



# Seniors Touring Amateur Golf Society



## STAGS (Virtual) AGM 2020 Committee Reports, Actions and Agreements

### **Item 1 – Chairmans Review** – Paul Hodder

I would like to congratulate the Committee on their excellent work in continuing to run the society in what was a very difficult year for golf and the organisation of Stags events ensuring we had the day's run and new venues scheduled for next year. Covid permitting

The extra work that Geoff Roberts and Brian Lowe have had to do, with the constant changing of venues and deposits that needed processing to enable any events to take place are worthy of a mention. Thanks Guys.

All society days that we were able to organise this year have been well attended considering the restrictions place upon the population and golf in general. A special shout out goes to Dave Simpson/Graham Jackson/Bob Latchford and Paul Chapman who organised the only 4 society days we managed to run this year.

All of these events were either involving a change of organiser on or near the day or subject to stringent change of protocols at the venue at a moment's notice as per government regulations.

Aside from a general lack of society golf, I note that quite a large amount of our members have been getting regular golf in smaller groups etc. and 2 /4 balls still managing to gain some social interaction in the outdoors, in keeping with the friendly society we are.

I am beginning to feel that the highlight of 2020 is going to be the 31<sup>st</sup> December?

That said the society is still going from strength to strength, with plenty of golf in one form or another and hopefully we can resume a full schedule and arrange some social events to take place next season.

In closing I would like to thank you all for your continued support and hope that you all stay safe during the ongoing crisis. Looking forward to seeing you all again next year, on the course and especially at the 19<sup>th</sup> hole

### **Item 2 – Minutes of the last meeting** –

The minutes to the 2019 AGM was confirmed as accurate by Geoff Roberts and seconded by Tony Love.

#### **2019 AGM Actions**

<b>A/P AGM2019- 01</b> - Tony applied the 2 tier handicapping system onto Handicap Master.	<b>Completed</b>
<b>A/P AGM2019-02</b> - Geoff arranged golf or leisure vouchers instead of American Golf.	<b>Completed</b>
<b>A/P AGM2019-03</b> - Bob updated documentation to show Tony Love as H/C Secretary.	<b>Completed</b>
<b>A/P AGM2019-04</b> – Tony Love has been added to the WhatsApp H/C group.	<b>Completed</b>
<b>A/P AGM2019-05</b> – Tony held a meeting of the H/C committee before the first event.	<b>Completed</b>

### **Item 3 - Honorary Treasurers Report** – Geoff Roberts

Geoff reported that club finances are in a good position and he has e-mailed out the financial summary (See Appendix A) to the membership.

### **Item 4 - Handicap Secretary Report** – Tony Love

This has been quite a challenging year for my first one in this role, it started with trying to adopt a two division system for the society which was very challenging and after many calls/emails between myself and Andy P which resulted in two databases being built on HandicapMaster which unfortunately meant I was unable to have one back up database that could be shared between handicap committee in case issues with my laptop.

This also meant that with the first event at Mardyke Valley peoples handicaps were adjusted separately depending on what division they were in and after handicap cut or increased according to their score in each division, so after a discussion with handicap committee this was then put back to one which meant me stripping out all the scores for Mardyke and then re-entering them as one thus cutting and increasing handicaps more fairly across all members dependant on their stableford points score across everyone. This also meant we were able to have a single back up database to be shared around in case of issues with my laptop.

We have also been looking into the new WHS system as to whether this can be adopted for our society this is also ongoing as at present the system we use can't cope with this and may need an upgrade which will be at a cost but we do have another option that if course has a slope rating and conversion chart this could be used to adapt each members handicap prior to the event so watch this space as it will be briefed out prior to adopting this process.



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### **Item 5 - Membership Secretary Report** – Keith Horgan

Whilst we ended 2019 with 49 members, plus 4 Honorary Members, 4 members (Sean Lahiff, Steve Bright, Alan Jackson and Chris Fentiman) lapsed their membership to reduce our numbers to 45. This number was further reduced when we accepted the resignation of our Handicap Secretary.

The good news was that our joining member, Roy Dalton, successfully completed his three rounds and was admitted to our ranks on March 5<sup>th</sup> 2020.

We currently do not have any applications for membership pending so, if you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a member they should contact me for more information and an application form and I'll start the process.

2020 saw two members reach significant birthdays. Congratulations to Gary Lawson on his 60<sup>th</sup> and John Miller on his 70<sup>th</sup> (when it arrives on November 8<sup>th</sup>).

Thank you to those who have advised me of changes to their contact details. Please do keep this up so I can update our membership information.

### **Vetting Process for Membership Application**

A copy of this document is available on the STAGS website: <http://www.stagsgolf.org.uk/Membership/membership.html>

This, and the current application form, will be sent to anyone who applies to be a member, along with their proposer and seconder. I would ask anyone involved in proposing, seconding or vetting someone to familiarise themselves with the process and their responsibilities.

