

OLD STOIC GOLFING SOCIETY

Minutes of AGM – 20th October 2018 at Hunstanton GC

Present: Nick Luddington (Captain), Peter Simmons (Secretary), Chris Luddington, Neil Gray, Nigel Wright, David Ewbank (Vice Captain), Tim Maynard, John Da Silva, Angus Campbell, Charles Consett, Chris Hutber, James Fortescue, Alec Moore

Apologies: Lorne Williamson (President), Don Jeffreys, John Luddington

Minutes of 2017 AGM: Reviewed and approved (Proposed by Chris Luddington)

Captain's Report: Captain Nick Luddington reported on his Second year in office:

- Halford Hewitt team led by Haydn Brooks had disappointing first round defeat to Brighton and did not qualify for Grafton Morrish.
- Northern Meeting at Formby reduced numbers due to weather, Spring Meeting continues to be popular and slight increase in Summer & Autumn Meeting attendance.
- Society needs to continue efforts to recruit younger members and ladies.
- Standard of the Stowe Golf Teams has improved during Andrew Hancox tenure helped by arrival of Golf Scholars, Max Faulkner (Sept 2017) and Chanel (Sept 2018) with more in the pipeline.
- Excellent event held at Stowe on 15th September for OSGS members to see the new course being constructed adjacent to Bourbon Fields and hear the plans for developing golf at Stowe from The Headmaster, Colin Dudgeon (Development Director) and Andrew Hancox (Director of Golf). New full length nine hole course has great potential as interesting layout with additional tee options. Exposed location will need extensive tree planting. Swing Studio, Golf Locker Room and Lounge is planned as dedicated golf section of new Bourbon Sports Pavilion. New course scheduled to open Spring 2020 with Pavilion ready in Autumn 2020. Location and timing of new driving range tbc. Stowe Golf Club will have separate clubhouse adjacent to the course and the short game practice area. Transport outside peak times and for casual golf needs to be addressed.
- The Captain had enjoyed his two years in office and wished the Society well under the new Captaincy of David Ewbank.

Secretary's Report:

A report from Peter Simmons is attached to these Minutes covering, the fixture list, higher participation levels, growing membership database, regular communication, development of golf at Stowe and thoughts for the future.

Financial Report:

The Secretary presented the Accounts to 31st May 2018 which had been audited by Peter Comber (Old Stoic Society Treasurer)

- Surplus of £577 as compared with £373 deficit in previous year
- Charles Dimpfl loan had been repaid

- Subscription income had plateaued as older members ceased payments and some members used one off payments rather than standing orders.
- Lower kit sales as stock of sweaters and shirts reduced.

Accounts were approved by the meeting.

Election of Officers:

Captain: David Ewbank voted in as Captain and thanked Nick Luddington for all his hard work

President: Although Lorne Williamson's three-year term ended in October 2018 it was agreed that as with previous President Lorne's tenure should be extended to October 2019. Suitable candidates are being considered.

AOB:

- **'Farewell to Old Course' event:** Proposal for event on first exeat in Autumn Term (28th Sept) was submitted and discussed. Agreed that discussions should continue with Stowe Development Team, Stowe Enterprises and Stowe Golf Club to hold this event. Accommodation and dinner venue for 27th Sept to be investigated (Action: PS)
- **Wimbledon Putting:** New format has been proposed although Stowe are currently not qualified for the event. Mixed views on whether we should continue to participate – if invited.
- **OSGS Kit:** As stock of sweaters is low, and they feature the Rotunda logo, it was proposed that windproof/showerproof tops with same logo as on caps should be costed. (Action: PS)
- **Autumn Meeting format:** It was proposed that the Autumn Meeting format should be altered to Lucas Langley Foursomes qualifying on Saturday am, foursomes final and social round Saturday pm and Singles on Sunday am. Revised format approved and PS to check whether OK with Brancaster for 2019. Autumn Meeting in 2019 will be a week earlier due to Secretary's commitment at his own club.

Peter Simmons,
OSGS Secretary, 20th October 2018