



**Minutes of the 19th Annual General Meeting of
Park Hill Golf Club
Held in the Seagrave Suite**

On Tuesday 12th March 2013

Present: 52 members

Apologies:

Terri Wills, Steve Reynolds, Sue Roberts, Anton Zarebski, Peter Lightfoot, Daniel Mee, Pauline Dignan

AGM 1301 Minutes:

The minutes of the 2012 AGM were taken as read and adopted as a true record and signed by the Chairman John Wright.

AGM 1302 Golf Committee Report:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 19th AGM.

Firstly I would like to thank the Committee who have supported me as chairman and you as members throughout the year.

My thanks must also go to the Captains and Presidents for their hard work this year and all the Team Captains and the members who play for them week after week. We are still looking for a B Team Captain or Captains for next year. So if anyone is interested please let us know.

I also want to say a huge thanks to Matt & Matt for running the competitions over the winter and their help and support to us all throughout the year, as always.

My thanks also go to Nick Prentice for his continued support to the members and the club in his many, many various guises.

I would also like to thank Dean and his team who did an excellent job last year under adverse weather conditions and the other obvious problems that most of us endured. The course was still a good challenge although it needed some care and attention, which with the Green staff at his disposal it was difficult to achieve.

We have had a successful and challenging year as a club. I will leave the highlights to the captains. The committee spent most of the latter part of the season trying to convince people that good things would happen soon, and not to leave the club in haste, it was extremely difficult for me trying to squash rumours with the small amount of information that I could pass on.

It has been absolute bliss this last few weeks when the black cloud suddenly lifted from Park Hill and I personally, will be eternally grateful to the new management Team of Dave, Dan, Alan and Janice, for their commitment and belief that we have a great club here, with a great membership and I for one can get back to enjoying the main reason I am here. To enjoy Playing Golf.

Dave and his family have shown their commitment to us through their long hard struggle to acquire the club.

Now it's our turn to show our commitment to them as members.

I believe that the older the club gets, the better and stronger it gets, With a great diversity of members, who have stayed with the club through thick and thin, and in both the maturity of the course and the facilities we have at our disposal.

I am truly looking forward to the new golfing year and let's hope it's another good year. We are already seeing changes happening all around us and with a little patience and understanding from us all; I am convinced that we will have the best club in the county within a few years.

4. AGM 1303 Treasurers Report:

This year we have made a loss of £277 on the income from competitions.

Hopefully this will recover if we can build up the membership.

Roger Cutler asked Frank for clarification on the cost of junior meals and why they had cost so much and he answered that the cost was for juniors who played in the C or B team, in the past the club covered this. It was suggested that the committee would look into this.

Also, as the Honours boards were close to being full we need to look at the cost of replacing or buying additional honours boards for 2014 onwards. This will be looked into at the next committee meeting.

Frank thanked Martin Cox for auditing the accounts.

The acceptance of the accounts as a true record were proposed and seconded by Matt Ulliyet and Geoff King.

AGM 1304 Lady Captains report:

At present the ladies membership stands at 41 as we have had 3 new lady members this year. Despite the appalling weather it has been a very busy year. There have been postponements but we only had to cancel 2 friendly matches.

We have competed in: - The Mail on Sunday Classic, Daily Mail foursomes, The County Foursomes, County Mixed Foursomes, County Generation Pairs, won by Fiona and Beth Johnson. The Ping 4BBB, The Coronation Foursomes and the County Veterans Championship, where Maureen Moakes won the Bronze division.

We had 12 friendly fixtures of which 2 were cancelled due to bad weather, 2 AM AM competitions and we had 1 draw, 3 losses and 4 wins.

The handicap league ably managed by Angela Wright was a real success story this year as we won 4 out of the 5 matches and topped our division. We now have to play even better as we were promoted to a higher division for next season.

Our Ladies away day in August took the form of an exchange day with Belton Park. 21 members attended and we were made very welcome by Belton Park and we all enjoyed the day. I would also like to thank Matt and Matt for looking after our visitors from Belton Park when they came here to play.

September we were off again for the weekend this time at Oulton Hall-Leeds. 18 members attended and the competition was played in good spirit and produced some excellent scores, it was very closely contested with Sue Rossiter coming out on top as the overall winner.

