

SILVERSTONE GOLF CLUB (2005) LTD
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT SILVERSTONE GOLF CLUB
9/2/22 at 7.00pm

Attended by: RG Whitehead (Chair) P Jeskins (Treasurer) J Dicks (Club Captain) S Gregory (Club Secretary) R Holt (Club Professional) J Baker, D Symmers, D Norton, A Truscott, P Doughty, B Hancock, J Pirnie, S Peacock, S Peacock, J Bishop, M Bishop, H Marshall, R Marshall, M Forman, I Forman, N Thorne, J Thorne, A Broadbent, S Holmes, D Green, P Green, M Jordan, S Orrey, M Welford, B Rimmer, J Avann, J Marshall, M Bishop, D Spink, H Williams, H Williams, M Thom, M Greenhalgh, J Greenhalgh.

Apologies: P Ward, R Russell, S Dolan, J Dolan, M Howard, Y Howard, A Crook, S Beck.

Meeting Opened at 7.00pm

Welcome:

Richard Whitehead welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Introduction and Chairman's Report: Richard Whitehead

Tonight it is good to see you all in the flesh as last year's AGM was via zoom.

We have still been living through a pandemic and luckily still been able to play golf. Although we have had restrictions in the clubhouse and this has affected the social side of golf. Then of course the pro shop was closed, pleased to say that it is all now fully operational.

I'm sure you will all agree that the course has been good over the last 12 months. By making an early decision to shorten the course and rope off areas we will reap the benefit when playing golf in the better months.

At last year's AGM I stated that I was negotiating with Silverstone Golf Club for compensation due to the course being closed for the Formula Grand Prix. I can now confirm that Silverstone Golf Club have paid £6500 + vat, which we have spent on Hole Signage. This year the course will be closed from Monday 27th June and reopen on Monday 4th July. I will again negotiate for compensation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the committee members of Steering for their hard work and commitment, over the last 12 months, for making our club the success that it is.

I would like to wish Simon Gregory success in his new appointment as Club Secretary. Also to thank Tony and his team of green keeping staff for their hard work, which gives us a course to be proud of. A thank you to Rodney our pro, for all his hard work again over the last 12 months. And of course a thank you to all our members for continuing to choose to play at Silverstone Golf Club (2005) Ltd

The Steering Committee have set out a 2 year plan for continuing to make improvements to the course.

Finally, when you renew your membership, your renewal membership card will allow you to transfer money on to your card, so that it can be used as a payment card in the Proshop and the clubhouse bar. Any competition winnings will be transferred directly on to your membership card. This facility will be available from April 2022.

Thank you all for supporting Silverstone Golf Club (2005) Ltd, and hope you enjoy some great golf.

Approval of 2021 AGM Minutes:

Proposed by Matt Bishop

Seconded by Dave Norton

Carried

Club Accounts 2021: Peter Jeskins

Peter presented the 2021 accounts for approval, these matched the forecast that was given at the last AGM in 2021. Due to drop in Rates over the period of the pandemic he reported a £29.5K surplus.

Proposed by Mervyn Welford

Seconded by Alan Truscott

Carried

Financial Position Forecast 2022/23: Peter Jeskins

The coming years forecast was presented to the AGM for approval, the only question from the floor was from J Avann regarding the rise in wages for the 12 month period, Peter answered the question and also commented that there was a possibility that VAT may come into play in this coming year and potentially be back dated.

Outgoing Club Captains Report: Joss Dicks

This was sent to the Membership via email.

Directors Report on the Course/ Facility / Business Plan: Simon Gregory

Simon read out a correspondence from Tony Hunter (Head Greenkeeper) to the Membership.

Tony informed them of the 2 year plan that is in operation. That we intend to use outside contractors for some work.

The 10th Teeing area will be completed once "the pesky moles have been caught".

The 16th Tee is coming along nicely.

Tree removal has been necessary as it has opened up parts of teeing areas that have been unable to be used.

The new course signage is here and once locations have been finalised they will start to be erected.

