

Minutes of the Highwaymen AGM on 8th November 2018 at 14.15.

1.0. Apologies for Absence

There were 13 apologies for absence. Appendix attached schedules those together with a list of attendees.

2.0 Minutes of previous AGM.

The minutes of the last AGM on the 7th November 2017 were approved.

3.0 Matters arising.

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

4.0 Captain's Report – Chris Dalton.

- I would like us all to firstly take a moment to remember those members that have Passed away during the year, Gordon Carr and Cyril O'Dell.
- Moving on to some of the figures this year, there were 47 Roll ups, (excludes the Thomas Trophy & the Greensomes with the ladies) and two that were cancelled due to bad weather, 1 rained off and 1 snowed off.
There was a total attendance of 1971, that's an average of 41 per roll up, the same as last year, with a total of 133 different player's over the year, slightly up on last year - so it's good news that we are gaining new active Highwaymen.
- The most attendances for Roll ups, we had four on 37 (John Chapman, Peter Christmas, Alan Meyer and Laurie Morse). However, overall (R/Up's plus Matches) was Bill McIntosh with 41.
- Prizes, 86 Members won prizes this year (5 more than last year) John Morgan was the main beneficiary with £97, in second place was Laurie Morse with £75. Ian, as you produced these figures, you've made a note of these results for the Annual handicap review in December !!
- A total of £1865 Prize money paid out during the year.
- There were 25 Inter - Club matches played this year, well done to Nigel Deacon for arranging them, and there were also 4 Over 70's matches, and our thanks go to Roger Smith for arranging these. More to be said on this in the match Secretary report later.
- Competition winners this year were as follows:
 - The HWM Champion (The Thomas Trophy) was Malcolm Lucas
 - The Best gross score - for the Claret Jug was Howard Somerville
 - The Balgarnie Cup was also won by Howard Somerville
 - Winner of the Elliott Cup was Laurie Morse
 - The Winter Eclectic was won by Malcolm Lucas
 - The Kim Short Trophy was won by Laurie Morse
 - The Serenyi Salver was won by Geoff Harrison for the 3rd year running, well done again Geoff, must have something to do with age, we'll have to cap yours from here on in.
 - The Costello Cup was won by non other than yours truly Chris Dalton
 - The Winter Pairs (Bob Wilkie Shield) won by Terry Kilbane and Tony Tilly
 - The Staunton Memorial was won by Nigel Deacon and David Eyre

- The Baxter Trophy was won by Sue Moynihan, Chris Thomas, Dan Deery and Richard Snook
- The Chris and Derek Thomas Bowl was won by Jane Carter and Geoff Eldred
- The Committee Cup was won by Roger Smith
- The Patricia Baxter format was changed this year from a match against the Ladies to a mixed Greensomes format and was won by Peggy Frost and Laurie Morse. This format was considered by all to be a much better and enjoyable event and will continue in this format for future years.
- The HWM Tour Trophy at St Pierre this year was won by John Morgan
- I would like to express my thanks to:
Peter Christmas, Paul Buchanan, Tim Ockenden and Graham Woodfine for their help in manning the Roll up check in desk and Tim of course, giving his time with such professionalism, taking many Photo's at the various events throughout the year.
- Our thanks also go to Graham Woodfine for taking on and organising the Men's Invitation Day this year and I have to say what a great job he did. I am sure the Club Captain will be asking the HWM section to arrange this day again next year and I have no doubt Graham, you will be asked to take on the task again.
- The Club Captain was very grateful for our donation of £1200 this year to his charity (PARITY the charity for people with multiple disabilities) and you'll find in the charity donations section of the clubs AGM minutes, several of our members have been mentioned for their individually and very generous donations, so a huge thank you to all of you.
- Thank you to Gerald Maurice and Roger for organising the HWM Tour again this year to St Pierre which was an excellent event. So much so that next year's Tour to Dale Hill is completely sold out, although we are taking names on a reserve list for those that may have missed out, I think you should see Gerald regarding that.
- I most certainly would like to thank my fellow committee members for their support during my Captaincy year, in carrying out their individual duties so well - a lot of work, time and effort is given by your committee members, as I'm sure you appreciate.
- Ian Greenaway - our IT guru for looking after the Website and as Handicap Secretary amongst many other area's
- Richard Snook - for organising all the social events such as the Autumn Dinner, Christmas Dinner, sorting, menus and seating plans etc and for all the various events such as inter club match menus during the year.
- Bill McIntosh - for arranging competitions
- Nigel Deacon - our match secretary for organising the teams for all our Inter - Club matches.
- Roger Smith - Our Secretary, and organiser the over 70s matches.
- Gerald Bullock - for looking after the HWM Diary and his involvement and help with the Annual HWM Tour and various other events.
- Last, but certainly not least Maurice Manning for his role as Treasurer, Parish Notices and so,so, much more. Most, if not all of you will be aware that Maurice is stepping down this year having served 8yrs as a committee member covering a number of the committee roles over that time. To say Maurice will be missed would be a drastic understatement.
From a personal point of view, when I joined the committee some four year ago as Treasurer I took over that role from Maurice and was slightly concerned about what I had taken on, but I needn't have been because Maurice was there every step of the way making sure I had the support I needed, and he knows how grateful I was for that.
- Fortunately Maurice is not leaving us, just stepping down from the committee and I'm sure that the in coming Treasurer will get as much support from Maurice as he needs in taking over this role. But of course that's not Maurice's only role..... PARISH NOTICES which we all rely on, the very prompt weekly news on absolutely everything you would want to know about, what's happened, what's going

