2023 Annual General Meeting Wed 19th April Agenda

Foreword – Rex Parry GGC 2022 President and meeting Chair.

1) Apologies

2) Minutes of the previous AGM

3) Matters arising

4) Installation of 2023 President

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

6) Endorsement of 2024 Vice-Captain & Nomination of 2025 Vice-Captain

7) Statement of Accounts

8) Endorsement of the Auditor

9) Endorsement of Committee Officers

10) Captain's report

11) Installation of 2023 Captain

12) A. O. B.

Minutes of the GGC AGM Wed 19th April 2023

Obituary.
The President, Rex Parry, opened the meeting by announcing that sadly we had been informed of twelve captains who had passed away, since the last AGM, and requested a moment's silence.
Norman Hodgekiss (Chipping Sodbury GC); **Nigel Wilson** (Cleeve Cloud GC); **Paul Watts** (Cotswold Hills GC); **Mike Burt** (Lansdown GC); **Bob Smith** (Filton GC); **Dave Cox** (Filton GC); **John Canty** (Cirencester GC); **Nick Anstice** (Forest Hills GC); **Stan Lewis** (Stinchcombe Hill GC) and **John Church-Jones** (Ross-on-Wye GC); **Barrie Hesling** (Painswick GC); **Terry Cox** (Cotswold Hills GC).

1) **Apologies**
The President requested that the Secretary announced apologies for absence. There were 15 captains who had requested that their apologies were noted. Those were taken as read.

2) **Minutes of the previous meeting**
The minutes from the 2022 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 Buttler and Seconded by Bill Hill.

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

4) **Installation of the 2023 President**
Rex Parry told the meeting that he had been very proud to have served as the GGC President for the previous year. He had a great turn out for his President's day at Lansdown Golf Club and thanked the Membership for supporting him during his term; he had felt extremely proud and wished **Mike Slatter** every success in the coming year.

5) **Endorsement of Vice-President**
Mike Slatter said it would be a privilege to serve as President for the season. Gloucestershire Golf Captains were very special and he valued the many friendships made over the time as a member. Mike confirmed that the Committee had nominated Paul Drinkwater of Gloucester GC as a Vice-President.
Proposed by Sam Collins and Seconded by Steve Yemm.

6) **Endorsement of 2024 Vice-Captain & Nomination of 2025 Vice-Captain**
The President announced that the management committee had met at Forest Hills GC on 9th Oct 2021 and taken the decision to nominate Trevor Stewart as the 2024 Vice-Captain. Nick Broady has been proposed as the 2025 Vice-Captain.
Proposed by Ian Hughes and Seconded by Geoff Lowe.

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 Bill Hill and Seconded by Taras Ciuriak.

8) Endorsement of Auditors.

Richard Hall has decided to have a well-earned rest from auditing the GGC account and the GGC Committee has nominated Stephen Price (Ross-on-Wye) as Richard's replacement.
The President, on behalf of the GGC members thanked Richard for his years as our auditor, his efforts were greatly appreciated, and we wish him well for the future. The President also welcomed Stephen as our auditor from 2024.
Proposed by Paul Drinkwater and Seconded by Ian Hughes

9) Endorsement of Committee Officers

Clothing Secretary - Agreed for Eric Millard to continue.
This will be Eric Millard's last year in this role and the GGC Committee have nominated his replacement as Shaun Pearce who is working closely with Eric to ensure a smooth handover.
Proposed by Taras Ciuriak and Seconded by Chris Wagstaff.

Honorary Secretary /Treasurer – Agreed for Jim Ford to continue
Proposed by Chris Wagstaff and Seconded by Darren Mann.

Note: The GGC committee on behalf of the members would like to thank both Ian Smith and Sam Collins, as their term has now ended, for their valued contributions and efforts throughout the year.

10) Captain's report: Dereck Buttler 2022/23

"Mr President, Cotswold Hills Captain Ian, Gentlemen. Thank you for allowing me to be your 2022 Captain, I've had a wonderful year.

During this time I have been lucky to play in all except one of the 15 matches where we won 6 unfortunately lost 7 with 2 halves. All of those who played have enjoyed the experience immensely. Picking up 4 trophies filled me with a great deal of pride. As did the other 2 wins but no gongs.

Our thanks must go to the match Managers Clive Fluck and John Cumming for organising the teams which I hope to be part of this year nudge nudge!

The annual French trip to play the holiday Chalice ended up in the Isle of Wight where Past Captain, Past President, Past Secretary Tony Davis was triumphant. All I won was a speeding ticket costing £85 for a naughty boy's Course!

Our thanks have to go to Jim Ford and his secretarial skills for arranging all the tournaments throughout the year.

10) Captain's report: Dereck Buttler 2022/23 … cont'd …

Congratulations to all the tournament winners last year and hope we have the same good competitions this year.

The Ladies weekend at Carlyon Bay was a great success and everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed it. The non-golfing ladies took advantage of the extracurricular activities especially the wine tasting. For the golfers the weather was excellent and the golf was pretty good as well.

If you haven't been tempted yet then please join us, I am sure you and your partner would enjoy it. May I give a very big welcome to the all the new Captains.

Once again thank you for allowing me to be your captain in 2022 and I wish Geoff all the best for 2023".

11) Installation of 2023 Captain: Geoff Lowe

Geoff thanked Dereck and delivered the following response:
"Mr. President Mike, Gentlemen of the Gloucestershire Golf Captains
This is a huge honour to be installed as your 2023 Captain.

Dereck has done a great job throughout his term and I will be relying on his and the GGC Committee's sound advice to help me live up to the mark!

I am really looking forward to leading the teams in the inter-County matches, especially the 4-Counties tournament which Gloucestershire host this year at Cotswold Hills GC.

Most of you probably know my Vice-Captain but if not then please let me introduce Eric Millard from Chipping Sodbury Golf Club.

I'll hopefully see you at our meetings and matches this year; once again thank you for allowing me to be your Captain for 2023 and I look forward to welcoming as many as possible to my Captains Day on 4th July at my home club Henbury GC".

12) Any other Business.

a) Life Member - revise age

The GGC committee has reviewed the current membership status and recommended that the qualifying age for Life Membership is reduced from 90 to 80 with 5 years minimum service. (Effective from 2024).
There were no objections and all present agreed with the recommendation.

b) Update of Membership rules

The GGC Committee were asked to consider allowing Lady Club Captains to join the association.

A recent poll was taken to get **an indicative vote** capturing the views of the GGC members on whether our membership be comprised of both Male and Female Club Captains.

Active members polled	=	**236**
No reply	=	**61** (26%)
Against	=	**79** (33.5%)
For	=	**96** (40.5%)

All present were reminded on the GGC Membership rules

Alterations of Rules *(Extract from GGC Membership rules)*
No proposition, involving any radical alteration to the rules or Constitution of the Gloucestershire Golf Captains, shall be adopted unless it obtains the support of two-thirds of the members present at a General Meeting.

In line with the GGC rules a vote was taken on 2 points:

All in favour of:
1) "Membership to be comprised of both Male and Female Club Captains"
This received 32 votes.

All in favour of:
2) "Our membership to be comprised of Male Club Captains only"
This received 65 votes.

Point 2 was accepted and the rule will be changed to read:

"Only past and present Male Golf Club Captains shall be invited to join the Gloucestershire Golf Captains Association and will become members on submission of the relevant application details to the Honorary Secretary together with the appropriate subscription in force at the time. All other membership applications shall be subject to approval by the Management Committee. "

The President reported the decision for both AoB items a) & b) and the meeting was then closed.