### **Item 6 - Fixtures Secretary Report** – Brian Lowe

2020 has been a strange year Due to the Covid 19 outbreak.

The February event at Mardyke G. C. Went ok with good attendance apart from the weather! Then mid-March Lock down happened, March to July already booked events were moved forward to the 2021 Season. Lock down measures for golf were relaxed towards the end of July and Bob Latchford ran an event at The Notleys G.C. as Seckford had been moved to 2021. August, Bush Hill was moved to 2021 and Dave Simpson ran an event at Cheshunt G.C. which was also well attended. September went ahead as planned, October had to be cancelled and the Charity day at Top Meadow in November should be ok subject to Government measures.

The 2021 season is reasonably well booked but we still have **February, March, September and October** which we have nothing booked for.

If anybody would like to book any of these months please let myself or any of the committee the details so I can update the Spreadsheet.

Wishing you all a better 2021 season (Hopefully)



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### **Item 7 - Competition Secretary** – Greg Larner

Annual competition review

Well the good news is that I remained unbeaten in both the Singles and Doubles competition this year... a feat unlikely to be repeated but one I'm still very proud of..... Ok back to reality and enough of Gregs world

Unfortunately there was very little competition play this year given the circumstances we found ourselves in. A few brave and enthusiastic souls did manage some early singles and double games, so well done to those that did and I hope you enjoyed those extra golf days when the world was a more accessible place.

Interest remained high in both Comps this year which I hope proves their popularity still remains since I introduced them into the society. Some people unselfishly excluded themselves due to planned holiday, injury's or future commitments that they knew would impact in their ability to play if they were to progress in the competition. But participation numbers remained in line with previous years.

So partly because of that reason and also because it might be some time before we are able to play competitive golf again I am recommending that when we do start playing again that I re-draw both the single and double matches / pairings again . Although reigning champs in the doubles comp will retain their partnership until beaten.

This allows anyone who wasn't able to compete last year for the earlier reasons I gave to now take part if they wish to do so. It also supports the principles of the cup matches... that of sportsmanship and of members playing in competitive golf outside of a Ryder cup environment that they may not normally do. It's also a way of getting to know more about each other, play more golf and a chance to meet any new society members that have joined or may join when we recommence the Singles and double competitions.

Please feel free to raise any questions or recommendations that you may have.

I hope this report finds you well and that we quickly resume to a world where we can once again struggle over the complexities of "countback"

Kind Regards and Good Health to you and yours.

### **Item 8 – Social Secretary** –

Due to the Covid 19 situation this year Brian has been unable to put on any social functions this year. Hopefully the pandemic will have been brought under sufficient control for him to implement some, or all, of his plans for 2021

### **Item 9 - Propositions** –

#### Proposition 01/20

Return the Society Day results to the original single league format

Proposed by T.Love, Seconded by K.Horgan

The proposition Carried by 34 votes to 1 with 1 Abstention.

#### Proposition 02/20

Society Day payment to be paid electronically to the club treasurer in advance of the actual event day.

Proposed by G.Roberts, Seconded by R.Latchford

The proposition Carried by 35 votes to 1.

Tony to return the Society Day results to the original single league format.

**A/P AGM2020 – 01 Tony**

Bob to update the documentation to reflect the changes made to Society day payments.

**A/P AGM2020 – 02 Bob**

### **Item 10 – Election of Officers** –

The membership voted unanimously to re-elect the standing officers'.

As we were unable to hold a face to face AGM this year all voting has been conducted electronically. For the purposes of transparency I will be sending out the register of votes, for the Committee Officer Elections and Propositions, along with the minutes to this meeting.



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### **Item 11 – AOB**

#### **2019 Competition Trophies**

Due to the sporadic events held this year caused by Covid 19 restrictions the George Morgan, Player of the Year, Singles and Doubles trophies will not be awarded this year.



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### Appendix A

		2020	
	INCOME		EXPENDITURE
CARRIED FORWARD FROM 2019		2029.82	
MEMBERS SUBS X44	3520		
MEMBERS SUBSX1 ROY DALTON	75		
MEMBERS DEPOSIT ANDY PAP	45		
MEMBERS SUBS DEPOSITS			810
INCOME FROM EVENTS	5690.25		
EXPENDITURE FOR EVENTS			5300.2
PAYMENT FOR GOLF CLUB	0		0
LEISURE VOUCHERS			286
AMERICAN GOLF VOUCHERS			90
WINE X 72			235.7
SHIRT INCOME	55		
SHIRT EXPENDITURE			99
TROPHIES	0		0
FLOWERS AND CARDS	0		0
AGM CURRY	0		0
MISC			18
VENUE HIRE	0		0
CHARITY PAUL CHAPMAN			300
UNUSED COURSE DEPOSITS			2400
	9385.25		9538.9
YEARLY PROFIT/LOSS		153.65	
<b>BALANCE @ 26/11/2020</b>		1875.65	
£2400 paid deposits for 2021 carried			
Over from unused 2020 deposits.			