to happen, it's all there in the Parish Notices. So, I am sure you will all join me in saying a HUGE THANK YOU TO MAURICE FOR ALL HIS DEDICATION AND HARD WORK OVER THE YEARS,
Thank you Maurice.

- Now, I have to say that whilst the Parish Notices will continue, it will not be as detailed as Maurice's has been in the past. However they will give you all the relevant details of results for that week, a Captains corner if the captain has anything to say.... plus what the immediate forthcoming events are etc, it may well be the Friday at the earliest that you receive them, or even over that weekend, so please be aware of these changes. Gerald is taking on this weekly task, as well the HWM diary and we thank him for that.
- Looking back on my introductory remarks at last year's AGM I said that our objective would remain the same, to continue to promote friendly golf and be inclusive of all HWM members - hopefully you will agree that we have achieved that.
I also said that I was going to look at reducing the cash handling aspect within our section. To this end, as you know, we have recently changed our checking in procedure, and now take the £3 roll up fee off the loyalty cards. I have to say that this has gone very smoothly to date, as much as some members may have had concerns about this introduction. I'm pleased to say that the only comments I have received since introducing it have been very positive and it has certainly been appreciated by other committee members and helpers alike, so thank you all for your support in facilitating this change.

Finally may I say it has been a real privilege to have served as your Highwaymen Captain and I am sure the new incoming captain will get the same support that you the membership have given me. Thank you.

5.0. Treasurer's Report – Maurice Manning

- The change to take the £3 rollup money off Member's Loyalty card, rather than paying cash, has affect one or two items in the Accounts. Basically, the entire roll up money now goes through the HWM's Bank account and therefore has to be accounted for, whereas previously the £1 prize money was paid out immediately and didn't go via the Bank.
- The £3 is taken off Member's cards and is credited to the Club's HWM account on the Thursday. This money is then transferred into the HWM's Bank account the following Tuesday. In order to pay out the prizes on a Thursday, a cash float is maintained. VAT is not paid on the prize money paid out on the day or at Christmas.
- The HWM fund at the end of the year stood at £2785.40 compared with £2925.05 at the beginning of the year.
- Income for the year was £10889.86 which was up on last year but did include £327 of roll up prize money. Equally, Expenditure for the year was £10919.51 which is up on last year mainly by the £327 prize money. Thus there was a slight deficit this year of £29.65.
- Income: Taking out the £327 prize money, income from roll ups was slightly down at £2154.
Charity collections and Donations were up this year and when taken with the Christmas Raffle etc comes to just over £1200 and provided the extra money for the Captain's Charity.
Only 30 entries for this year's Winter Pairs.
Interest on Savings Account received a boost this year with the rate of interest nearly trebling from 0.07% to 0.2% giving us £2.55 on £3000!
Event Income is slightly up at £6972.71, see Event Summary
- Expenditure: VAT was slightly up.
Event Expenditure was slightly up at £7130.98, see Event Summary
The competition prize money was reduced by £100
A new entry of "Rollup Prizes" covers the period Sept/Oct and was £327
Other cost increased by £743 as shown in the Other Costs Summary:
Main items being Captain's Charity, Engraving and Miniature Trophies
Also donation to Parkinson's UK in memory of Gordon Carr.
- Bank accounts and cash in hand amount to £5711.95. See Bank and Cash Summary.
Reclaimable VAT is £210.45, see VAT Summary

Reserves are: Christmas Dinner £2007 slightly down.
Competition Prize money (given at Christmas) increased to £750
Gives a total of £3137.

