



Society of Essex Golf Club Captains

SOCIETY OF ESSEX GOLF CLUB CAPTAINS

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT ABRIDGE GOLF CLUB ON MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2008.

PRESENT: DERI LLOYD (Captain), JOHN SMITH (Vice Captain), PETER CROSS (I.P.C.), T.G. WALKER (Hon. Secretary), I. TIMPSON, B. EVANS, Together with 125 Members.

Apologies for absence: V. VIZE (President), JOHN SHERRINGTON (Committee)

Approval of Minutes of the last A.G.M. held at Warley Park Golf Club on Thursday 27th September 2007 having been distributed to all Members were taken as read and passed without dissent.

Accounts for the year ending the 30th September 2007 having been circulated to all Members were passed without dissent and thereby adopted and approved.

Retiring Captain's Report: The Captain began by welcoming all who were attending the A.G.M. and said that he was delighted with the support he had received throughout the year that had made it so enjoyable. He particularly enthused on the Greenkeeper's Day, the Family Greensomes and the Mini Break. All were very well supported except for the New Captain's Day which he stressed was not only for New Captains but for all past Captains as well and he hoped that future attendances would improve. Our County Matches were disappointing having won 1, drawn 2 and lost 3 and collected the Wooden Spoon in the Triangular Match. He thanked all of the Golf Clubs who hosted our meetings saying without their generosity we could not survive. He said he had been proud and privileged to be Captain of this wonderful Society and it has been an incredible experience. He thanked the Secretary, President, Vice Captain and Committee for all their support including Geoff Dreher for organising the raffle at each meeting so efficiently enabling us to donate to "CRY" and "ORCHARD" and other charities. He finished by wishing John Smith every success as Captain next year.

Election of Officers:

The President..... VIC VIZE (In his second year as President)

The Captain JOHN SMITH. Proposed, Seconded and carried unanimously. The incoming Captain was presented with his Chain of Office and the Captain's Blazer. The outgoing Captain was presented with his Past Captains Jewel. The new Captain thanked Deri for his excellent year as reigning Captain and promised to uphold the excellent standards set by his predecessor.

Vice Captain IAN TIMPSON. Proposed, Seconded and carried unanimously.
Hon. Secretary TOM WALKER, Proposed, Seconded and carried unanimously.
Committee Member ERIC ROAST, Braintree Golf Club. Proposed, Seconded and carried unanimously.
Life Membership DERI LLOYD. Proposed, Seconded and carried unanimously.



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Any other business: There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was brought to a close at 7.30 p.m. with thanks to the Chair.

..... **CAPTAIN**

..... **DATE**



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CAPTAIN'S REPORT TO THE A.G.M. 2008

I welcome you all, including the Chairman and Past Captain of Abridge Golf Club Stephen Acton, to our 55th A.G.M. I am delighted with the support that I have received throughout the past year and this has helped to make my Captaincy so enjoyable.

The Greenkeeper's Day at Romford was the best ever and the Family Greensome's Day at Chigwell was also very popular and well attended as were all of our golf days, with one exception. The turn-out for our New Captain's Day at Ballards Gore was very disappointing. It was never intended that this day should be just for New Captains. ALL Members are welcome. Please encourage your Club's New Captain to attend or better still perhaps you could invite him personally and bring him along as I have been doing in recent years.

Our Match results could have been better this year. We won 1, drew 2 and lost 3. All the games were very close with the exception of the Norfolk match when we were trounced. Regretfully we were awarded the Wooden Spoon in the Triangular match.

I must take this opportunity to thank officially all the Golf Clubs who allowed us to use their courses and facilities throughout the year. Without their generosity we could not survive.

The Mini Break at Sprowston Manor, Norwich was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We are in the process of choosing a new venue for next year.

I had the pleasure of attending numerous County Captains' Dinners and of course our own Annual Dinner at the new banqueting suite at the Orsett Hall Hotel. What a superb setting it was, there was an exception turn-out, 377 to be precise. We are hoping to reach 400 next March.

I have been extremely proud and privileged to be Captain of this wonderful Society for the past year, it has been an incredible experience. To some extent I have been able to take everything in my stride but only because our Secretary, Tommy, is ultra efficient and readily available to advise and assist. Thank you Tommy. I must also thank our President, Vic Vize and Vice Captain, John Smith, and the remainder of the Committee, Peter Cross, Ian Timpson, Brian Evans and John Sherrington.

One other person I must thank is Geoff Dreher who spends a huge part of every Society day doing the rounds selling raffle tickets. This enables us to donate money to charity. This year £1500.00 has been donated to "Cardiac Risk in the Young" and "Orchid" fighting male cancer. Thank you gentlemen for your contributions.

Finally, all that remains is for me to wish John every success as Captain of the Society next year. You can reply on my full support and I sincerely hope that all you Members will support him too.