Gloucestershire Golf Captains 67th AGM

AGENDA for the 67th AGM Weds 15th April 2020

1) Virtual Meeting

2) Minutes of the last meeting

3) Matters arising

4) Installation of 2020 President

5) Election of New Vice-President

6) Election of 2020 Vice-Captain & Nomination of 2021 Vice-Captain

7) Statement of Accounts

8) Election of the Auditor

9) Election of Match Secretary

10) Election of Clothing Secretary

11) Election of Secretary/Treasurer

12) Captain's Report

13) Installation of New Captain

14) A. O. B.

Minutes of the 67th GGC AGM Wed 15th April 2020

Obituary.
The President, Trevor Mildren, opened the meeting by announcing that we had sadly lost two of our members and requested that we reserve a minute's silence as a tribute to our departed friends.
We will also pay our respects when we meet again as an association.

1) **Virtual Meeting**
In these unprecedented times it has been necessary to conduct this AGM with Committee / Member participation and contribution via email. This will help ensure that we are prepared and ready, as a Golfing Association, whenever it is confirmed safe to return to the golf course.

2) **Minutes of the previous meeting**
The minutes from the 2019 AGM had been distributed by email to all active members or made available to any active member who did not have on-line access. The President asked if all had read them and could he have a proposer and seconder that they were a true record of the meeting.
Proposed by Warren McDivitt and Seconded by Geoff Endicott

3) **Matters Arising – none raised to-date**

4) **Installation of the 2020 President**
Trevor Mildren told the meeting that he had been very proud to have served as President over the year. He had a great President's day at Chipping Sodbury GC and thanked the Membership for supporting him during his year; he had felt extremely proud. Trevor introduced our 2020 President, Ian Smith, wishing him every success in his coming year and then passed over the Chairmanship of the meeting to Ian.

5) **Election of Vice-President**
Ian Smith said it would be a privilege to serve as President. He valued the many friendships made over his time as a member and Gloucestershire Golf Captains were very special to him. Ian confirmed that the President elect would be Bob Crockford of Broadway GC and that the next Vice-President to join the GGC Committee would be Derek Febry of Chipping Sodbury GC.

6) **Election of 2020 Vice-Captain & Nomination of 2021 Vice-Captain**
The President announced that the Management Committee had met at Carlyon Bay on 13th Oct 2019 and agreed on the election of Dereck Buttler, Broadway GC, as this year's Vice-Captain. The Committee also took the decision to nominate Geoff Lowe of Henbury GC as The 2021Vice-Captain.

7) Statement of Accounts.

The accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting (by email to all active members or made available to any active member who did not have on-line access). The President reported that there had not been any points raised to-date and therefore requested a proposer and a seconder to accept the statement of accounts.

Proposed by Ian Watkins and Seconded by Jim Henderson

Note:

The amount held in our bank accounts has been reviewed by The GGC Committee and deemed as sufficient to cover our administrative costs along with operational contingency.

The Committee has also decided that, due to the current disruption of our golfing diary, any member who has paid either Joining or Renewal Fees for 2020 will not be required to pay the Renewal Fee for 2021.

The list of members having paid 2020 fees can be viewed on our website: GGC 2020 Availability

8) Election of Auditors - Agreed for Richard Hall to continue

Proposed by Robin Hannigan and Seconded by Phil Payne

9) Election of Match Secretary – Agreed for Ian Cornwell to continue

Proposed by Nick Broady and Seconded by Alan Berry

10) Election of Clothing Secretary - Agreed for Eric Millard to continue

Proposed by Dereck Butler and Seconded by Gordon Ladd

11) Election of Secretary /Treasurer

A few words from Tony Davis …

Fellow Captains
My term as the Secretary/Treasurer has come to an end and I look back on the period 2004/2019 with enormous pride and satisfaction.
This would not have happened without your approval - **I thank you all**.

I had spent a great deal of time working for the Gloucestershire Golf Captains and enjoyed every minute of it (I think!)

