

FRESHWATER BAY GOLF CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Club House, Afton Down, Freshwater Bay, Isle of Wight

Thursday 12th January 2012

MINUTES

The meeting began at 7pm with a minute's silence for those members no longer with us. Seventy five members were present and the President, PHW Sheard took the Chair. He thanked all the volunteers who help out through the year for the time and effort that they give to the Club.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from:

T Black, C Boulter, K Brown, T Brown, D Cooke, A Cooper, M Dowsett B Finch, S Francis, M Kelleway, S Morris, D Porter, L Rawlings, M Rawlings, L Rowcroft, D Smith, C Tappenden, R Thomas, G Thomson, J Whitehead, S Wright

2. Acceptance of Previous Minutes.

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 18th January 2011 had been circulated and were approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Proposed by P Marsden and seconded by I Lavers.

CARRIED

3. Report by Retiring Club Captain.

Steve Sargeant gave a full review of his year in office and highlighted the social activities and the golfing achievements of the Club during his year as Captain. He thanked all the members who had helped towards the contribution of well in excess of £7000 to the Club Charity, and personally thanked Steve Orchard on his sponsored walk to all the Island Golf Clubs.

Steve said that he had thoroughly enjoyed his year, and it was a shame that now he had got used to giving speeches his term of office was over. He thanked the Past Captains for proposing him, and the membership for allowing him the great honour of representing Freshwater Bay Golf Club as Captain. He thanked all the Club staff for their support throughout the year and concluded with a special thank you to his wife.

He passed on his very best wishes to his successor for the following year.

4. Report by Retiring Captain of the Ladies Section.

Jan Godden reported that the Ladies section had had a very successful year both on the golfing and social front. She highlighted the many successes that FBGC Lady Golfers had achieved in Island events in 2011. Jan said that it was marvellous to see the massive contribution that Freshwater members had made to the successful hosting of the Island Games. She thanked the Ladies Section as a whole for making her Captain's Day such a success, and the Ladies Committee for their support throughout the year. Jan reported that the Ladies Section had raised over £1300 for the Earl Mountbatten Hospice. She concluded by thanking her husband for all his help throughout the year and wishing both new Captains a most successful 2012.

5. Presentation of 2010/2011 Accounts. Rates of Subscription and Joining Fees for 2012.

a) The Finance Director presented the Club Accounts for the year ending 30th September 2011. He commented that the Club's cash flow had been good throughout the year, all invoices had been paid promptly and stocks of both course materials and bar supplies had been proportionate to requirements. Whilst most sources of income had risen, expenditure was less than 2010.

He explained that the reduction in rates was due to the club registering as a CASC during 2011.

The Finance Director explained that as FBGC had registered as a company on 1st April 2011, HMRC required a set of six monthly from 1st April 2011 to 31st September 2011. These he had duly produced and presented to HMRC.

He also told the meeting that FBGC had now entered into a Higher Level Stewardship Scheme with Natural England, and that over a ten year period this was worth £140,000. He said that, within a few weeks, more information on the scheme would be provided to the membership via email.

There was a question from the floor as to whether there had been a resolution to the dispute between the Club and Southern Water. The Finance Director replied that Southern Water had not responded to the Club's last correspondence on the subject, which was well over a year ago, so as far as he was concerned the matter was over.

b) The Board of Director's recommendation that subscriptions for a full playing member be increased by £20 per annum, with pro rata increases for other categories of membership was:

Proposed by: R Cooke
Seconded by: M Oldershaw

CARRIED

6. Election of Club Officials.

The following members had been both proposed and seconded to fill vacancies in the following appointments and as there was no requirement for a ballot, they were appointed en bloc:

President	P Sheard
Captain	R Cooke
Vice-Captain	G Smith

Captains Committee	Mrs S Clarke	T Keen
	S Orchard	J Sexton
	Mrs R Smith	

A ballot was held for the 9 vacancies on the Board of Directors, and the following were duly elected:

D Bell	P Coke	R Cooke
B Hunter	I Lavers	R Penn
N Punter	S Sargeant	G Smith

8. Address by new Captain.

After presenting Steve Sargeant with his Past Captain's tie, Ray Cooke thanked the Past Captains of Freshwater Bay for nominating him as Club Captain, a role he will undertake with pride, dignity and with a full appreciation of the traditional standards required. He congratulated Geoffrey Smith on his appointment as Vice-Captain, announced his selection of the Barely Born Appeal as this year's Club Charity, and invited all members to join him for the Captains Drive-In on Sunday 18th January.

9. Appointment of Auditors.

The Chairman recommended that our current auditors, Messrs Harrison Black, are re-appointed for the coming year, resulting in a formal proposal:

Proposed by: B Hunter
Seconded by: S Sargeant

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 20.10

Kevin Garrett
Secretary

17th January 2012