



Bengo Golf Society

Established 1981

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting, held at East Herts Golf Club following our Xmas Scramble, on Monday December 8, 2008.

The meeting commenced 5.10pm, attended by 19 members, far less than half the number that had been playing.

Minutes of the Dec 2007 AGM were accepted as a true record, following proposal by Alan Lewis and by seconded by Damien Turley. There were no matters arising.

Reports:

Treasurer: Robert Clayton said that venue receipts and expenditure broke fairly evenly, but profit from the Ball Sweep was up slightly, plus increasing membership fees contributed to several hundred pounds profit. Gwyn Ellis noted that cash in hand was now approaching £5,000, but the Treasurer countered that there were several bills on the horizon, including a larger than normal Xmas Scramble bill for prizes.

Paul Jezard asked if we would accept sponsorship from his company 'SHC Carlsberg' for £200 of golf balls, plus trophies/prizes for our **Player of the Year**. Appreciation was expressed, with Secretary Stan Kelley saying he would negotiate further with Paul Jezard in the coming weeks.

Secretary: Stan Kelley noted that attendances were again really good, averaging around 30 players. Venues for 2009 attracted the usual likes and dislikes. These were noted for referral to Committee.

Captain: Dave O'Brien thanked everyone for making his year a great one, especially with the money raised for his charity. He also thanked the Committee "not forgetting Tom Lavery who has continued to do a splendid job behind the scenes by running the BGS website and his roll as Handicap Chairman."

Player of the Year: The Committee proposed we emend the scoring system from 1, 2, 3

points etc for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, to become 25, 24, 23pts etc. This was to make the PoY table *visually* better by putting the leaders at the top instead of the bottom.

Charles Wallis had produced a graph which showed that the result remained identical.

Brian West proposed (seconded Simon Purkiss) to include cost of raffle and serving tips in the overall price of fixture. Vote carried.

Proposed Rod Homer (seconded Alan Lewis): "All Singles Knockout competitions to comply with CONGU Rules."

This was agreed in principal, but Simon Purkiss (seconded Gwyn Ellis) proposed an amendment that a maxim 18 shots difference be allowed, adding that it was a bit much giving two shots on a hole in match play. After arguments for and against it was agreed to refer this to Committee.

Election of officers: All officers were re-elected, together with a specially warm welcome for incoming Capt Robert Clayton, who plans to continue in the dual roll of Treasurer. Retiring captain Dave O'Brien remains on Committee together with Stephen Langridge and David Morris running the Eclectic.

Phil Houston also kindly offered to help Tom Lavery run the website.

AOB: Referring to the raffle and serving tips being inclusive in future, Mike Alldridge said that someone winning a "free day" should not have the raffle etc free too. They must pay the raffle etc the same as everyone else.

Simon Purkiss suggested we change 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes at each venue and create three 1st prizes by dividing the players into three handicap groups. But after some discussion it was decided to again refer this to Committee for consideration.

The meeting closed at 6.25pm.