

**CHATSWORTH GOLF CLUB
AGM 11 DECEMBER 2018**

MINUTES

The Chairman John Oliver welcomed everyone to the meeting which was held in the Cavendish Hall.

36 members were present.

Apologies: Lawrence Armstrong, Pat Thurlby, Pauline Johnston

Minutes: The minutes of the 2017 AGM had been displayed in the Golf Room prior to the meeting. These were formally accepted.

Proposed: Fred Mellor

Seconded: Bill Littleton

Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer explained he operated a simple cash accounting system. The revenue account for the year 1.10.17-30.9.18 showed income of £108,591.63 (2016/17 £106,628.04) and expenditure of £121,737.68 (2016/17 £113,360.93) resulting in an operating loss of £13,146.00 (2016/17 loss of £6,732.89). These figures were affected by the recipient of Charity Day 2017 not cashing their cheque until 2018 resulting in a loss of £12,302.89. This year's loss of £13,146.00 had also been affected by 5 members who paid their subscriptions in September instead of October therefore £1,306.25 of this year's subscriptions were included in last year's income giving an operating loss of £8,882. However the most important thing was the amount in the bank which was £26,644.66 (2016/17 £39,790.69). He said subscriptions were up, joining fees were down and surprisingly given the summer weather, green fees were less. VAT refunds were less, course upkeep costs had increased as had affiliation fees. It had been the Club's decision to spend money on the course and the trend would continue this year because of continuing work on the renewal of the 2nd green.

The accounts were accepted:

Proposed Graham Ward

Seconded Peter Barlow

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer.

Subscriptions The existing subscriptions:

Ordinary	£160
Associate	£335
Ordinary Junior	£20

Associate Junior	£30
Ordinary Student under 22	£30
Associate Student under 22	£75

Because the Club was proposing to do more work on the course, and the Treasurer would like to keep a balance of £20,000 in the bank, if a subscription rate for 2020 was set now it may turn out to be too high or too low. The following provisional rates were proposed and these would be considered again in August 2019:

Ordinary	£175
Associate	£365
Ordinary Junior	£20
Associate Junior	£30
Ordinary Student (18- 22 yrs)	£50
Associate Student (18-22 yrs)	£75

Proposed: Geoff Allen
 Seconded: John Mellor

This was agreed.

Chairman’s report:

“What a great summer, great Captains, great events, great course and great weather.

This is my last AGM as I am retiring as your chairman, however, don’t get too excited and start waving the flags as I am carrying on as your Vice chairman.

As chairmen of our Golf Club with Mark our prime duties are to look after the interests of the Estate and ensure that the golf club is administered in an appropriate way to ensure that our status as an estate amenity is justified. We must also protect the integrity of the estate and the Cavendish Family.

We must have a certain level of full members to justify our status as a Chatsworth Amenity and so we try to retain a ratio of full members (estate workers, pensioners, volunteers and tenants) to associate members of 1 ordinary to 3 associates. The huge advantage of being a Chatsworth staff amenity is that we do not have to pay the Estate any rent for the use of the course and if we were to lose that status our subs would probably rise by £100.00 each. They may even double and that would be the end of our club as we know it. However lets hope that never happens because at the moment we have a great relationship where the ordinary members supply the course and the associates supply the majority of the finance, without each other we could not have anywhere near as good a course as we have.

We have a great Lady’s section, it is well organised, very successful and a huge support to the club and I am extremely proud of them and their achievements. This has been a fabulous year for the Ladies section. Competitions at home have led to some great scores and seen handicaps tumbling. Away from home, Chatsworth Ladies are becoming a force to be reckoned with. Their Silver team had an amazing run, beating Ashbourne (among others) to become Silver Trophy finalists. They played Mickleover in the final at Horsley, only losing 2 to 3 after a nail-biting finish on the 18th.

Lady Captain Janette and Vice Captain Annie won the County Autumn4BBB at Shirland.

Bev' Taylor won the Society of Golf Captains Autumn Meeting at Horsley, beating 71 ladies from 19 Derbyshire clubs.

Alison Lunt got a hole in one at Chevin's Open AmAm.

Carol Marsden, Judith Mason, Sue Wilson and Jan Luckcraft won Tapton Park's Breast Cancer Charity AmAm. Other teams and players too numerous to mention were placed in various competitions around the County and beyond. So well done the Chatsworth Ladies and good luck for next year..

However, from an estate point of view we need to attract new lady members from the estate to get the ladies ratio back up to 3 to 1, so that must be one of our goals for 2019.

This year the committee has elected to award Life Membership to Geoff Alan and Sandy Fearn in recognition of the dedication, hard work and expertise that they have freely given over several decades to keep our club and members happy.

This year's Captains Jannette and Lawrence have been outstanding in every way, they have gone the extra mile and beyond, they have been a pleasure to work with. They deserve a huge round of applause from you as a thank you for their unstinting efforts on your behalf.

I know that Annie and Andy will do a sterling job for us next year although they both have very difficult acts to follow.

Finally, to close I must thank all the members of all the committees and officials who work so hard on your behalf to keep the show on the road, giving up hundreds of hours of their time to help us enjoy a round of carefree golf. I know that I have said this before, but I have to say that having been on the club committee for donkeys' years, the group of people who now organise and administer everything are as good as or better than we have ever had and I have really enjoyed my time working with them all.

Thank you."

Election of officers: Current serving officers:

President	The Duke of Devonshire
Vice President	The Earl of Burlington
Chairman	John Oliver (retiring)
Vice Chairman	Mark Harries (retiring)
Treasurer	Kevan Gaffey (continuing)
Hon Secretary	Andrew Lloyd (continuing)
Minutes Sec	Sue Barlow (co-opted/continuing)
Fixtures Sec	Andrew Kernaghan (continuing)
Greens Cttee Sec	Chris Ashbrook (continuing)
Handicap Sec	John Mellor (continuing)

The following wished to stand as officers

Chairman	Mark Harries
Vice Chairman	John Oliver

All the other officers were prepared to continue. All the officers were elected en bloc.

Proposed	David Bruce
Seconded	Geoff Allen

Election of Committee:

In addition to the officers there were 6 Ordinary members on the Committee.

Fred Mellor	(continuing)	Helena Gaffey	(continuing)
Graham Ward	(continuing)	Amy Gibbs	(retiring)
Charles Jackson	(retiring)	Mervyn Barnes	(retiring)

The following members wished to stand in their place:

Mark Evans
Proposed Geoff Allen
Seconded Fred Mellor

Hughie Mitchell
Proposed Charles Jackson
Seconded Andrew Lloyd

Alison Sumner
Proposed Annie McClimont
Seconded Aileen Churchill

These were carried.

The retiring Chairman John Oliver handed over to the new Chairman Mark Harries who proposed Andrew Lloyd as Captain.

Seconded Fred Mellor

Captain's report:

In the absence of retiring Captain Lawrence Armstrong new Captain Andrew Lloyd spoke on his behalf. He said Lawrence had enjoyed his year and loved working with Lady Captain Janette Marshall.

Andrew said Lawrence had enjoyed good weather, always been very enthusiastic and made a very good job of being Captain.

Andrew said he was looking forward to being Captain and very pleased to propose Philip Barber as his Vice Captain

Seconded Chris Ashbrook

The Chairman handed over to the new Lady Captain Annie McClimont. Annie thanked retiring Lady Captain Janette Marshall and said she would be a hard act to follow. She then introduced her Vice Captain Carol Marsden.

AOB:

There was none.

