

**Star Golf Society  
Annual General Meeting**

Star College  
3.00 pm, Wednesday 29 November 2017

DRAFT Minutes

Present: Nigel Knee (Chair)  
Colin Law (Captain)  
John Hopkins (Days Out)  
Pete Moreton  
Roy Smith  
Ron Newland  
Dave Shand  
Jerry McGrath  
Jim Irving  
Antony Jackson  
Tony Gates  
Jon Bowles (National Star)

**1. Apologies**

Apologies had been received from George Kennedy, Richard Hardcastle, Langley Nash, Martin Skerritt, Mike Gethin, Brian Tarling, Andy Mitchell, Lynn Rowland, Sid McFarland, John Pulham, Trevor Fitch, Paul Davis and John Allen.

**2. Chairman's Report**

NK welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained this was the fifth Annual General Meeting of the Star Golf Society.

NK reported that a meeting of the Star Golf Steering Committee had been held on 15 September, attended by NK and Peter Moreton, from which a report had already been made. The next meeting is arranged for 20 December. The issue of safe exit from the site had been raised again, and the College had undertaken to obtain a quote from the contractors for work to improve sight lines when they come to cut back the diseased horse chestnut trees.

NK said that once again the Society had had a successful season including 5 away days, 1 away match (against Lilley Brook ladies), 2 knock-out competitions, 2 other season long competitions and 24 other competitions at Ullenwood. Average numbers were slightly down (around 12 on average). Pairs competitions seemed to be less popular. The roll-ups on Wednesday and Saturday were also well supported. He explained that he had decided to step down because, after 10 years, he wished to pursue other activities, and felt it was time for "refresh" of the Committee.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

The Chairman reported on behalf of the Treasurer (Paul Davis) that finances for the Society remained healthy, with £2446 in the bank, although the latest statement included a number payments in for the annual dinner, which boosted the current balance. Members were encouraged to use BACS whenever possible to make payment to the Society as this provides visibility and a record of payments.

### **4. Clarification of Duties**

NK provided a summary of the activities he currently carries out as both Chairman and Competition Secretary:

- Organise 3 meetings a year of the Members' Group, including the end of year AGM
- Compile and publish the annual programme
- Liaise with the College over their plans for the course – and pass on information from the ground staff.
- Compile the results from competitions using "Handicapmaster" software, and upload results to stargolfsoc.com
- Allocate new handicaps and maintain Society handicaps
- Send out emails on a regular basis with competition results and other news
- Prepare start sheets for days out with adjusted handicaps
- Compile the year end schedule of competition winners
- Act as MC at the Annual Dinner

Antony Jackson thanked the Chairman for his work over the years.

### **5. Elections/Appointments to the Committee**

NK explained that as two members had come forward to stand for the post of Chairman (John Hopkins and Peter Moreton), it would be necessary to have a vote. The Constitution and Rules are silent on the process to be followed, so the Chairman had proposed by email that this should be open to all members, and he had already received a number of proxy votes from those unable to attend the AGM. Both candidates were given the opportunity to explain how they intended to carry out the role of Chairman.

It was agreed that those in the room should take part in a secret ballot (administered by the Chairman, who would not vote). In total 20 votes were cast and the result of the ballot (both in the room and from the proxy votes) was a clear majority in favour of John Hopkins.

Antony Jackson was confirmed as 2018 Captain, and also offered to take on the role of Secretary. John Hopkins offered to continue as Day Out organiser for 2018 and this was accepted. Roy Smith offered to assist the Committee, and in the running of Days Out. In his absence, NK nominated Trevor Fitch as Vice Captain, and this was supported by those present. [Paul Davis had previously indicated he would be happy to continue as Treasurer]. The Chairman asked others to consider how they could assist, and to let JH know.

## **6. Course Condition**

It was agreed that Gareth is doing an excellent job in terms of keeping the course in good condition. NK reported on behalf of Nick Lane that over the winter the ground staff would make some modifications to the bunker on the 6<sup>th</sup>, and improve some of the other bunkers, adding new sand in the Spring, when new flags would also be put out. Changes would be made to improve the 7<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> tees; the winter mats would be installed shortly.

## **7. Days Out**

John Hopkins reported that Days Out in 2017 to Ombersley, Monmouth, Knowle and Wychwood had been successful. The visit to Nailcote Hall less so, for reasons outside our control. We will not be returning. Bookings have not yet been made for 2018, but it was agreed that JH would follow a similar approach to 2017, with 4 events, where costs are no more than £40-45, and a mix of new and old courses.

## **8. Competitions and 2018 Programme**

NK noted that numbers in weekend competitions had decline slightly, with an average of about 12 players. NK agreed to compile a programme for 2018, in liaison with JH.

## **9. Annual Dinner**

NK reported on behalf of Sid McFarland that arrangements were in hand for the Annual Dinner on 15 December. Numbers will be finalised on 2 December. All were reminded to bring along cups if they had not already handed them in (polished and engraved). Donations of raffle prizes were welcome, and as last year there would be a first prize hamper.

## **10. Next meeting**

The 2018 AGM will be held on Tuesday 20 November 2017 at 5.30 pm. (room to be confirmed).

The meeting was closed at 4.30 pm.

Nigel Knee  
10 December 2017