

LITTLE HAY GOLF CLUB
MINUTES OF THE 47th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON THE 11th MARCH 2024

1. Opening Address by the Chairman

Paul Thompson welcomed the Members. He noted the efforts of George Reid and Matt Schofield from Absolutely Together in keeping the course going throughout the year.

1. Those in Attendance

Paul Thomson - Chairman, Phil Gonzalez - Captain, Nigel Lewis - Treasurer, Trevor Sargeant - Membership Secretary, Tony Grainger - Handicap Secretary, Frank Klimaszewski - Club Welfare Officer, Anne Hetherington, Ivan Lawrence and David Garbutt – Secretary - Minutes

Other members attending the meeting. Total 44

2. Apologies for Absence

Dorothy Norman, Ray Piggott, Steve Milligan, David Partridge, Chris Morris, Tom Long, David Moore, Ted Carroll, Andy Price and Barry Hoffman

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 46th AGM

The minutes were accepted as a true copy following a proposal by Ralph Lane and seconded by Ross Dorras

Matters Arising

None

4. The Captain's report for March 2023 to December 2023

Phil Gonzalez thanked the Committee and all the volunteers who assisted in running the club during the year, in particular Ivan as Vice Captain and Terry Clarke who took on the role of Competitions Secretary. Les Perry and John Towers who are joining the Committee and Ted Carroll our IT expert who looks after our website.

A proposal by Ian Wilford and seconded by Ben Alford to approve the report was unanimously approved by the meeting.

5. The Treasurer's report.

The Treasurer did not receive any questions prior to the meeting.

Accounts

A proposal by Ross Dorras and seconded by Sian Shaw to approve the Accounts to the end of 2023, was unanimously approved by the meeting.

Appointment of Natalie Coogan as the Independent Examiner for 2024

A proposal by Peter Balding and seconded by David Garbutt was unanimously approved by the meeting.

6. Election of Members of the Committee

The following members were put forward for election to the Committee, they were uncontested.

Captain: Ivan Lawrence
Secretary: David Garbutt
Ladies' Representatives:
 i. Dorothy Norman
 ii. Ann Hetherington
Treasurer: Nigel Lewis
Handicap Secretary: Tony Grainger
Competition Secretary: Terry Clarke
Membership Secretary: Trevor Sargeant
Club Welfare Officer: Frank Klimaszewski
ex-Officio (Past Club Captain) Phil Gonzalez
General Committee Member: Les Perry
General Committee Member: John Towers

A proposal by Chris Murray seconded by Nigel Hopkinson to accept the nominations en bloc was approved by the meeting by a 'show of hands'.

7. Approval of the Constitution 2024

A proposal by Hamish Shaw and seconded by Alan Milson to approve the 2024 Constitution was approved by the meeting.

8. Approval of Honorary Life Memberships:

A proposal to award Honorary Life Membership to Paul Thompson and Derek Tarling was approved unanimously by the meeting.

9. A.O.B none

10. Closing address by Ivan Lawrence the incoming Captain.

Ivan Thanked Phil Gonzalez for his Captaincy of the club over the last two difficult years, helping the club firstly to continue and then to grow in membership.

He encouraged Members to come forward and help, not necessarily by being on the Committee but by assisting, for example, in organising competitions. He encouraged people to enter the current Knockouts, particularly doubles where they would be given a partner if they did not have one.

There are changes to the WHS handicapping system starting on 1st April, most people will find their handicap will be lower than before. Clubs will be allowed to standardise the PAR for all tees of a hole on a per gender basis. This will allow us to have the same PAR for both the Men's White and Yellow tees (12th and 18th go to par 5) (applause from the members!)

He wished everyone a happy and successful golfing year. The Meeting closed at 7.20pm for the presentation of medals and trophies.