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## **Minutes of the GGU Annual General Meeting held at Greenmeadow GC** **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

### 1) **IN MEMORIAM:**

Before commencing the meeting the Chairman asked for the names of those Gwent Golf Club Captains who had passed away since the last AGM and requested those present to stand in a moments silence in their memory:

Mr. Tommy Cozens	Past Capt.	Blackwood GC
Mr. Peter Richardson	Past Capt.	Greenmeadow GC
Mr. Tony Belcher	Past Capt.	Greenmeadow GC
Mr. Roy Herbert	Past Capt.	Llanwern GC
Mr. Jim Laskey	Past Capt.	Llanwern GC
Mr John H. Jones	Past Capt.	Monmouth GC
Mr. Eric Cocks	Past Capt.	Monmouthshire GC
Mr. Merlin English	Past Capt.	Monmouthshire GC
Mr. Andrew Gould	Past Capt.	Newport GC
Mr. Mal Carter	Past Capt.	Pontnewydd GC
Mr. John Saunders	Past Capt.	Pontnewydd GC
Mr. Barry Allen	Past Capt.	Pontypool GC
Mr. Gareth Hopes	Past Capt.	Raglan Parc GC
Mr. Ron Pope	Past Capt.	St. Pierre GC
Mr. Alan Adams	Past Capt.	St. Pierre GC
Mr. John Eade	Past Capt.	St. Pierre GC
Mr. Keith Bennett	Past Capt.	Tredegar Park GC
Mr. Ron Evans	Past Capt.	Tredegar Park GC

### 2) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from:

Mr. Robert Ware - Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Rob Williams – Monmouth, Mr. Mike Nightingale – Greenmeadow, Mr. Jo Morgan – St. Pierre, Mr. Geoff Clark – Newport.

There were 6 Gwent clubs represented at the meeting.

### 3) **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM**

The minutes of the previous AGM at Greenmeadow Golf Club on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were approved as a true record.

Proposed: Robert Martin

Seconded: Nigel Collins

### 4) **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

## 5) REPORTS

### a) Honorary Secretary Membership

As the Gwent Golf Union did not request any affiliation fees for the 2020 and 2021 years I will not know what the membership numbers will be until all the affiliation fees for 2022 have been received. The first signs based on the affiliation fees received to date are that those clubs have seen an increase in their membership numbers.

The County Cards being issued this year are changing from the card type format and being replaced by a credit card style card where the only information required on the card will be the members CDH number which can be checked at the course being visited and validated. Information displayed will be the members name, home course and handicap index.

### b) Honorary Treasurer

Mr. Robert Ware had tendered his apologies to the meeting and the Honorary Secretary was reporting on the County finances for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

### Income and Expenditure Account

#### Income

- 1) As the County did not request any affiliation fees for the 2020 & 2021 years there was no income from affiliation fees.
- 2) The competition entry fees of £580 were the entry fees from the 2021 mens Strokeplay Championship.
- 3) Bank interest was for the deposit account for 2020-21

#### Expenditure

- 1) **Catering and Match Expenses** – this relates to team meals and travel expenses. All matches were cancelled in 2020 and during 2021 there weren't any hotel costs but because of the Covid Rules most players didn't share cars for the away matches, as a result the travelling costs increased.
- 2) **Prizes, Trophies & Engraving** – this has shown an increase from £1541 in 2019 to £1872 in 2021.
- 3) **Team Clothing** – this is the cost of purchasing clothing for the teams and has increased slightly from £1364 in 2019 to £1460 in 2021.
- 4) **Junior Section** – Gwent were no longer supporting an U16 team due to lack of players so this cost has reduced from £5990 in 2019 to £3836 in 2021 and was for team meals, coaching, and travel expenses.
- 5) **AGM Costs** – this is the amount spent on providing a buffet for the Trophy Presentation which follows the AGM and was introduced in 2019 for the first time and was also provided for the 2020 AGM.
- 6) **Telephone, Printing, Stationery and Sundries** – The main items of expenditure were software licences and £590 for Fixture Cards/Posters. Stamps and Envelopes.
- 7) **Officials Honoraria** – all the Officers and Team Captains of the Union receive an honorarium to cover the cost and time they spend organising county events and increased from £2900 to £3050.

