



Bengo Golf Society

Established 1981

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting, held at The Highwayman pub following our Xmas Scramble at Chesfield Down, on Friday December 4, 2009.

The meeting commenced 5.35pm, attended by just 13 members, compared to 52 members and guests that had been playing.

Apologies for absence were recorded by Peter Waters, David Grainge and Gwyn Ellis.

Minutes of the Dec 2008 AGM were accepted as a true record, following proposal by David Morris and by seconded by Bill Bridgwater. There were no matters arising.

Reports:

Captain: Robert Clayton had not been able to play because of an appointment with an eye specialist following his sudden blindness on one eye. But he did attend the dinner and thanked everyone for a “fantastic year, plenty of good humoured banter and superb support for his charity which I will round up to £1,000.”

Treasurer: Robert Clayton (again) thanked his deputy, Charles Wallis for standing in for him at the majority of this year's venues. But he then made a plea for members to get to venues early enough to pay their entry fee before the Treasurer leaves to play himself. Overall we made a small loss due to subsidising the Xmas event for one; we now also have a large stock of ties, plus a couple of trophies had to be replaced along with added engraving.

Secretary: Stan Kelley announced that the average attendance added up to our best-ever year. He read out a proposed list of venues for 2010 which met with unanimous

approval. The only question mark was whether we should go another weekend away. Several venues were suggested but Dunston Hall got the vote 10-3.

Election of officers: All officers were re-elected, together with a specially warm welcome for incoming Capt Simon Purkiss, who announced that Brian West as his Vice-Captain.

AOB: Phil Houston announced that he was in the process of redesigning our **website** - and that it would be far easier to members to follow, especially where their **handicaps** are concerned.

Phil also asked if there could be a handicap review for non-club members, naming two players who “not only slaughtered me as my partner in the Pairs Knockout, but boasted about regularly beating their BGS handicaps.”

Phil Greenwold supported the idea of handicap reviews, saying that cuts ought to be made on “general play” where players were reporting beating their handicaps on non-BGS days.

Charles Wallis questioned whether **handicap “loadings”** for winning events could be reduced to 12 months rather than the existing system which could last almost two years. Phil Houston replied that this would be possible when the new website is up and running. This was referred to the Handicaps Committee to confirm feasibility.

The meeting closed at 6.30pm.