



Middlesex Golf

Minutes of AGM

Online via Zoom

Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 7:00pm

MINUTES

Board Members Present

Ray Andrews (RA)	Chairman
Di Williams (DW)	President
Darragh Coghlan (DC)	Secretary and Director of Teams & Coaching
David Taylor (DT)	Finance Director
Tom Powell (TP)	Vice President
Diana Rowlands (DR)	Co-opted Director
Robbie Martin (RM)	Competitions Director
Anne Koychev (AK)	Co-opted Director
And	
Alan Murray (AM)	Marketing Consultant

Club Delegates Present

1. Lee Patterson
2. John Nugent
3. Henri Henriques
4. David Sharp
5. Bruce McKellar
6. Sue Katz
7. Dickie Smart
8. Gary Nash
9. David Ramsay
10. Irene Riley
11. Sue Katz

Other Members Present

1. Ray Grant
2. Samantha Kang
3. Derek Danso
4. Derek Murray
5. Gill Smith
6. Henri Henriques
7. Irvine Walker
8. James Reynolds
9. Jo Groce
10. John Cunnane
11. MaryJo Carney
12. Pauline Cadwell
13. Rosalind Hallgarten
14. Ruth Holmes
15. Simon Westgarth
16. Stephanie Beer
17. Stuart Cella
18. Ted Rees
19. Tom Huntley
20. Peter (last name unknown)
21. Richard (last name unknown)

1. Apologies

Elizabeth Thomas
Geoff Karets
Bob Murray

2. Minutes from previous meeting

No matters arising. The minutes were taken as read.

3. Chairman's Address

RA stated that this will be a quick meeting as all other matters were discussed at the General Meeting in November. This meeting will only serve to fulfil the three main purposes of an AGM; they are to agree the company accounts, to agree the auditors for the next year and to elect members to the board.

Briefly, RA stated that he is happy with the direction and services offered by the County, especially in the area of communication where the County's presence and effectiveness has improved dramatically.

RA thanked everyone who has made this possible; referees, volunteers, clubs, and the board and DC.

4. Finance Report – David Taylor

DT mentioned that David Morrison asked for the accounts to be put on the website. DT forgot to do this and apologised. He will put the 2022 budget on the website.

DT reported on the accounts for the year to 31 October 2021. The accounts have been audited and will soon be signed by RA and DT and filed.

The policy for this year's accounts was to use 50% of the surplus from the previous year to finance areas of support such as club support, marketing, upgrading office IT. Overall the deficit was £13k, half of the budgeted deficit, mainly due to strong membership numbers.

Income and Expenditure

- 2021 Actual, (£13k)
- 2021 Budget, (£24k)
- 2020 Actual, £52k

Bank Balances

- 31 October 2021, £213k

- 31 October 2020, £237k

Some Key Points

Looking ahead, DT explained that the goal is to reset the finances to pre-COVID levels.

- It is assumed that membership numbers will not increase as most clubs are full.
- The affiliation fee is unchanged.
- A full programme of golf, tournaments and matches, is planned.
- Two areas of change; budgeting for a function again and the County wish to increase the coaching budget up to £30k.
- The board wish to continue with increased marketing and club support.
- Budget for a deficit of £36k in 2022 which will take the County's finances back to same point as in 2019.

a. Approval of the Accounts for the Year End 2021

Proposed by: David Sharp

Seconded by: Henri Henriques

b. Re-election of Auditors, David G Simmons & Co.

Proposed by: Irvine Walker

Seconded by: Henri Henriques

5. Election of Board Members

RA explained rules for voting in members. Following a Board Meeting in January and the fact that nobody has been nominated for any board position, RA announced that the current board will remain until 2023, including the President DW.

DT proposed Patrick Walsh (PW) to the board and DW seconded. PW stood unopposed and elected to the board.

6. A.O.B.

DC quickly ran through some information for those present.

- a. Quiz Night – Friday 29th April. Entry is online.
- b. Annual Dinner – Saturday 26th of March at the Copthorne Tara Hotel.
- c. Tournament & Knockout entry deadlines – Sunday 27th of February.

d. Referee training course – Thursday 24th of March and exam on Sunday 24th April.

e. Questions from the floor.

- i. Ray Grant mentioned that the Handicapping Rule that restricts tees to +/- 10yds is very constraining for Middlesex courses. During the winter when the London clay is wet and wear and tear across the courses, especially on the teeing areas, is very high it prevents clubs from being able to spread the wear and tear.

DC and RM acknowledged this point and ensured that they would raise it with England Golf.

In the meantime, DC suggested the Northwood create a different set of tees as this would be a quicker solution.

- ii. David Sharp asked for the County's view on non-counting competitions.

DC stated that EG would prefer that clubs play as much counting golf as possible during the winter but as Middlesex have very wet conditions during the winter and the clubs wish to play non-qualifying competitions, that is their prerogative.

Date of the next meeting. The first Tuesday in February, 2023.