Simon added to this by thanking Tony Hunter, Lorraine Sands, Simon Rearden and Mel Toms for all their hard work in making our course as good as it has been over the last 12 months.

Election of Executive Chairman:

Richard Whitehead was elected unopposed for a period of 3 years as from April 1st 2022- March 31st 2025

Election of Course Director:

Mark Jordan was elected unopposed for a period of 3 years as from April 1st 2022-March 31st 2025

Election of Marketing Director:

Pat Ward was elected unopposed for a period of 3 years as from April 1st 2022- March 31st 2025

Election of Club Captain:

Stuart Holmes was elected as Club Captain for the year April - March 2022/23

Election of Club Treasurer:

Peter Jeskins was elected Club Treasurer unopposed for the year April 1st 2022- March 31st 2023

Acceptance of Incoming Club Captain:

Stuart Holmes accepted the post of Club Captain for the year April - March 2022/23

Notification of Club Secretary:

Richard notified the meeting that Simon Gregory has been appointed Club Secretary

Notification of Sectional Representatives (Captains, Vice Captains & Treasurers):

Men's Captain – Stuart Holmes

Men's Vice Captain – Unappointed at this time (Mark Bennett as from

Men's Treasurer – Steven Beck

Ladies Captain – Janet Dolan

Ladies Vice Captain – Unappointed at this time

Ladies Treasurer – Hilary Williams

Senior Captain – David Spink

Senior Vice Captain – Rob Piddington

Senior Treasurer – Barrie Hancock

Notification of Renewal Fees: Richard Whitehead / Peter Jeskins

Richard informed the Membership that Renewal Fees for the coming membership year 2022/23 would remain unchanged from last year before any discount was applied.

Dave Norton raised a question regarding any discount being applied this year as it was mentioned at the AGM last year. Peter Jeskins answered that there was an effective saving of 5% to members due to the cost of living and inflation rises over the last 12 months.

No other questions were raised on this matter.

A.O.B concerning the Clubs Objectives as communicated to the Secretary and included as an appendix to this notice: Simon Gregory

A letter had been received from this year's Ladies Captain regarding the moving of Ladies Board Events from Weekends to Weekdays, Steering Committee issued the following response.

" This Club is based on equality, diversity and inclusivity with an ambition to increase the number of Lady members whilst reducing the sections age demographic.

To avoid any potential risk of non-compliance with the Equality Act, Silverstone Golf Club (2005) Ltd Steering Group feels very strongly that Ladies Section Board Competitions should be held at weekends"

No other comment was made on this subject.

A.O.B from the Floor, questions may be answered in writing at a later date:

Rob Marshall – asked about the Shoe Compressor / Shoe Cleaner / Notice Board at the Entrance to the Changing rooms. Will they be working ? Will Honours Boards be updated ? He described the area around the Clubhouse a disgrace, saying that he felt standards had dropped.

This was answered by Richard saying that he had spoken with the owners and those items were being done, he also mentioned that the notice boards were the responsibility of each Section to keep updated.

N.B. (After the meeting Rob Marshall offered to take on the job of updating the notice board for all sections)

John Avann asked about the Junior Captains Honours Board and was it planned to bring it back ?

Simon answered saying that plans were already in place to do this via John Pirnie.

Matt Bishop thanked Steering Committee for all their hard work over the last year.

The following were questions from the floor regarding the course:

Hilary Williams – 100 yd markers, can they be re-instated ?

Julian Baker – 150yd marker on the 14th, can it be placed elsewhere ?

Barrie Hancock – can all marker pads on the fairways be cleaned ?

Simon Orrey – is there any plans to put any more trees on the course ?

These questions will be dealt with by Mark Jordan when he takes up post as Course Director.

Dave Norton asked about the timings for playing at Cherwell Edge as tee times were free there but we are officially not allowed to play there before 10.30am on weekdays and 1.00pm at weekends.

Richard has said he will talk to Silverstone Golf Club regarding that matter.

Meeting Closed at 19.30hrs

Next A.G.M. Wednesday 8th February 2023 7.00pm at Silverstone Golf Club

