moody		
John Williams		
Ave D'Souza		
Ron Sorkin		
Lionel Price		
T Pratt		
A Bedford		
M De Gabriele		
Kevin O'Neill		
Jason Gibson		
Steve Turner		
A Webster		
Podraig Niland		
Steve Cockbain		
Paul Hooper		
Tony Koch		
Michael Scarff		
Colm Costello		
Colin Reith		
JJ Madden		
Steve Gibson		
Russ Ball		
Malcolm Fry		
Mick Brimicombe		
Geoff Osgathorpe		
Ivan Agnew		
Malcolm Purdom		
Richard Baker		

