



DORSET COUNTY GOLF UNION

81st ANNUAL MEETING of the COUNCIL held at DORSET GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB on THURSDAY 18th MARCH 2010

Present:

John Smith	-	President
Doug Pratt	-	Vice President
Iain Donnelly	-	Captain
Giles Legg	-	Vice Captain
Anthony Eden	-	Seniors Captain
David Steward	-	Club Member
John White	-	Club Member
Ian Hulse	-	Secretary

Ashley Wood

Tim Salmon
Tony Watson

Bmth & Meyrick Park

Peter Hillier
Rob Pitt

Bridport & WD

John White

Broadstone

Colin Robinson
Chris Dennis

Bulbury Woods

Apologies received

Came Down

Ann Talbot

Canford Magna

Apologies received

Canford School

Rob Jones

Charminster

Christchurch / Iford

Peter Gilbert
Tim Allen

Crane Valley

Apologies received

Chedington Court

Apologies received

Dorset Golf & CC

Graham Packer

Dudsbury

Ian Hulse

Ferndown

John Crockett

Ferndown Forest

Folke

Apologies received

Halstock

Highcliffe Castle

Graham Fisher
John Foot

Isle of Purbeck

Apologies received

Knighton Heath

Apologies received

Lyme Regis

Gerry Donlon
Ray Farrell

Moors Valley

Parkstone

Gary Peddie
Peter Ford

Parley Court

Queens Park

Remedy Oak

Craig Gale
Tom Kley

Sherborne

Sturminster Marshall

Mike Dodd
Peter Moore

Wareham

Derek Grimes
Richard Murgatroyd

Weymouth

Stuart Elliott
Gerry O'Connell
John Rudall

Yeovil

Mark Betteridge

Past Presidents

Colin Legg
Ian Clark
Keith Durbin
David Lock
Dr Donald Holmes

Apologies

Martyn Thompson
Bill Kennedy

Past Presidents

Apologies
Kenneth Abel
Anthony Hamblett

ACTION

Meeting opened at 1030 hours. The President John Smith formerly opened the 81st Annual Meeting of the Council with a minutes silence for those we lost over the past year including the County Junior Secretary Jack Roberts, after which the President extended a very warm welcome to all those attending along with making a special thanks to Dorset Golf & Country Club for allowing us the use of their facilities.

Item 1 - To confirm the Minutes of the 80th Annual Meeting of the Council.

No comments.

Proposed: Mark Betteridge. – the minutes be accepted

Seconded: Ian Hulse.

Carried

Minutes signed off by the President as a true record of events.

Item 2 – Apologies. As per the front page. None received from the floor.

Item 3 - Matters arising.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

The President then thanked Mark Betteridge for his great support to County Golf and wished him every success in his new position as Secretary of Formby Golf Club.

Item 4 – President’s Report. The Presidents report was as circulated and hoped that all had taken the time to read, he wished also to thank the Committee members for there hard work throughout the year.

Item 5 - Captain’s Report. As presented, the Captain did wish to thank the President, Vice Captain and Secretary for their support over the past year. He added that the challenge now was to bring on the young element so they may progress from the Juniors into the County Team. He also went on to say that he had forged links with Bournemouth University relating to fitness and he hoped these will continue.

Item 6 - Seniors Captain’s Report. As presented, Anthony went on to explain that the seniors had a very good year but failed at the last hurdle not winning anything for the year. We fell short in the league losing to Hampshire at home, missed out on the Seniors foursomes and whilst having pleasure at reaching the English Finals our foursomes proved to be the difference between failure and success. He then went on to look forward to the coming season and the new batch of players coming into the fray, so he hopes to be reporting a greater success rate next year.

Item 7 -Juniors Secretary’s Report. This was presented by the Junior President Mr Ian Clark due to the current incumbent being away with the squad on warm weather training. There has been a good winter training programme this year and it is hoped that the youngsters will make improvements on the previous seasons poor results.

Item 8 - Colts Report. As presented by the Vice Captain who explained to the meeting that this was a difficult area due to the overlap with players playing for the first team, it is hoped this year to perhaps use the youngsters allowing them to be “Blooded” in preparation for the full County Squad.

Item 9 – To receive the Accounts as submitted for 2009. The Auditor, Graham Mounce, due to work commitments had to give his apologies for not attending. The secretary had produced the Auditors presentation which he was happy to take questions. Mr Legg asked about the DCGA funding and it was explained this funding in future would be brought across (so long has the DCGA continues to make funding) in January when it is required most to cover the Junior Coaching programme.

Proposed By: Dr Donald Holmes the Council accepts the submitted accounts.

Seconded By: David Lock

Carried

Item 10 - To Elect the Executives Proposed Nomination for President 2010 -11 Mr Douglas Pratt (Weymouth GC) Vice President

Proposed By: John Smith that the Vice President is the very capable Mr Douglas Pratt past captain and a great servant to the County.

Seconded By: Stuart Elliott Weymouth GC who stated he felt Doug with his sincere commitment to County Golf would make an excellent President.

Carried

The President then passed on his badge of office to Doug who then took the chair of the meeting. Doug thanked the membership for their support he also thanked Weymouth GC for nominating him. As like the Captain the President also looks forward to the Challenges ahead and serving the Dorset Golf Union to the best of his ability.

Item 11 - To Elect the Executives Proposed Nomination for Junior Secretary William (Bill) Kennedy (Knighton Heath GC)

Proposed By: Ian Clark who had great pleasure in putting forward this nomination. Bill stood in after the sad passing of Jack and has done a splendid job so far and will be a great ambassador for the Juniors.

Seconded By: David Steward

Carried

Item 12 To Re-Elect a Hon Auditor – Graham Mounce. Graham was unable to attend but had expressed a wish to stand for re-election.

Proposed By Ian Hulse.

Seconded By Doug Pratt

Carried

Item 13 - To Consider the Executive Committee proposal that the 2011 Annual Subscription be increased by 10 pence.

The President stated the increase figure would only keep us standing still in real terms because of the 'trend' in falling membership.

Proposed By: Stuart Elliott Weymouth GC that the subscription be increased by 10p.

Seconded By: John White Bridport GC

Carried

Item 19 – Any Other Business:

The secretary explained to the meeting this year will be momentous as the EGU and EWGA continue to drive forward the Merger plan. By June it is hoped clubs and counties will be debating the joint proposal. They hope to have a vote on the proposal either late this year or early next. It is stressed clubs must ensure the executive is aware of their views on this matter so they may be taken forward. More pressing for clubs this year will be the Equality Bill currently in the Lords it is expected to be passed before the next general election, once out it is hoped a more detailed brief will be available.

All

Mr John Foot raised the issue of having to give full handicap allowance in matches which, it felt was unfair on courses that are shorter in length and have several par three holes. He had written to the EGU and had received a short reply which went no where. Unfortunately this is a CONGU matter and the County Secretary will speak with the EGU representatives at the next meeting but it was felt that there would be little progress on this matter as we were one of the last countries to be using the three quarter handicap allowance.

Secretary

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 1120 hours.

Signed as a True record:

Douglas Pratt President 17 March 2011