

Annual General Meeting 2021

Saturday 16th October

The Renaissance Club, Gullane

MINUTES

Present: Andrew Brown (in the chair), Hugo Balfour-Melville, Paddy Ledingham, Robin Shuker, Peter Arthur, John Elliot, Andrew Ker, Richard Gibb, Mike Bowe, Paul Fergusson, David Lamond, Sami Proctor-Bouzabia, Cameron Blair, David Dunn-Butler, John Dunn-Butler, Graham Hawley, Alastair Morrison, Ian Satterthwaite, Gavin Mack, David McCowan, Graeme Reid, Apan Shah, Isaac Alexander, Sven Lidman, Euan Elrick, Roderick Urquhart, Neal Stewart, Duncan Somervail, Geoff Johnston.

Apologies: Robert Rigg, Adam Wraight, Torquil McInroy

- 1. Minutes of 2020 meeting were approved
- 2. 2021 Report. The President took great pride in being the first President to be able to report that during the year, Loretto had won the Halford Hewitt Cup. He was delighted that three members of the team were present and asked them to stand up and receive the applause from the other members. This was a magnificent achievement and the President made particular mention of the Captain, Adam Wraight, who had managed to gather together a group of talented players with a strong team spirit. There was potential for this group and others to achieve further success in the coming years. There were plans for events to be held both in the south and in Edinburgh to recognise this achievement.

The President wanted also to make mention of another successful event held during the year; The Loretto Public Schools Foursomes. This was a largely social event but a great success; forty players from some twenty schools had participated at West Sussex in July. It had been decided that the old 'Winter Foursomes' Trophy would in future be played for at this event. Congratulations were due to Alexander Kilgour for devising and organising this event which will become an important part of the calendar.

3. Accounts

As the AGM meeting from 2020 had taken place in early 2021, two years of accounts had been approved at the previous meeting and none were pending. The President commented that the Society was fortunate to be in robust financial health and the Committee would use this to invest in supporting young players to participate in Society events.

4. Subscriptions for 2021

It was proposed to maintain the current level of subscription and this was approved by the meeting.

5. Election of Office bearers for 2021

Hugo Balfour-Melville retired by rotation and put himself up for re-election. This was proposed by The President, seconded by Paddy Ledingham and approved.

The President commented that the constitution allowed for the three officers to be joined on the Committee by up to five other members. The President was keen to get more involvement from lady members and therefore proposed that Roseanne Niven be elected to the Committee. Rosie was one of the first Academy scholars, currently works for the European Tour and her brief would be to investigate ways of encouraging more lady members to participate. This was seconded by Hugo Balfour-Melville and approved.

6. AOB.

It was proposed to investigate how it might be possible to arrange an event which involved both members from Scotland and the South. The President agreed that the geographical split in the Society was a challenge, particularly for a small school. The Committee agreed to look at the option of a 'North vs. South' challenge.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at approximately 6pm.