

ANNUAL GENERAL MINUTES-FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 6.30PM IN CLUBHOUSE

Item 1-Welcome-Chairman-John Sheffield-He welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a special welcome to the President Joan Armstrong, Club Chairman Les Balmer and club vice-captain Chris Rebanks. He stated that it was very encouraging to see the rise in both junior and cadet membership. He thanked all the juniors for their support of junior golf and gave a special thanks to parents and other relatives who had provided support and encouragement to them. Members of the junior committee were also thanked for giving up their own time to organise the junior golf activities.

Item 2-Apologies-Bridget Coyle, June Doyle and Nigel Scott.

Item 3-Minutes of 2023 Junior AGM-these were agreed.

Item 4-Coaching review – Coaching has taken place on Monday evenings throughout the summer and despite some inclement weather on occasions most sessions have taken place. Many of the juniors have improved their game and it has been very encouraging to see a number of the younger juniors achieve a personal handicap. The section now has 50 junior members and 10 Cadet members which is a significant rise on previous years. It is hoped to hold some junior coaching during the October half term week, weather permitting. The junior committee will also be considering ways of involving juniors in some golf through the winter months to keep in touch with them. Some initial enquiries have been made and it is hoped further details will be circulated in due course.

Item 5-Junior Team -It was reported that matches had been played against Workington, Brampton, Carlisle and Maryport home and away. A win was achieved in the home games against Carlisle and Brampton and the game against Workington at home was halved. The team has represented the club really well and it has been encouraging to see the mix of experience and newcomers in the junior team which augers well for the future. It is hoped that there will be more juniors to select the team from next year.

Item 6-SIXES – A report was provided on the introduction of the SIXES format. This format of golf provides an opportunity for juniors with no handicap or 37 and above to play in a team competition adopting Texas scramble rules. Matches are played over 6 holes and it has proved to be an enjoyable form of golf. It has also been very encouraging to see the support of parents which is vital. Matches have been played against other clubs and it is hoped to continue with the SIXES next year learning lessons acquired during the summer. Paul Butler was thanked for his individual efforts in introducing SIXES to the club.

Item 7-Looking ahead to 2025-at the moment it is unclear what structure will be in place at the club for the delivery of professional services but the junior committee will endeavour to put in place an enjoyable coaching programme learning lessons from the past year. It is intended to complete competitions and team matches earlier if possible and the Junior Championship and Junior America Cup will again be included in “Club Finals Day”. It is planned to re-introduce a Junior Open at the club next year when juniors from other clubs will also be able to enter. The junior section will also be assisting at the Annual tri-golf event in November in conjunction with Eden Valley Schools Sports Partnership.

Item 8-Financial position-the junior section has managed to run the section on a self -sufficient basis due to the generosity of club members and others who have kindly made individual donations towards the development of junior golf. The section held their own fundraising event in May which was really well supported by members and thanks to them for their continuing support.

Item 9-Election of Junior Captain 2025-George Parkes was elected as the junior captain for 2025. The current captain Magnus Villardsen was thanked for his work representing the club over the past year. He was presented with a club tie as a small token of appreciation for his efforts.

George has represented the County and has made remarkable progress with his handicap now down to very low single figures. He has also competed in the senior competitions at the club and was successful in winning the Captain's drive in.

Item10-Presentation of trophies-The current vice-captain of the club Chris Rebanks presented the majority of the trophies to all the trophy/prize winners. He congratulated all the juniors for taking part in all the coaching and competitions and to those who had represented the club in team matches and also the newly established SIXES. He wished the section all the very best in the year ahead and thanked the junior committee and other volunteers who had organised and delivered the junior golf.

Alister Mayne presented the Louise Mayne trophy in memory of his late wife. Alistair expressed his thanks to the junior section for their work. It was great to see it growing and long may that continue. He said that Louise would have been delighted to see the SIXES format for the younger members of the section and how the section is developing. She too a great interest in junior development and the award to Paul Butler for his work introducing and managing the SIXES was thoroughly deserved.

It should be noted that Lucas Worth and Ben Clark were unable to attend the meeting and collect their trophies and their apologies were noted.

Light refreshments were provided at the conclusion of the meeting and thanks to Fairways Catering for providing these.

JUNIOR COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS 2024

Junior Championship-George Parkes-runner up-Magnus Villardsen

Junior America Cup-George Parkes-runner up-Ellis McAuley

Paraiso Trophy-Winner-Max Bryson

Charters Shield-Winner-Lucas Worth

Richardson Trophy-Winner-Giles Raine

Allinson Trophy-Winner-Joseph Tinkler

Bell Trophy -Winner-George Parkes

Bob Sly Trophy-Winner-Leah Butler

Mattinson Trophy-winner-Ben Clark

Miller Cup-Nate Leonard-also a 4 hole competition won by-Toby Butler

Louise Mayne Trophy-Paul Butler

Dads Army Trophy-Nate Leonard

Item 12-Any other business-there was reference to the SPOND system which facilitates communications between juniors and the junior committee and it is hoped to refresh this system so that communications can improve.

Item 13-Date of next meeting-Monday 28 October 2024 at 6.30pm in the clubhouse.