The meeting at Carlyon Bay Hotel back in 2004 presented me with the opportunity of becoming the Association's Secretary/Treasurer. I accepted the role, having shut down my 2 businesses with the intention of playing more golf! Ruby (my wife) sat quiet in her agreement however I reassured her that everything would be ok. She wasn't aware of the hours I would need to spend on this role, along with playing golf … neither was I …!

The Secretary /Treasurer role consisting in taking the arrangements put in place by Mike Symonds; anything he missed then Graham Williams certainly did not!

a) The Subscriptions along with the Annual Dinner (Entertainments) monies

b) To arrange the 6 Meetings at Various Gloucestershire County Golf Clubs for a maximum 142 entrants.
I recall one meeting, back in the days when Ross-on-Wye featured in our diary, where we fielded 200 Captains teeing off the 1st and 10th and still managed to clear the course for the members to follow at 3.30pm!

c) To arrange the 14 Matches along with the 4 counties event.

d) To arrange the Carlyon Ladies Weekend along with the Cornish Match v Our Captains including the transport to and from the Cornish Venue.

e) To arrange the Clothing and collecting payment.

After a year of sorting myself out I decided to put a suggestion to the committee at Carlyon Bay requesting an assistant for the matches and a Captain to help with the clothing; this was approved.

For the matches I approached **Ian Cornwell** of Lansdown GC: "*Ian, would you help*?" "*Yes*" was the answer.
For the clothing ordering and payment I approached **Brendan Sheridan**. The answer again was "*Yes*".
It was as if I had won the pools! **Thank you both!**

11) Election of Secretary /Treasurer

… Fellow Captains continued …

My fall back for any information required at the time was held by four past Captains whom I depended on **and owe thanks!**
Graham Williams - Ian Watkins - Mike Symonds and Gerry Osborn; all were very helpful (but 3 Welsh men to only 1 English man … well I suppose that's good odds!)

I really did have past Captains willing to assist on the Registration table; they were extremely helpful and without them I would have been lost!
Namely: Brian Carnie - Brian Kingston - Bob Crockford. **I thank them!**

A few years ago I had received a suggestion, from 1986 past Captain Bert Chinn of Cotswold Hills, to possibly get help from the membership to assist at our matches and make sure we have our bananas etc.
It was something I needed to consider and began looking at the feasibility of introducing regional managers for our various fixtures, similar to how some of the other Counties were structured.

Subsequently, at our committee meeting at Cotswold Edge, we reviewed a list of Captains whom we thought would "fit the bill" and support the Match Secretary in his role; I know that you will agree this has worked pretty well.

Ian Cornwell (Lansdown)	Match Secretary - Committee
Clive Fluck (Cotswold Hills)	Match Manager – North
Keith Hanson (Cotswold Edge)	Match Manager – Mid
Jim Ford (Chipping Sodbury)	Match Manager – South

Eric Millard also took over the Clothing Secretary position from **Brendan Sheridan** and is doing a great Job; I'm sure the membership is well pleased.

Looking to the future we need younger blood working for us. We have an excellent Association with Captains who I'm sure will continue to follow and possibly improve on the suggestions/proposals made by our officers.

Thank you for letting me stay so long. I must say to you all a very big thank you from me **Tony Davis** and an even bigger thank you from **Mrs Davis!**

Nomination agreed for Secretary/Treasurer: **Jim Ford** (Chipping Sodbury).
Jim has supported Tony over the past year or so and is conversant with all aspects of this role. He is happy to take on the position and his enthusiastic approach is a bonus!
Tony will continue to co-ordinate the Ladies Weekend assisted by Jim.
Proposed by Ian Hughes and Seconded by Stuart Revell.

12) Captain's Report.

Mr President, Fellow Captains.
Welcome to this the 67th AGM of our Esteemed Association. Hopefully the first and last conducted in this manner.
I would like to begin with a few thank you's if I may.

Mr President, on behalf of myself and our members I wish to **thank you** for your year of service as our President. Your day at Chipping Sodbury was a great event enjoyed by us all. **I thank you** for your assistance with the starting on my Captain's Day and we wish you and your good lady all the very best for the future.

