



Old Lorettonian Golfing Society

Annual General Meeting 2020

Monday 1st March 7PM (via Zoom)

MINUTES

Present: Andrew Brown (Chairman), Robert Rigg (Secretary and Treasurer), Adam Wraight (Captain), Torquil McInroy, Hugo Balfour-Melville, Peter Arthur, Craig Cameron, Richard Fraser, Dr. Graham Hawley (Headmaster), Neil McPhater, Ian Sinclair, Matt Sinclair, John Swanston.

Apologies: Patrick Ledingham

1. Minutes of 2019 meeting were approved
2. 2020 Report. The President regretted that the AGM was being held in this format as normally it would take place in the convivial surroundings of the Renaissance Clubhouse following the OLGS Medal competition. The pandemic had meant that only two events had been possible during 2020: a match between the Society and the U6th at Archerfield and a match against the Old Marlburians at Liphook. These two matches did represent two ends of the spectrum of Society activities; the former looking to recruit new, young blood to the Society and the latter generally attracting older members of the Society. Following a meeting with Rick Valentine, closer contact with the school and the Academy had been agreed with one scratch match and one social match. The timings of these would be reviewed in light of events.

It is to be hoped that a more extensive fixture list can be achieved in 2021.

3. Accounts for the years to December 2019 and 2020
Normally the AGM approves the accounts for the previous year (2019) but the delay to the AGM means that the latest accounts for 2020 are available. The Treasurer summarised what is a healthy financial position for the Society. Expenditure levels had obviously been reduced during the year while a one-off sum of approximately £2,000 had been spent on the new stand-alone website.

Going forward the surplus was likely to reduce as the Society would no longer be receiving the annual contribution from the OL Society and the Committee planned to subsidise younger members at events to encourage greater participation.

Peter Arthur gave the meeting a summary of the nature and the role of the OLGS Trust. It was set-up many years ago to support the scratch team, in particular for the Halford Hewitt. The capital sum invested generates income of around £2,000 per annum which is passed to the Society and used for the Halford Hewitt. The Trustees are Graeme Simmers, Peter Arthur, the President and the Captain.

The accounts were unanimously approved.

A vote of thanks was given to Ian Sinclair who had meticulously looked after the accounts for many years.

4. Subscriptions for 2021

These have by default stayed at the existing level which was the Committee's proposal. The Committee plans no change in the foreseeable future. The database has been cleaned up to remove non-payers.

The subscription level was approved.

5. Election of Office bearers for 2021

It was proposed that in light of the 'lost' year that the entire Committee was re-elected en bloc. This was unanimously approved. The President stated that the Committee was keen to recruit a lady member to be elected at the next AGM.

6. AOB.

While it is still too early to confirm all the details of the fixtures for 2021, there is the prospect of most proceeding from May onwards. The Halford Hewitt has been postponed until 9th-12th September at RCP and Prince's. The Stenhouse Quaich has also been postponed until the autumn meaning the Scratch team will have a busy period with all four major tournaments (Hewitt, Stenhouse, Grafton Morrish and Queen Elizabeth) being played within a couple of months.

The Mellin Trophy will proceed as planned from 30th June – 2nd July. The Senior Wayfarers tournament in April has been cancelled and is unlikely to take place in 2021.

Most other social fixtures should be able to take place and a communication to members with details will be made in late March.

The Headmaster stated that he was pleased to hear about the closer links between the school and the Society and he would look to encourage leavers to join the Society. Success by the OLGS scratch team would have a positive effect for both the school and the Society as well as encouraging social players to participate.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.