- Leaving Net Assets of £2785.40, down by £139.85 on the beginning of the year.
- Many thanks to John Burton for spending most of last weekend auditing the accounts.
- Many thanks to all those using the bank Transfer mechanism which does make the task easier.
- Hopefully this will be my last Treasurer's Report.

6.0 Match Secretary's Report, Presented by Chris in Nigel's absence.

- Nigel said he would like me to pass on a Huge thank you to all of you who supported and played for the teams, in what was our best year for 15 years, since 2003 No mean feat Guys !
- Just to let you know, we had a total of 40 different players representing the club during the season, over 25 matches. We had 12 new players making their debuts for the Highwaymen, which helped enormously.
- The players who played the most matches were Paul Carter (who played in every fixture), Bill McIntosh played 22 and yours truly 20. The 25 matches included our annual challenge against the Tuesday Boys which we won 5&
- Over 70's matches, four were planned against Merrist Wood and Test Valley, The results were: Played 3, won 2, Halved 1 and 1 unfortunately had to be abandoned as not all TV Arrived due to road closure on M3.

7.0. Election of Committee Members

We have some changes to the committee this year, as you already know, Maurice is stepping down, so too is Nigel Deacon. I am pleased to say that we have received several nominations this year to join the committee and your committee recommends that the following nominees be elected, Graham Woodfine, Paul Buchanan and Tim Lambert. By a show of hands all three nominees were appointed unanimously.

8.0 Appointment of Captain – 2018/19.

Chris Dalton introduced Roger Smith as this year's vice captain and incoming captain for 2018/19. By a show of hands Roger Smith was appointed unanimously as Captain for 2018/19.

9.0 New Captains Introductory Address – Roger Smith

- Well I've got some big shoes to fill here. Chris has had a great year, getting involved in lots of club activities and looking after our interests. An example being the negotiation with WGC over the buggy hire cost, ensuring those over 80's receive a good deal. Chris followed Ian, who continues to have a considerable input with IT, handicaps and web site. Prior to Ian, Gerald, Maurice to Tony and Paul, so I'm a little apprehensive, but looking forward to it.
- **Committee members**
- We received five nominations for new committee members, Tim Lambert, Alan Dowsett, Graham Woodfine, Graham Thomson, Paul Buchanan, which was great. Our problem is we have specific jobs to fill and not all nominees were suited too or happy to take on. However we have moved forward with 3, and pleased to say you have just appointed them. Thanks to Alan and Graham T, for their nominations and no doubt we will be calling on them to help during the year.
- This year's committee sees some fairly major changes, Maurice a mainstay for many years has decided to step down. We shall greatly miss his organisation, input and parish notice. It's difficult to express the amount of work Maurice puts into the HWM. Maurice thank you. The parish notice shall be taken over by Gerald but in a somewhat reduced form, so watch this space.
- Additionally Maurice as treasurer, a major job on the committee, Maurice has shown such commitment and passion over twice taking on this role. I'm please to say Tim Lambert has taken on this roll, much to the relief of myself. I could have been here today asking who wants to be treasurer!.

