

THE OLD MARLBURIAN GOLFING SOCIETY



Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 18th May 2020

Attendees: James Allen, Dion Beard, Dick Bell, Keith Benham, Steven Bishop, Dan Black, Chris Bovey, Dominic Brown, Richard Brown, Bob Carrick, David Coe, John Copp, Andrew Corbett, Malcolm Cornish, Jeremy Cornish, Nick Denny, David Dixon, Chris Dowling, Charles Evers, Charlie Foster, Simon Foster, Charles Gregory, Jo Hare, Richard Harries, Tim Hewan Oliver Hickling, James Hopper, Richard Jukes, Joe Lane, Mark Lee, Ian Macdonald-Smith, Tom Macfarlane, Charles Macfarlane, Tim Martin Jenkins, Elliot Matthews, Rita Mitchell, Peter Mooney, George Moss, Cedric Mullis, Angus Murray, Katie Naylor, David Niven, Steve O'Loughlin, Adrian O'Loughlin, Ben O'Loughlin, Stephen Parry, Richard Pelly, Bob Percival, Fahad Roumani, Alistair Stokes, Muir Stratford, Robin Swann, Charles Terry, Bernie Thomson, John Uzielli, William Wells, 381 5057!!

Before the meeting commenced, the Hon. Secretary explained the mechanics of a Zoom meeting. Attendees will be mute and the speakers will remain in view at all times. Attendees can use the Q&A button to ask questions or the chat button to make comments. Malcolm Cornish will call forward attendees to speak if required. Questions will be answered either at the meeting or afterwards.

1. Apologies for absence

Bill Andrewes, Terry Baker, Simon Hall, James Gillett, Jonathan Hickling, Gavin Hooper, Michael Lewis, Geoffrey Longfield, Ian Macfadyan, Paul Orchard-Lisle, Julian Taberer, Robert Wace

2. Captain's Report

The Captain welcomed all attendees from as far afield as Istanbul and South Africa.

The Captain reviewed his report which had been circulated beforehand.

He raised the possibility of David Niven, the incoming captain, spending 2 years as Captain due to the COVID19 virus. This was greeted positively but no decision needs to be taken until the 2021 AGM.

The Captain reported that it had been decided to defer the Quinquennial dinner until 2022. A discussion was held as to when the centenary of the OMGS takes place. The Secretary will undertake research at the OM Club but it was thought that it might be possible to celebrate 100 years of golf at Marlborough in 2022.

The Captain thanked James Hopper for his contribution as President of the Society.

3. Hon. Secretary's report

The Hon. Secretary review his report which had been circulated beforehand.

The Hon. Secretary reported that he had circulated a draft strategy report which dealt with his determination to attract younger members to the Society. He said that this could have financial implications and there it is likely that a rise in subscription would be required. After discussion by the committee, the report will be discussed by the wider membership using the discussion forum facility on the website. A final plan will be approved at the committee meeting in November. As regards younger OMs, the idea of having a golf day in October for Under 35s is being considered.



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The Hon. Secretary also referred to his discussions with Joe Lane, the master in charge of golf at Marlborough who has been very helpful. Subject to COVID19, a match between the boys and young OMs is being planned for a Sunday in November.

Joe updated the meeting as regards provision being made for an indoor facility at the College. He said that 2 possible existing buildings are being examined as possibilities for an indoor centre which would be very cost efficient. However a facility similar to the one built at Bradfield is being considered which would be very exciting. The Hon. Secretary reported that he was due to have had a meeting with the college at the end of April but this of course did not take place. He is trying to re-arrange this meeting in September.

4. Hon Treasurer's Report

The Hon. Treasurer reviewed his report which was circulated beforehand.

The accounts showed a deficit of £1,981 for the year due to a significant increase in subsidies, particularly to younger members, during the year. A surplus is expected in 2020/21 due to COVID19 as expenses for the year will be substantially down.

The Hon. Treasurer proposed that the accounts be submitted for approval and the proposal was carried unanimously by attendees (using the hands up facility)

5. Election of Officers – Committee nominations

It was agreed that the officers would be elected en bloc and the following were elected unanimously:

Hon Secretary	Bob Carrick
Hon Treasurer	Stephen Parry
President	James Hopper
Captain	David Niven
Vice-Captain	Bob Percival
Past Captain	Adrian O'Loughlin

Confirmation of Committee Members

There were 2 committee members who were proposed for election and they were elected unanimously:

Oliver Hickling
Rita Mitchell

In his last action as Captain, Adrian O'Loughlin wished his successor, David Niven, good luck in his year of captaincy.

6. Incoming Captain's address

David Niven addressed the meeting and first of all thanked Adrian O'Loughlin for his year of captaincy, Paul Farrant who has stepped down as past captain and Katie Naylor who is leaving the committee.



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David made further comments as follows:

- He echoed the Hon. Secretary's words of aiming to increase the number of younger members joining the society.
- We must strengthen the links with the school
- We must work with the school to produce more Halford Hewitt players
- We need to examine our fixture card to ensure that there are a suitable number of matches/events which appeal to the younger member.

7: Agreement of revised OMGS Rules

The Hon. Secretary explained the rationale surrounding the changes to the rules and proposed that they be accepted by the meeting. The proposal was put to the vote by Poll and was passed unanimously.

8. Any Other Business

Various questions had been asked throughout the meeting and were answered at the time. Answers were included under the appropriate agenda number.

The meeting closed at 18:57.