

## Middlesex Golf Minutes of AGM

# Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7:00pm at Sudbury GC

## **Board Members Present**

Tom Powell (TP) President

Lee Patterson (LP) Secretary

Di Rowlands (DR) Vice President

David Taylor (DT) Finance Director

**Robbie Martin** (RM) Competitions Director

**Anne Koychev** (AK) Co-opted Director and County Welfare Officer

**Ketan Raja** (KR) Rules and Tournament Director

**Ruth Holmes** (RH) Development Director

**Irvine Walker** (IW) Co-opted Director

#### **CLUB DELEGATES**

Helen Weill, Brent Valley GC Stuart Cella, Haste Hill GC Ian Rickard, Crews Hill GC

David Sharp, Harrow School GC Paul Dimmer, Haste Hill GC Nim Thakrar, Pinner Hill GC Robert Afia, Highgate GC Faiz Khan, Mill Hill GC Leslie Glancy, Perivale Park GC Prab Nallamilli, Pinner Hill GC Alan Plumb , Strawberry Hill GC Sue Gooderham, Sudbury GC Paul Harris, Stanmore GC Carline Haworth, Muswell Hill GC David Kavanagh, Muswell Hill GC

#### **Apologies**

Corrine Moy, Hendon GC Henri Henriques, Pinner Hill GC Stuart Cella, Haste Hill GC Elizabeth Thomas, Hendon GC David Niccol, Stanmore GC John Nugent Ealing GC Alice Arnold, Wyke Green GC Jonny Bramley, Wyke Green GC Clare Brown, Northwood GC

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Richard Steel, Grim's Dyke GC Caroline Brookes, Muswell Hill GC Peter Marsh, North Middlesex GC Dickie Smart, Enfield GC Larry Weill, Brent Valley GC Stephanie Beer, Highate GC Jennifer Winn, Highgate GC Eamonn Kneafsey, Sudbury GC Graham Jones, Sudbury GC Gill Smith, Grim's Dyke GC Richard Steel Grim's Dyke GC Christine Godwin, Sudbury GC John Godwin, Sudbury GC Trevor Hill, Mill Hill GC Jenny Adams, Sudbury, GC Larry Weill, Brent Valley GC David Niccol, Stanmore GC

#### Minutes

#### **Matters** arising

Paul Dimmer requested affiliation for away members be revisited. TP indicated that this issue could be revisited in the future but it involves other counties who are not willing to spend time on the matter.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved by Paul Harris and Gill Smith.

#### **President's report**

(TP) An issue of a sensitive nature that consumed a lot of time is now resolved and we are back to our primary purpose of running a golf county. Volunteering is still a serious issue, delegates were asked to do what they can to promote the recruitment of volunteers.

## **Finance Report**

(DT) Stated that Company accounts were audited, filed and distributed to delegates. They were reviewed and approved by the Board in January. Affiliations overall were identical to the previous year. England Golf contributed a £5,000 igolf grant, to be used specifically for development projects. The accounts were approved and auditors reappointed. DT stated costs are high and increasing, and rising affiliation fees reflect this. Middlesex affiliation fees represent excellent value and will continue to do so. Our existing sponsorship has come to an end and we are in the process of identifying a new sponsor. A new expense policy has been created to ensure continued value for money. We will continue to break even year on year. However in this years budget there will be some one off centenary celebration costs. These losses will not be repeated in future years.

Robert Afia congratulated the Board on keeping to the budgets set for the year.

Approved.

Election of auditors David G Simmons

Approved

#### **Board Nominations**

(LP) reported that Ray Andrews had stood down as Chairman due to health reasons. Invitations to join the Board are welcome. Board nomination forms were available on the night.

## **Course Rating Report from Graham Jones**

Graham Jones offered a presentation regarding the pressures faced by the Course Rating Team and told everyone present this activity is vital and time consuming. Graham offered an extensive rundown of course rating activities in Middlesex and invited anybody who was interested to get involved.

## **Centenary Celebrations**

IW spoke at length about the coming years centenary celebrations. Which include a Centenary Golf Day which will take place at Ealing GC in April. There will also be a celebratory dinner in May. Annual award nominations will be available after the AGM. The County are now encouraging Clubs to recruit a male and a female delegate. Ruth Holmes is also offering a family fun day as part of our Centenary celebrations on 31<sup>st</sup> July.

## Tournaments – Ketan Raja

Ketan offered a report on Middlesex refereeing activities. He also invited interested individuals to take part and promoted the availability of "rules evenings" at Middlesex Clubs.

## AOB

Diana Williams , County Junior Organiser, informed that Middlesex are hosting the 2024 Junior County Week at Crews Hill and asked everybody to save the date and come along and enjoy.

(TP) concluded with news that David Niccol of Stanmore GC was standing for nomination to the Middlesex Board. The nominations of David Niccol and Lee Patterson were approved unanimously.

#### The meeting concluded at 8:30 pm.