Fellow Captains, past and present, thank you all for affording me the honour of representing you as your Captain this year. It has been a fantastic year (apart from the final few months) and one that I will cherish, hopefully for many years to come. The support I have received from you all has been brilliant and **I truly thank you for that**.

So a year in the life of a Golf Captain draws to a close! A year that has seen the GGC hold 6 Association Meetings and 14 Inter-County fixtures. I am pleased to say that I played (sort of) in them all and in respect of the Inter County Fixtures I have travelled to far flung places outside of the Shire! To Warwickshire in the North, Cornwall in the South, Bedfordshire in the East and to Gwent in the West.

I set out to play in the Matches with as many Ex Gloucester Golf Club Captains as I could. It seemed fitting to do so as that was the Club where it all started for me as a Golfer. I also thought it was fair that I should share the misery of partnering me with those that knew me best! On a serious note it has been great, **a big thanks** to all who played and assisted me in a few wins.

In playing these matches I met the other Associations' Captains, had some fun along the way and I believe have upheld the GGC Associations good name and standing whilst cementing our alliances with the other Counties.

I am pleased to say that from those meetings a Mini Captain's Society has been formed and hopefully we will all meet up a few times each year to play golf and enjoy a bit of banter. Just as golf should be!

In terms of the matches; we won 7, drew 1 and lost 6 (A bit like the Football team I Follow). I told a few jokes and a few people laughed; if those people are reading this then **thank you!**

12) Captain's Report

Mr President, Fellow Captains continued ….

My Captains Day at Gloucester was my highlight of the year. The club and its members went above and beyond to ensure that the day was as perfect as it could be. From the Catering to the Course it was fantastic. My good lady and I had a fantastic day. **Thank you** Gloucester GC, in particular Mr Keith Wood, and of course you the members for playing on the day.

The season saw the Association trial a few changes which we managed to crib from other counties. The trial of Match Managers assisting the Match Secretary was in my opinion a great success therefore a thank you to our 3 Match Managers is certainly warranted. So to Clive Fluck, Keith Hanson and our new "Go To Man" Jim Ford, **thank you guys** for your input it was most appreciated.

As I am sure you all know by now Jim Ford has offered his services going forward in the role of Secretary / Treasurer. This has come about due to the stepping aside of Tony Davis. It's only right and proper that we acknowledge the magnificent job Tony has done for us all over the many years in which he has been our Captain, President, Secretary/Treasurer and "Go to Man" for just about anything!

I am fully aware that the man seeks no thanks for his efforts and shuns the limelight when praise comes his way.

So not wishing to cause him embarrassment I will just say **Thank You** on behalf of us all to you and your significantly better other half Ruby, for all you have done to ensure that others have enjoyed themselves.

In bringing this much edited version of the year to a close I would just like to say that in these awful times Maggie and I wish you all Good Health and Safe Passage through these desperate times. Hopefully soon, we will all come through this a lot stronger than we were before.

To the Incoming President and Captain I personally hope you both enjoy your period of office in what is a truly fantastic Association and that you, once again, can be walking England's green and pleasant land very soon.

Best Wishes to you all.
Paul Drinkwater, GGC Captain 2019.

13) Installation of New Captain

Fellow Captains

I am considerably honoured and privileged to be asked to Captain our Association for the upcoming golfing season, whenever it may commence, and grateful our Committee has decreed that this position is to be considered for extension through to March 2022. I undertake to do my very best to represent such a fine body of men.

It will therefore befall me to produce the first Captain's newsletter for The Captain's Corner on our website which has been updated and improved by Jim Ford & Ian Hughes. I strongly encourage you all to access this where you will find all manner of new, totally transparent information, particularly in the members section.

I was honoured to work with our outgoing Captain, Paul. I did partner him in our first match of the season against the South West Secretaries at Enmore Park GC. I was never asked again!

Paul was a successful and ever present leader who has done excellent work in taking our Association forward by encouraging new initiatives. One example is the active support of Team selection with nominated reserves and the early notification of this selection by our Match Managers.

