

SOUTH OF SCOTLAND GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2017

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 23 November 2017 in the Clubhouse, Castle Douglas Golf Club, Castle Douglas at 7.00 pm.

Welcome

The President, Stephen Kingston, welcomed 37 representatives from the Golf Clubs, the three Counties and Officials of the Executive.

Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Peter McGarrie, Pam Watson, Willie Watson (President, Kirkcudbrightshire) and St Medan Golf Club.

Minutes of AGM of 22 November 2016

The Minutes were approved by Wave Tyrrell and seconded by Jean Forrest

Copies of all reports had been distributed in advance to all Clubs and Executive Officials and were not read. This was to shorten the time taken for the AGM so the South Executive could have a meeting with representatives of the Clubs and Ladies Counties regarding the SGL Draft Strategy immediately thereafter.

President's Report

There were no questions

Secretary's Report

There were no questions

Annual Accounts for Year to 31 August 2017

The Treasurer was asked that as he had forgotten to claim his honorarium this year would it be carried over to next year. The Treasurer replied in the negative.

The Annual Accounts were approved by Robert McKnight and seconded by Alastair Millar.

Motion by President on behalf of Executive

“That the per capita fee be increased from £3.50 to £3.75”

The motion was seconded by Graeme Sharp and carried unanimously’

The President explained that Dumfriesshire Ladies had until now been a voluntary organisation but wished to comply with the spirit of the SGL Articles of Association and had agreed to conform with the South Area's membership conditions and accept all Lady members of Clubs within their area. This will mean that Clubs within Dumfriesshire will have to pay the per capita fee for every Lady playing member. The monies will be collected by the South Treasurer and then passed to Dumfriesshire Ladies. Letters had been sent to all Clubs in Dumfriesshire by Dumfriesshire Ladies. It was hoped Galloway Ladies would also change their constitution and do likewise.

D & G Golf Partnership Annual Accounts for Year to 31 August 2017

There were no questions

The Annual Accounts were approved by Graeme Sharp and seconded by Wave Tyrrell

Report by Championship Secretary

There were no questions

Report by Coaching Convenor

Ian Fraser was concerned that the Juniors were not getting the right coaching and the boys at D & C would not be selected to represent the South if they did not attend the South Performance coaching days. The boys should only be coached by one professional to avoid a potential clash of different swing methods. It would be better and more economical if they

were all coached by the same professional and vouchers issued for those in outlying areas so they could get swing coaching from their personal professional. The Secretary replied that the coaching policy was to follow the SGL pathway from ClubGolf to Performance day. This policy had been approved by the SGL Performance Team. James Erskine was not the only professional in the area who had the necessary qualifications, and Chris Robinson and Ross Murdoch were similarly qualified. South Area would not get the annual coaching grant from SGL if we were not complying with their regulations. Vouchers for personal coaching from their own professional were given out to the boys for attending the Performance days and over £1,600 had been authorised last year. The President added that it was important for squad development that these Performance days continue. Results have been promising but he agreed to take Ian's suggestion back to the Executive.

Report by Senior Team Manager

There were no questions

Report by Boys Team Manager

There were no questions

Report by Course Rating Convenor

There were no questions

Report by Fixture Secretary and Webmaster

There were no questions

Report by D&G Golf Partnership Co-Ordinator

In answer to a question Jean Forest explained that no meeting had been held during the past year because previous meetings had been very poorly attended. She was concerned that Clubs were not contributing to the partnership and would like more co-operation to encourage visitors to the area. Beth Collins thought the partnership was worthwhile and should continue with a special effort made in 2019 to encourage visitors to the Open Championship at Portrush to play in Dumfries and Galloway on their way to and from Ireland.

Motion by President on behalf of Executive

“That the clubs determine whether the D&GGP continue in its present form but with more input from Clubs”

The motion was seconded by Alastair Millar and carried unanimously

Election of Office Bearers

Stephen Kingston expressed his gratitude to all the Clubs and the Executive for the support he had received during his term of office and proposed Tony Clark as the President for 2017. Tony had been a member of Dumfries & County for almost 50 years. He had been actively involved in golf administration over the last few decades and had played for Dumfriesshire and the South over the years and had won the South and South Senior Championships. He was captain of Dumfries & County in 2013 and President of Dumfriesshire in 2016.

Tony was installed as President and conducted the remainder of the Meeting. He thanked Stephen for his year in office and for steering the ship on a steady course particularly through the amalgamation process. He had taken an active interest in all the activities and attended all the matches and competitions.

The following Office Bearers were elected:-

President:	Tony Clark (D & C)
Immediate Past President:	Stephen Kingston (Wigtown & Bladnoch)
Vice President:	Jean Forrest (Dalbeattie)
Secretary / Treasurer:	Iain Robin (Southernness)
Championship Secretary;	Graeme Sharp (D&C)
Coaching Convenor;	Pam Watson (Kirkcudbright)
Team Manager:	Graeme Sharp (D&C)
Junior Team Manager;	Iain Robin (Southernness)
Course Rating Convenor:	Robert McKnight (Wigtownshire County)

D&G Golf Partnership Co-ordinator: Jean Forrest (Dalbeattie)
Webmaster and Fixtures Secretary: Wave Tyrrell (New Galloway)

Appointment of Independent Examiner

Elisabeth Gray had completed her third year as Independent Examiner and was re-elected on the proposal of Tony Clark, seconded by Alastair Millar.

New President's Opening Remarks

Tony Clark thanked the Meeting for the privilege and honour he felt in being elected President of the South of Scotland Golfers' Association. He said he looked forward to his year in office and the challenges that awaited him. There were problems financially but hopefully these would be resolved this year.

A O C B

In reply to a question it was reported that Galloway Ladies had held their AGM recently but that they intended to hold a Special General Meeting in the spring to approve the change from a voluntary organisation to one which was financed by the per capita scheme.

All Reports to this Meeting are added to this Minute as Appendices,

Date of Next Meeting

The Annual General Meeting 2018 will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 22 November 2018 in Castle Douglas Golf Club.

Before closing the Meeting the President, Tony Clark, thanked everyone for attending and Castle Douglas Golf Club for their generous hospitality.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Signed as a correct representation of the Meeting

President:

Secretary

Dated