



# Bengo Golf Society

*Established 1981*

## **MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting, held after our Xmas Scramble at East Herts Golf Club, on Monday December 17, 2012.**

The meeting commenced 2.45pm, attended by 31 members and guests.

Apologies for absence: Gwyn Ellis, who has to rush off to hospital appointment. Apologies also from Mike Barry, John McNaughton, Roger Bukin and David Morris who said he hopes to play with us in 2013. Charles Wallis "This is the first Xmas I've missed since my heart op in 2004". And Brian West's message is: "Cobblers!! This change of date is solely down to excluding me and others who arranged our diaries around the original date. Shame on you Bah! Humbug!! May your withers shiver with cold and the chill winds freeze your nether regions!"

**Minutes** of the Dec 2011 AGM were unanimously accepted as a true record, following proposal by Phil Greenwold.

**Matters arising:** Captain Craig Caswell said that the £320 charity bid for Dave O'Brien's generous donation of a week's holiday at his Ireland cottage, has not been taken up. Craig said that Colin Andrews (absent today) made the bid, but had been unable to get people to agree a date to go.

### **Reports:**

Captain: Craig Caswell thanked everyone for their support for his charity, the Willow Foundation. "I have over £1500 so far and gave particular thanks to Phil Greenwold for donating £100 to celebrate his mother's 100th birthday. He also gave tribute

to Ivan Pettit's family for giving the Society all his golfing gear which raised "hundreds".

The charity total was later boosted by £145 from a table collection, £115 from the Eclectic, plus £90 (bid by Mike Alldridge) for a golf bag donated by Sid Platten. That boosted the grand total of over £1,850.

The captain concluded by leading the cheering for 2013 captain Roger Butcher.

**Treasurer:** Robert Clayton opened up by explaining losses. This was partly due to falling membership, plus which were agreed subsidies to keep costs of venues as keen as possible. Robert added that we really ought to consider raising the annual membership fee (it has remained at £10 for more than 15 years).

**Secretary:** Stan Kelley said that attendances had fallen for the second year running. This was due not only to finances being tight, but also to an aging membership, with people no longer able to play, and some unfortunately passing away.

He added that the number of new applications were also well down on previous years.

**Proposals:** There were no new proposals.

**Election of officers:** All were re-elected en bloc with the exception of Dave Morris, who wanted a rest from running the Eclectic competition.

**AOB:** None.

The meeting closed 3.15pm