It is a shame that his year of office did not enable him to go out in style by leading our team in the South West competition at Saunton GC on 26th March and speaking at our dinner on 3rd April. It will be a challenge for me to emulate what he has achieved but I will try. His AGM address is all encompassing and I wish to echo everything he has said regarding Tony Davis.

In these unprecedented and difficult circumstances in which we all find ourselves it is difficult to imagine when we will be able to get back out on to our courses and in to competitive and social golf. We can only hope that our clubs will survive the impact of a lengthy shutdown, but hopefully they should all be in excellent playing condition, if the greenstaff have been able to keep working. When we get back to playing, our clubs will need as much support as we can give them.

I will finish by welcoming all new Captains to our Association and hope that we eventually get in to some golfing activities. In the meantime, I hope you all stay fit, safe & healthy and I look forward to seeing you at some stage during the year.

Sam Collins
Captain 2020

Important note:
The GGC Committee has decided that, as a result of the disruption to the 2020 Golfing Diary, the 2020 term of office for our GGC President and Captain will be extended throughout 2021. This will have a knock on effect to the term of office for the future President and Captain positions.

14) Any other Business.

a) Pricing Review
Over the last few years the Golf Clubs have been challenging the level of donation made for our Meetings and Matches. This has resulted in reluctance from some clubs to host the GGC events and, for some, a limit to what is being offered for the post-Golf catering.

The GGC fee for Meetings and Matches had been costed on the following basis:

Meetings
18 holes of 4-BBB Golf followed by a 2 course meal and Prize Table.
(The intention is to maintain this going forward)

Inter County Matches
Light lunch, 18 holes of 4-BBB Golf followed by a 2 course meal incl wine.
(Reciprocal agreement between participating Counties and therefore to be maintained)

It has been 10 years since we have had a pricing review and we need to take into account the Golf Clubs' position whilst in return expecting a reasonable and consistent standard of Golf and Catering.

Therefore, with this is mind, The Committee is recommending the following proposal to be agreed at this meeting:

I. Renewal and Joining Fees to remain as £10 and £25 respectively.

II. Meeting Fees to be increased from £30 to £35 with Home Members and Committee Members paying £25. **(Immediate)**

III. Match Fees to be increased from £25 to £30 with Home Members and Committee Members paying £20 **(Immediate)**

Proposed by Trevor Stewart and Seconded by Richard Salter
(**Note:** Agreed by 98% of the participating membership).

b) On-line Banking
The Committee has agreed to set up on-line banking with **Jim Ford** as the Primary User for account management. We will continue to accept cheque/cash for fees and clothing however we also need to enable electronic payment, where possible, to keep the handling of cash to a minimum.

2019 Statement of Accounts

GLOUCESTERSHIRE GOLF CAPTAINS SOCIETY – Financial statement for the year to 31.10.19

INCOME		£
Subscriptions and Entrance Fees		2680.00
Bank Interest		7.78
Meetings and Match Fees	27872.50	
Less Expenses	(26061.35)	1811.15
Sale of Clothes	1662.00	
Less Purchases	(2750.96)	(1088.96)
TOTAL		3409.97
EXPENDITURE		
Annual Dinner tickets	2520.00	
Less Expenses	(2651.00)	131.00
Carlyon Bay Fees	2563.00	
Less Expenses	(2927.00)	364.00
Printing & Stationery		234.85
Sundries		421.56
Honorariums		500.00
Travel		200.00
TOTAL		1851.41
SURPLUS		£1558.56
Accumulated Fund B/F		7400.82
Accumulated Fund C/F		8959.38
REPRESENTED BY		
Bank Current Account		5072.55
Bank Savings Account		3886.83
TOTAL		£8959.38

Clothes Stock in hand with value at sale price of £2740

Signed A.A. Davis, Honorary Secretary/Treasurer

I certify that this is a correct summary of the Accounts of the Society, which I have audite

Signed For R E R Hall, Honorary Auditor
D J ROMAN

6 February 2020