- 8) **Officials Expenses** – This covers expenses incurred by County Officials attending away County matches and includes accommodation and travel expenses and attending Channel League meetings and has shown a slight increase from £925 to £936.
- 9) **Professional Fees** – this is the accountant fees for preparing the Annual Accounts and has reduced from £575 in 2019 to £420 in 2021.
- 10) **Web Site costs** – This is a one off payment of £2570 for the construction of a new website.
- 11) **Equipment** – The cost of purchasing golf balls for all the teams. £1231
- 12) **Depreciation** – this is the depreciation of the assets which the county own. Radios and laptops

The net effect of the above has resulted in a deficit of £23,225 for the year as compared to a surplus of £7,770 in 2019.

### **Balance Sheet**

**Fixed Assets** – A new laptop was purchased in 2020 for the County Secretary and all County data was transferred from his personal desktop computer to the laptop.

**Current Assets** – Stocks have decreased from £792 to £642 and reflects the amount of clothing, shirts and sweaters etc. held in stock.

Cash at Bank – this has decreased from £47,308 to £23,655 and reflects the fact that no affiliation fees were received for 2020 and 2021 and has resulted in a decrease in our bank balance.

**Current Liabilities** – The amount of £420 which is owed to the accountants for the accounts.

The net of the above for the 2 years 2020/21 is reflected in the decrease in the Balance Sheet from £47,757 to £24,532 and is the Accumulated Fund for the year.

As there were no questions on the accounts the Chairman asked for a proposer and seconder to approve the accounts.

Proposed: Mike Hanner

Seconded: Nigel Collins

c) **League Secretary**

Monmouth GC have requested to re-join the Gwent Leagues so there are some adjustments to the fixtures required in Division 7.

d) **Match Secretary**

The Match Secretary Mr. Roger Floyd stated that he had given a full report on the County Teams results at the November 2021 Council meeting. The fixtures for 2022 will be reverting to the full home and away venues, and the county had 4 away matches this coming season in Devon and Cornwall and the accommodation for these venues had been booked. 2 for the Channel League Team and 2 for the Seniors Team

e) **Championship Secretary**

The Championship Secretary Mr. Ray Hughes reported that the list of championship winners for 2021 were distributed with the minutes to the club representatives and lists all those winners who would be receiving their trophies tonight after this meeting. There were no championships played in 2020 and all bar the Cock 'o' North Championship were played in 2021. We are hoping to receive Entry Fees for the County Strokeplay directly into the bank for 2022 by bank credit transfer and the Entry Forms can be Emailed to the Championship Secretary.

f) **Boys Secretary**  
**Boys Strokeplay Championship 2019**

**The Gwent Boys Strokeplay Championship** was the first event that was held in the 2021 season. There were only 21 entries for the event which took place at Greenmeadow Golf Club on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

The Under 14 Champion was Kyle Simpson of the Parc Golf Club with a score of 86 over 18 holes.

The Under 16 Champion was James Drury of Greenmeadow Golf Club with scores of 74, 70 total 144.

The overall Gwent Boys Strokeplay Champion for 2021 was Oliver Moss of the Celtic Manor with scores of 73,68 total 141.

**The Gwent Boys Matchplay Championship** was won by Linden Moulton of St. Pierre who defeated fellow St. Pierre player Harry Paterson 2 & 1 in the final.

**SWBGA**

St. Pierre player Piers Murphy won the SWBGA Strokeplay Championship at Builth Wells.

**The Gwent Junior Inter Club Team Championship** was won by St. Pierre who went on to represent Gwent in the Welsh Junior Inter Club Team Championship at Builth Wells where they won the tournament and became the Welsh Junior Inter Club Champions for 2021.

**Junior Channel League.**

Gwent had a pretty miserable season in the Junior Channel League. Gwent juniors had to concede their first match away against Gloucestershire as they were unable to field a team. The fixture clashed with the Welsh Team Championships and a number of clubs called on their juniors to play for their mens teams.

In their second match Gwent Juniors were defeated by Glamorgan at Tredegar Park by 12 points to 3.