We held 2 very successful Opens: The August AM AM was won by Anna Reynolds and Maureen Moakes Team and the Winter AM AM was won by Liz Williams team. These Open competitions just don't happen and I would also like to thank once again our Pro's for their invaluable help along with Angela Wright and Jane Walmsley for their help with registration, Norma Carpenter for the beautiful flower arrangements and all the ladies for the cakes in the half way house. Not to forget Spiros for running it.

The Ladies meet regularly on Tuesdays at 9 am to play golf and socialise. It is also a good time to practice and learn the rules of golf.

On reflection a good year beset by some very bad weather, but so enjoyable, I wouldn't have missed it for the world.

I would just like to say thank you for bestowing on me the honour of being Lady Captain and for all your help and support.

AGM 1305 Club Captains Report:

This year has been memorable for many reasons. As we began 2012 season we were most definitely a golf club that purchased services from a golf course to pursue our sport. There was little synergy between the two, even less trust and a lot of dissatisfaction. We have had the worst weather in recent memory during 2012 and few green staff to maintain the course.

The global economic situation has impacted on people's free time and this has filtered through into competition turnouts and team availability. We faced the uncertainty of ownership and this had an effect on member numbers, and yet we are still here, still enjoying our golf and we are all looking forward to the next 12 months. What a resilient bunch we are!!!

But during this year we had many bright points.

Our small green staff worked well beyond what could be reasonably expected, they were under resourced and under funded, yet somehow they kept us playing and kept the course open. Delivering more playing days than any other course in Leicestershire.

Our team of professional golfers have done so much for us this year that I couldn't list everything, but will focus on one aspect: Competitions: the work these guys do to keep our comps running is immense and they even added more comps to maintain revenue. Without this the club, that is US the members would not have sufficient funds to engrave trophies, maintain honours boards and fund the A Team and a Junior Team in the way that we do. All this time and effort is given freely and without it this club would not be as active and ready for the future as it is today. Thank you Matt, Matt, Nick and Tom and of course Aubrey.

Our club teams performed well and we must thank our team captains (Oli Wilson, Dick Hogg, Graham Barradell, Rob Dews, Pauline Dignan) for all there hard work. Cris will speak about the Ladies wonderful year and about the mixed Teams and I would like to now compliment our B team C team and Seniors on an enjoyable season. Stuart Biddle has worked hard too with our Juniors and when coupled with our junior Academy we can feel confident that the future is in safe hands. Thanks to all those people who have got involved and will get involved in 2013.

Of course I still have to talk about our A Team, or the Scratch Team if you prefer. These are the guys who represent our club in the Men's' County League and it is tough out there! Having followed these guys this season I realise just how hard it is to win these matches and to win their division this year and secure promotion to Div 3. It is a wonderful achievement. So don't be shy to offer congratulations or support to them in 2013. Div 3 is tough and our new Team Captain Sam Gamble will have a much better chance with our support. Get behind the teams if you can and let's secure our place in Div 3. Of course the big news of the New Year was the acquisition of the club by the Mee Family. Now I know that John Wright has talked about the future under new owners and you will shortly here from Dave about his vision for the club, so I will not dwell on this anymore, save to say that this acquisition is very

positive for all of us and offer Dave, Daniel, Janice and Allan my full support and wish them every success.

And finally having served on the committee for 2 years I realise just how much hard work, unpaid and mostly un-thanked, goes into keeping even the most basic things going. Many people have opinions on what needs to be done, a few have complaints, fewer still have compliments but what I have learned is that a very few people are responsible for the enjoyment of the members of this club.

I am deliberately going to highlight two people who, during my time on the committee, have worked tirelessly for all of us. Without seeing it first hand it is difficult to imagine the hours that they put in, here at the club, add the fact that they do have day jobs and it is even more remarkable.

I have the utmost respect for these two people and I know that many of you do too so please join with me in recognition of the dedication shown to this club by Neil Roberts and John Wright.

Ladies and Gentleman in the last year we have endured foul weather and uncertainty and we have emerged better, stronger and with a brighter future ahead. I leave office this year with one message to you all. "Please support your committee and our new owners, who will be working together to give us the golf course and a golf club that we can enjoy and be proud of".