- Nigel as match secretary for 3 years is also stepping down. What a great job under difficult circumstances. Twenty six matches home and away, sometimes two in one week just great dedication and a willingness to ensure we keep our end up !. Stepping in is new committee member Graham Woodfine. Graham brings a multitude of experience and I'm sure we can look forward to another successful year.
 - Richard is remaining on the committee, but stepping down as social secretary. Again some great work by Richard over the years, having to deal with various club representatives over the years. Getting the best deals on meals, wine and the numerous functions. Richard shall continue as secretary in addition to other tasks. Paul Buchanan is taking over as social secretary and I'm sure our functions will successfully continue.
 - I'm pleased to say Ian will continue with IT, handicaps and web site. He has done some great work moving our rollup app to an independent server such that we can modify and updated elements without constantly referring to Tony Green. Tony was happy to help with this and I'm sure will continue to support us in the future.
 - Bill McIntosh will continue as competitions secretary.
 - Chris as last year's Captain will be this year's welfare officer and generally stepping in when required.
 - Gerald remains in charge of the diary, taking over the Parish notice plus helping with other matters.
- Highwaymen Rollup.**
- There's little doubt that our HWM group are much envied by many other clubs. It's the organisation of the rollup, friendliness and some great functions. One element is the rollup, which follows the principle "to promote friendly golf and be inclusive of all HWM members". It's the great mix which makes it work.
Unfortunately we have recently seems various groups of players not following this principle and regularly playing together, i.e car parking. I believe they are missing a great opportunity in not mixing and getting to know all members, which as I say forms the HWM. I hope it will not be necessary, but the committee will monitor rollups and if this continues we will split the offending groups.
Also on rollups, I'm looking to change the duty roster. I would like to see eight volunteers partnering eight committee members. This will spread the work load and enable members and especially new members to be more involved and get to know everybody. I already have a few names, but are looking for more.
- Match meals**
- We are looking at a change to our home match meals. The two course meal will next year cost £20, plus rounds of drinks, this is becoming too expensive. At least five of the clubs we play away have a single course or breakfast plus sandwiches. Therefore I'm thinking of a single course similar to the "rabbits" matches. We have until next April to sort and will take a view from our regular match players.
 - **Christmas Dinner**
This year we will see a change in the bottle raffle. Over past years the "spirit" of giving prizes has dwindled somewhat. We have not received sufficient prizes and some could only be described as leftovers not really required. So this year we will have prizes drawn from the hat, number to match how many tables we have. Cost will still be £5, and as previously all proceeds go to the HWM accounts and charity.

No matter what changes are on the horizon, rest assured we will do our best to ensure the HWM go forward successfully.

10.0. AGM Changes to Constitution.

Last year we raised the issue of the existing HWM Constitution and said we were going to revise it and add a Rules and Guidelines document. The need for this came about whilst trying to incorporate changes to CONGU rules for handicaps. This has now been completed and you have all had the opportunity to read and digest it. Chris Dalton requested a show of hands in favour of adopting this new Constitution along with the Rules and Guidelines document. This was accepted by the AGM.

11.0 AOB.

- Bob Jarvis queried if all individual rounds of golf could become qualifiers. It was noted we currently have 19 qualifiers throughout the year and that had been derived from many conversations over the past years. Chris noted that with forthcoming changes to rules and the discussions on a World handicap system being implemented, perhaps we should wait to see how this develops.
- Robin Tyler noted a typographical on the new constitution document. Robin was thanked and it will be corrected.

No other business was raised, so the meeting was declared closed.

Appendix 1. Apologies for absence and list of attendees.

Apologies:- Dugald Macpherson, Nigel Deacon, Bill McIntosh,
Graham Robertson, Robin Hampton, David Whale, Geoff Lloyd,
Paul Carter, David Preece, Rod Rigby, Dennis Dale-Green,
Peter Ashworth,

Attendees:- Alan Dowsett, Alan Culley, Terry Kendall, Gordon Ebbon,
Graham Woodfine, Paul Rozier, David Head, Roger Smith,
Gerald Bullock, Paul Buchanan, Bob Jarvis, Norlan McIntyre,
Laurie Morse, Ian Greenaway, Robin Tyler, Derek Thomas,
Tony Castelo, John Peasgood, Brough Grilling, John Massey,
Alan Myer, Richard Ewington, Tony Tilly, Andrew Griffiths,
Peter Kennell, David Giles, Richard Snook, Chris Dalton.
Maurice Manning, John Peasgood, Keith Doran, John Cook,
Terry Reeves, Peter Christmas, Peter Liechti, David Eyre,
Howard Summerville, John Burton, Kamal Patel, Vinod Kumar.
John Chapman, Phillip Harrison, Malcolm Lucas, Ian Shilling, Robin Elliott.

