

**MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Held at**  
**DORSET GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**  
**TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 2009**

Present:

John Smith	-	President
Douglas Pratt	-	Vice President
Giles Legg	-	Vice Captain
Bill Kennedy	-	Colts Manager
Anthony Eden	-	Seniors Captain
John White	-	Executive Member
Ian Hulse	-	Secretary

Apologies:

Iain Donnelly	-	Captain
David Steward		Executive Member

**ACTION**

**Meeting opened at 17:35 hours:**

**Item 1 - Welcome:** The President welcomed everyone to the Executive meeting and gave a warm welcome to Giles on his first meeting as the newly appointed Vice Captain.

**Item 2 – Minutes of the Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009:** No Amendments.

*The minutes were signed by the President as a true record of events.*

**Item 3 – Matters arising:** None.

**Item 4 – Captains Report:** The Vice Captain gave a brief on the Hampshire match with the morning foursomes being halved and with the singles it looked good but we lost the matches that went to the eighteenth. A full report is on the County web site. All was in hand for the forth coming SW week at Broadstone, the club had been very kind in offering the squad ample slots for practice so lets here hope for a good result.

**Item 5 – Juniors Secretary's Report:** The major event since our last meeting was the County Amateur Championships at Weymouth. A number of juniors featured in the qualifying stage two made it to the knock-out stage. Corey Coshan qualified but went out in the first round, showing a lack of real spirit in doing so. Harry Shaw was the other qualifier who also went out in the first round. Harry Mitchell and Robbie Mabb were the other—~ two juniors who featured, the latter shooting an excellent 69 in his first round of the qualifiers.

Tomorrow is the Boys Championship at Dudsbury CC after which I shall be selecting the squad for the Six Counties on 14/15 July at Woodbury Park GC. Martyn Thompson has arranged two Fourball practice times there on 28 June.

On Thursday we have a friendly for the juniors against the Dorset Captains at Ashley Wood CC. I'll be there with the team and also play against them for the Captains. On the following day the Under 16/14 Championship is staged at Taunton Vale GC. We have good teams in both — the best we can muster — but we'll see what they can do against the other counties.

**Item 6 – Senior Captains Report:** Last year I said that despite several close results we never looked like winning. This year things were always much closer and the very best thing from my point of view was that of the four matches that left the sixteenth green all square we came away with 3½ points, which shows how much more competitive we have become. Congratulations to everybody, particularly Chris Dennis who, by hook or by crook, managed to turn an early four down into a one up win. This was followed by a convivial and excellent meal. (A very happy Senior's Captain.)

**Item 7 – Colt Managers Report:** There has been no Colts event since our last meeting but we have a friendly against the Isle of Wight at Highcliffe Castle on Sunday 31 St The team is

not as strong as I would have wished, due to it clashing with exam dates for a number of the players who are at British Universities.

**Item 8 – Secretary’s Report:**

**Correspondence:** Very little to report, letters out to Weymouth GC thanking them for hosting a super County Championship and Rena Roberts for the kind donation to the County Junior warm weather training.

Letter received from Wiltshire on change of Treasurer.

**Finances:** Secretary briefed the meeting on the accounts.

**EGU Matters:** None.

**Item 9 – Any Other Business (AOB):**

- a. The meeting discussed the merger between the EGU and EWGA the meeting was split evenly as to if it should or should not support the merger. The secretary had only received feedback from 6 of our 33 clubs on this issue which in the main was in agreement to the merger but some would need more information on the real effects of such a merger. There followed much discussion as to the value of such a merger and what affect this would have on clubs and counties. It was left to members of the committee to sound out the opinions of the other counties at SW Week before directing the Voting Member prior to the next EGU Meeting.
- b. Dorset Golf Partnership: The Club & Coaching element of the Partnership has been busy since our last meeting. After one or two preparatory meetings under Dee Wood’s chairmanship we held a Seminar for interested professionals and PGA Level 1 people on 8 May at DG&CC. Since that date CVs have been requested from all Dorset professionals and assistants for the Academy and Head Coach coaching posts. Returns are to be in by this weekend. A small panel will be formed to make selections. A revised Development Plan and accompanying budget is almost ready for lan to pass on to the EGP for their approval and the grant of £20,000 to be spent over the next three years. Between us and the DCLGA we have to find £4000 to boost this grant in order to cover fully the last year. We plan to be able to coach 40 youngsters, including 10 girls, at a number of academies across the county.
- c. SW Week: All was in place for the forth coming SW week at Broadstone the President gave reasons for not agreeing to pre made rolls for the players due to health reasons. He also instructed that he felt it was not the duty of the secretary to arrange these things and should be left to the captain along with accommodation ect. Secretary happy but there needs to be clear job descriptions laid down so incoming Captains are aware of the duties they are undertaking.

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**Item 10 –Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Executive Committee is to be held at DG&CC Thu 09 July 2009 at 1700 for a 1730 hour start.

All

There being no further business the meeting closed at 18:45 hours.

**Signed as a True record:**

**John Smith President 09 July 2009**