Thank You all for your support and friendship over the past 12 mths. Cris and I shall say more about our Captains year at the change over dinner on April 6th, where we hope to see you all.

AGM 1306 Junior Report:

We now have 15 juniors with active handicaps with more coming through.

We had 13 active players in the 2012 county league and finished with 1 win, 3 losses and 1 halved match. We have continued with junior golf nights every Tuesday, plus coaching from Matt Whelband.

We now have a Junior Committee comprising of me (Stuart Biddle), the Junior Captain, Matt Whelband, Fiona Johnson and Terri Wills. The priority of this committee at present is to attain Golf Mark for secure funding for the future. We are almost there!

The Junior Captain for 2012 was Jack Biddle and next years Captain is Greg Johnson. George Griffiths finished second in the County order of merit and George Griffiths, Alice Watson and Beth Johnson played for the County, with Mark Smith and Eric Tuttey representing Nottinghamshire.

Tommy Beswick was the 2012 Junior Champion and Sam Dowd won the Syd Williams Trophy.

The Park Hill Junior Open had 27 entries which was disappointing and down on last year. It is part of the County Order of Merit.

Lastly thanks to all of the members who have supported the juniors this year especially to the Pro's and Dave Mee.

AGM 1307 Election of Officers 2013 Season:

- a) Lady Captain
- b) Club Captain

Maureen Moakes
Rob Walling

AGM 1308 Election of Committee Officers:

A vote took place for the position of Handicap Secretary as there were 2 nominees. Glenda Yeldham duly was elected.

There being 4 nominations for general committee places and only 2 vacant places, a vote for the 2 vacant positions took place and the successful nominees were proposed and seconded and approved by the meeting.
The successful candidates were Lee Brown and Rod Bint.

AGM 1309 Election of Auditor:

Martin Cox agreed to stand as Auditor for another year and was accepted by the committee.

AGM 1310 Announcements:

a) Nomination of Vice Captains Lady Vice Captain Jackie Walker

AGM 1311 Proprietors Report:

Dave welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked everyone for their support so far. Thank you for making the Mee family so welcome at Park Hill.

I would also like to thank the Captains and Committee for their hard work and support and all the Park Hill staff who have rallied round to help.

We have some ideas for making positive changes to the course. So far we are working on the bunkers, treatment for the greens and have ordered fertilizer for the fairways.

Our future phases will be in 5 stages. Once the changes are finalized we will post changes and work progress on the notice board in the entrance to the clubhouse with regular updates. Matt and Dave are to walk the course to note changes and improvements. All these changes and improvements will depend on the value of any hidden expenditure that may arise beforehand.

We have a New Years Eve Party planned with entertainment, Fireworks and Buses to pick up and drop off from local villages.

We have written a new constitution which will be added to the Website.

We have a new competition for the new golfing year, August 17th "The Directors Trophy". Income to help support Junior Meals and Prize table sponsored by the Family.

With regard to membership, we have reduced the fees for next season on all types of membership. Direct Debit payment options can be over 6mths, 10mths or 12mths. Due to the fact we are a new business the banks will not allow us to accept credit card payment for membership. Obviously once we have been trading for a certain period we will then be able to provide this option.

We have increased our green staff and at present we have 8 green staff.

AGM 1312 Questions from the members.

A member asked if there would be disruption on the course if the owners were to make changes.

Dave replied that there may be diggers etc on the course but they would try to keep disruption to a minimum.

Vicky Carr asked if the Presidents Putter etc could be put back in the club house.

Dave replied that certain aspects of the club house will be changed and Honours boards etc will be reinstated.

Geoff King asked about insurance cover for the members.

Dave replied that he has the certificate for Public Liability etc. The members should have there own Insurance.

Mr Denny asked why Presentation Night had been moved.

The reason that presentation Night was moved to Jan was due to the bad weather and it was decided to leave the night in Jan to allow for the trophies to be engraved in a timely fashion.

AGM 1313 A.O.B

Ken James told the meeting that next years fixtures for the seniors are now posted on the senior's board in the corridor.

There being no other business the meeting closed and 8.00 pm.