2024 Annual General Meeting Tue 30th April Agenda

Foreword – Mike Slatter GGC 2023 President and meeting Chair.

1) Apologies

2) Minutes of the previous AGM

3) Matters arising

4) Installation of 2024 President

5) Endorsement of New Vice-President (President Elect)

6) Endorsement of 2025 Captain & Vice-Captain

7) Statement of Accounts

8) Endorsement of the Auditor

9) Endorsement of Committee Officers

10) Captain's report

11) Installation of 2024 Captain

12) A. O. B.

Minutes of the GGC AGM Tue 30th April 2023

Obituary.
The President, Mike Slatter, opened the meeting by announcing that sadly we had been informed of eleven captains who had passed away, since the last AGM, and requested a moment's silence.
Roy Powell (Forest Hills GC); **Robin Hannigan** (Stinchcombe Hill GC); **Adrian Bold** (Henbury GC); **Ralph Crisp** (Lilley Brook GC); **Robert Bodoano** (Ross-on-Wye GC); **Alan Berry** (Lydney GC); **Chris Hardy** (Forest Hills GC); **Brendan Sheridan** (Lilley Brook GC); **Mike Everitt** (Broadway GC), **Brian Wilson** (Tewkesbury Park GC) and **Ken Hill** (Stinchcombe Hill GC)

1) **Apologies**
The President requested that the Secretary announced apologies for absence. 16 captains had requested that their apologies were noted. Those were taken as read.

2) **Minutes of the previous meeting**
The minutes from the 2023 AGM had been distributed by email to all active members or made available on request 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 **Dereck Butler** and Seconded by **Trevor Stewart**

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

4) **Installation of the 2024 President**
Mike Slatter told the meeting that he had been very proud to have served as the 2023 GGC President and enjoyed working with Captain Geoff during his term of office. He had a great turn out for his President's Day at Chipping Sodbury Golf Club and thanked the Association for all their support throughout the year; Mike made a special mention of the ladies who helped him at the halfway house and then went on to wish **Paul Drinkwater** every success in the coming year.

5) **Endorsement of Vice-President**
Paul Drinkwater thanked Mike for his kind words and congratulated him, on behalf of the Association, for a job well done. Paul also wished Ian Watkins, the 2024 EG President, a fantastic year of office and then went on to acknowledge his own role as 2024 GGC President and thanked the Association for this opportunity which is a great honour. Paul said that he will endeavour to uphold the efforts of those who had previously held this position and do whatever he could to help enhance the reputation and standing of our Association.
Paul confirmed that the Committee had nominated Sam Collins of Cotswold Hills GC as the Vice-President.
Proposed by **Darren Mann** and Seconded by **Shaun Pearce**

6) **Endorsement of 2025 Captain & Vice-Captain**
The President announced that the management committee had met at Cotswold Edge GC on 18th Jan 2024 and taken the decision to nominate Trevor Stewart as the 2025 Captain with Nick Broady as the 2025 Vice-Captain. Chris Wagstaff is proposed as the 2026 Vice-Captain.
Proposed by **Sam Collins** and Seconded by **Mike Slatter**

7) **Statement of Accounts.**
The accounts had been made available at the meeting. 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 **Shane Hole** and Seconded by **Geoff Lowe**

8) **Endorsement of Auditors - Agreed for Stephen Price to continue.**
Proposed by Nick Broady and Seconded by Geoff Anderson

9) **Endorsement of Committee Officers**

Clothing Secretary -
Eric Millard has decided to have a well-earned rest from the rag trade and the GGC Committee has nominated Shaun Pearce (Stinchcombe Hill) as Eric's replacement.
The President, on behalf of the GGC members thanked Eric for his years as our Clothing Secretary, his efforts were greatly appreciated, and we wish him well for the future. The President also welcomed Shaun into the role for 2024.
Proposed by **Phil Payne** and Seconded by **Dave Matthews**

Honorary Secretary /Treasurer – Agreed for Jim Ford to continue
This will be Jim's last year in the role and the GGC Committee has nominated his replacement as Dereck Buttler who is working closely with Jim to ensure a smooth handover.
Proposed by **Ian Watkins** and Seconded by **Mike Slatter**

Note: The GGC committee on behalf of the members would like to thank both Rex Parry and Dereck Buttler, as their terms of office have now ended, for their valued contributions and efforts throughout the year.

10) Captain's report: Geoff Lowe 2023/24

Geoff delivered the following speech:

"Mr President, Gentlemen and Fellow Captains.
It has been a great honour and privilege to have served as your 2023 Captain. I have enjoyed every minute particularly taking part in the inter-County matches where we won 4, drew 4 but lost 5. I'm sure that we'll improve this year with your support.

Thank you all for taking part in my Captain's Day at Henbury GC. I've had lots of positive feedback so glad that you enjoyed the day and a special thanks to the Ladies who managed the cabin and gave us some welcomed snacks & refreshments at the halfway point.

The Ladies Weekend at Carlyon Bay was another highlight for me, well organised and great fun. If you haven't tried this yet then why not give it some thought. I'm certain that you'll have a ball!

I thank Jim for his work as Hon Secretary/Treasurer and the assistance he has given me from the onset. I also thank John & Clive our Match Managers for all that they do.

Last of all it gives me great pleasure in handing over the Chains of Office to my Vice Captain Eric who has been extremely supportive over the past year".

11) Installation of 2024 Captain: Eric Millard

Eric thanked Geoff and delivered the following response:

"Mr. President Paul and Gentlemen of the Gloucestershire Golf Captains, who would have thought all those years ago as a young snotty nosed kid that I would today be stood before you as your captain for 2024, still with a snotty nose!

It's a tremendous honour to have the opportunity to be your Captain and I'll do my best to represent this wonderful Association and have a bit of fun along the way.

I must thank, on the Associations behalf, our outgoing President Mike and Captain Geoff for jobs well done during 2023. President Paul I'm really looking forward to the season and I'm sure that we'll have a great year!

I'm also looking forward to playing golf with as many of you as possible but I do understand if that's not mutual, I can drag you down to my level!

To Ian Hughes and Ian Watkins, I wish you a very successful and enjoyable year as our County President and EG President.

Finally, to all at Knowle Golf Club thank you for a great day".

12) Any other Business.

Reminder on Dress Code rules

We had received a few comments from members in respect of our Dress Code on a few occasions during 2023. In the main this appears to be in respect of the post-match meal as opposed to on the course.

Having received these comments the committee have agreed to reiterate the expectations on and off the course and hopefully remove any ambiguity that may have arisen when there was a relaxation of our "Dress Code" rules.

On the course:
The dress code is GGC golf shirt and standard golf attire namely trousers or appropriate golf shorts. All standard practise.

For the Meal/Presentation:
A GGC Green Blazer or Your Club Blazer should be worn with a shirt and a GGC Tie. Complete with Trousers.

The complaints probably arose when, on a few occasions, the Dress Code was relaxed due to the heat and perhaps a few people assumed that if there was no need to change into the normal shirt, jacket & tie then it was ok **not** to change at all and just remain in the attire they had played golf in, understandable but **not right**.

As a footnote: Shaun Pearce, our Clothing Secretary, will be only too pleased to assist anyone who requires GGC clothing and indeed listen to any requests for additional items to be stocked. This year, he has introduced a formal GGC short sleeved logoed shirt which may assist on the hot days.

The President wished everyone a safe journey home and hoped to see as many Captains as possible at his President's Day on 31st May at Gloucester GC. He then then closed the meeting.