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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUDBURY GOLF CLUB

DATE: TUESDAY, 6th FEBRUARY 2018

TIME: 8.00 P.M.

MINUTES

Present

Stephanie Beer (SB)	Chairman	Dickie Smart	Enfield
Graham Jones (GJ)	President	Ray Andrews	Grims Dyke
David Taylor (DT)	Finance Director	Neil Jennings	Ruislip
John Penn (JP)	Vice President	Sue Katz	Pinner Hill
Diana Rowlands (DR)	Co-opted Director	Kay Nichol	Harrow School
Anne Koychev (AK)	Co-opted Director	Murray Cook	Fulwell
Robbie Martin (RM)	Competitions Director	Alan Plumb	Strawberry Hill
Tom Powell (TP)	Coaching Director	Robert Afia	Highgate
Diana Williams(DW)	Vice President Elect	Elizabeth Bowen	Stanmore
		Richard Piggott	West Middlesex
Adam Middle	Crews Hil	Tom Powell	Mill Hill
Clare Connolly	Hendon	Crispin Roche	Trent Park
Mary Carney	Ealing	Geoff Karet	Finchley

1. Apologies

Jason Mitchell	County Secretary
David Booth	Golf Development Director

2. Chairman's Report

SB reported as follows:

A lot has happened since April 2017. Since then we have tried hard to ensure that we have worked as one organisation rather than a Union and an Association. All activities have been jointly run by both men and women with junior events open to both boys and girls. This summer we are running our first mixed competition which we hope lots of you will enter. Our Awards Dinner will be held on 17th February and we have 20 places remaining with

numbers closing at 280. Our Awards are Club of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, Junior Organiser and Steward of the Year plus four clubs celebrating their 125th Anniversary.

Our sub-committees under their Board Directors have worked hard at arranging, organising and running events, coaching and junior development. Our 2017 fixtures for both men and women have been well attended with higher numbers than in 2016. The fixture list for this year is available on the website and a printed list is available this evening.

In August we are hosting the Girls Inter-County Match Week and in September we are hosting the South Region Inter-county Team Championships (Senior Ladies) comprising 10 teams. The South East Region Men's Final is taking place at Ealing on the 18th September. We will require volunteers to help at all these events.

We identified safeguarding as a priority for the county. Two NSPCC based training sessions were run for clubs earlier this year and two golf specific courses will be run in March. Spaces are filling up fast so please book quickly. We will be offering this type of course to golf clubs on an annual basis. There will also be Handicapping Workshops in May and a Rules School when the new rules are announced later in the year.

At the beginning there were problems in correlating the information from both of the old websites and keeping information up to date. However, a move to a new office at the end of the season and additional administrative help has eased the situation and we aim to keep on top of communications this season. We have worked with Intelligent Golf to produce a smart phone app which is about ready to go. Unfortunately, this has hit a snag in that we need to get 10 counties on board before Intelligent Golf will spend more money on bringing the app up to our specifications.

One of the areas we have had to address is Governance, especially as we are now an incorporated company. To this end we have worked with England Golf to produce a Business Plan for the next three years. It can be found in full on the website and some printed copies are available this evening.

There are numerous people who have put a huge amount of effort into Middlesex Golf this year; all the referees, the members of the Board and sub-committees and all the individual members and clubs who have hosted and assisted at events and matches. I also need to thank Chamberlain De Broe, our main sponsors, who have provided so much financial backing and the magnums of Champagne for our monthly competition.

Three Board members are standing down this year; Graham Jones (President), David Booth (Development Director) and Anne Koychev (Co-opted Director). David and Anne are standing for re-election. Graham is leaving the board and I would like to express our thanks and gratitude for all the hard work and support he has provided over the past years. He and David Kingsman pushed the men forward towards the merger. Graham was President of the Men's Union during the year before the merger, and a lot of our success is due to him and the team he brought with him to the Board.

As some of you will know we have been shortlisted as finalists with Cheshire for the England Golf County of the Year Award. The result will be announced on the 22nd February at the England Golf Awards Dinner. This is a huge achievement for Middlesex and highlights all the hard work that has been going on.