Their third match was against Somerset at St. Pierre Mathern Course and were again outplayed in both the foursomes and singles matches losing by 10½ points to 4½.

The final match was against Wiltshire U18's at The Wiltshire Golf Club where Gwent boys suffered another heavy defeat losing by 12½ points to 2½

Things look pretty bleak going forward into this year as Gwent have lost five of their 2021 U18 junior team players:

Oliver Moss, Harry Paterson, Piers Murphy, Joe Cawthorn, and Josh Chamberlain

**6) ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Chairman stated that the Document notifying the meeting of the officers of the Union had been distributed prior to the meeting.

There were 2 vacancies to be filled, the League Secretary and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain. A persons name had been put forward to take on the League Secretary role but needed to be confirmed also Rhys Pidgeon had been nominated to take on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain role, still to be confirmed.

The Chairman announced that Rob Ware be re-elected as the auditor and the current officers were seeking re-election en-bloc and requested a proposer and seconder.

Proposed: Alistair Pannell  
Passed unanimously.

Seconded: John Dinsdale

## 7) CHAMPIONSHIP VENUES & DATES 2022

Cock 'o' North Finals	Pontypool	Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Strokeplay Championship	Llanwern	Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> June
Matchplay Championship	Llanwern	Matches to be played over 6 weeks.
Team Championship	St. Mellons	Sun 2 <sup>1st</sup> August
H/Cap Team Championship	Tredegar Park	Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Seniors Strokeplay Championship	Greenmeadow	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> September

## 8) Date of Next Meeting

The Gwent Golf Union normally hold a Council Meeting in April, but owing to that meeting following on too closely to the AGM it was decided to postpone the Council Meeting until September unless there was any urgent business to attend to.

In closing the meeting the Chairman expressed his thanks to Greenmeadow Golf Club for hosting the meeting and requested that his thanks be passed on to the staff.

The Chairman suggested that there be a 10 minute comfort break before continuing the evening with the presentation of the League Winners Plates and the Championship Trophies for 2021.

## GGU PRESENTATION of TROPHIES 2021

### GGU LEAGUE WINNERS PRESENTATION 2021

Div 7 Winners – Rolls of Monmouth  
Div 6 Winners – Peterstone Lakes  
Div 5 Winners – Celtic Manor 3<sup>rd</sup> Team  
Div 4 Winners – Llanwern 2<sup>nd</sup> Team  
Div 3 Winners – Pontypool 1<sup>st</sup> Team  
Div 2 Winners – Newport 2<sup>nd</sup> Team  
**Div 1 Winners & County Champions 2021 – Newport 1<sup>st</sup> Team**

**The 2021 Challenge Trophy match between the Gwent Champions and the Glamorgan Champions Pyle & Kenfig was played at Pyle & Kenfig with Newport winning the match by 5½ points to 3½**

### Cock-o-North Championship

There was no Competition in 2021

### Handicap Team Championship (Elvet Morgan Trophy) 149 Points

Winners – West Monmouthshire GC – Team: James Gullick, Mark Waters, Mark Williams, Kevin Hall

### GGU Team Championships

#### WINNERS

**Team Champions    Llanwern                      Gross Team Score 288            Cup**

**Team:            Michael Powell, Richard Tayler, Julian Sansom, Luke Bearcroft, Phil Rees**

<b>Arthur Sadler Cup</b>	<b>Best Net Team Score</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>Greenmeadow</b>	
<b>W.P.R. Peters Cup</b>	<b>Best Individual Gross Score</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>Rhys Briscoe (B6)</b>	<b>Celtic Manor</b>
<b>Ivor Williams Trophy</b>	<b>Best Individual Net Score</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>Phil Rees (B9)</b>	<b>Llanwern</b>

**County Strokeplay Championship (Woodlake Park GC)**  
**CHAMPION**

**Robert Smith**      **Celtic Manor**      **(68/76)**      **144**

**County Matchplay Championship (Woodlake Park GC)**  
**CHAMPION**

**Dan Bearcroft**                              **Llanwern**

**Seniors Strokeplay Championship (West Monmouthshire)**

**Championship not held due to lack of entries.**