3. Finance Report

DT reported as follows:

a) Audited Accounts

The first set of Accounts will be from the date of incorporation, 25th January 2017, to 31st March 2018. The Audited Accounts should be available three months after the year-end date and will be presented at the next meeting following that date.

The Board of Middlesex Golf will consider realigning the dates of either the AGM or the year-end date to try to enable the Audited Accounts to be available at the AGM.

b) DT reported that the finances were in good shape.

c) Club Membership: 2018 affiliated members 9876 and 2017 affiliated members 9930

Horsendon Hill GC has recently closed to be replaced by footgolf. Their 2017 membership was 50.

To date 13 clubs had paid their affiliation fees and those that had not were encouraged to pay promptly.

The expenses policy is being republished and will be shortly be on the website.

d) England Golf Real Time Affiliation Fee Collection

This procedure had been introduced by England Golf in 2017 and represents a change to how England Golf collects membership numbers and affiliation fee income through the counties. In 2017 and 2018 Middlesex Golf postponed this because of the completion of the merger, as incorporation and the settling in of the new organisation took priority. We have now been asked by England Golf to begin to adopt it.

DT advised that the scheme requires clubs to declare membership numbers on the anniversary date of their annual membership invoicing, and that payment of affiliation fees would normally be due two months afterwards. A second half-yearly declaration and payment may also be required to account for members joining part way through a club's year.

This may result in some additional administrative work both for Middlesex clubs and Middlesex Golf, as well as changes to affiliation fee payment dates. If introduced DT stated Middlesex Golf would seek to minimise any extra administrative work and to ensure no club would be financially disadvantaged.

DT asked the meeting to inform their clubs of this scheme and that Middlesex Golf will be in contact with clubs about this.

4. Appointment of Company Auditors

It was proposed that David G Simmons & Co., who were Auditors for the Middlesex Golf Union continue as Auditors for Middlesex Golf Limited.

Proposed by: David Taylor (Hendon)

Seconded by: Ray Andrews (Grim's Dyke)

The proposal was unanimously accepted.

5. Board Elections

Before the elections the out-going President, Graham Jones, said that he has had an interesting two years and feels that he has achieved something new in being President of the MCGU and Middlesex Golf Limited. David Kingsman got the merger off the ground and 99% of people were keen and it has been successful. As far as thanks go, there are too many to name but Stephanie Beer and Jason Mitchell have been fundamental. Support from England Golf has also been fundamental and he hopes that all the hard work will be recognised by the England Golf Award. He has thoroughly enjoyed all the events and paid tribute to Gemma Allman the Ladies' County Champion and Justin Phelps the Men's County Champion (for the 5th time) who are both outstanding golfers. The First Team have also had some really good performances. He felt that the future is in good hands with John Penn and the Board and he looks forward to seeing Middlesex go from strength to strength.

President	John Penn (North Middlesex)
Proposer	Anne Koychev (Ealing)
Seconded	Robbie Martin (Bush Hill Park)

The nomination was unanimously accepted.

Vice-President	Diana Williams (Bush Hill Park)
Proposer	John Penn (North Middlesex)
Seconded	Diana Rowlands (Hendon)

The nomination was unanimously accepted.

Director of Golf Development	David Booth (Highgate)
Proposer	Alan Plumb (Strawberry Hill)
Seconded	Tom Powell (Mill Hill)

David, who was due to retire in accordance with Article 17.5, was standing for re-election and his election was unanimously accepted by the meeting.

6. Re-appointment of Anne Koychev (Ealing)

Anne was unanimously re-appointed as a Co-Opted Director

At this point SB explained that the purpose of having Co-Opted Directors was to provide gender and skills balance.

7. Any Other Business

Ray Andrews (Grim's Dyke) raised the question as to whether the Board is supposed to post nominations to the clubs. The Chairman responded that clubs were asked for nominations with the AGM Notice. England Golf has subsequently suggested two other places to advertise positions and this will be done next year. The Chairman also reported that all Job Descriptions will be ready by April.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.