

BRADFORD & DISTRICT RABBITS GOLF ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE 62ND A. G. M. HELD AT BRADFORD MOOR GOLF CLUB

WEDNESDAY 19TH JANUARY 2010

The President Mr.T.Walker opened the meeting at 7.30pm, which was attended by 43 members.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Mr.A.Lister, Mr.A.Mawson,Mr.J.Fortes, Mr.R.Alden,Mr.M.Abraham-Thomas, Past Presidents and Mr.S.Hunt of the Executive Committee, Mr.R.Lee Skipton G.C.,Mr.D.Chew Ben Rhydding G.C., Mr.D.Henderson Bradford G.C., Mr.T.Carmichael Cleckheaton G.C., Mr.I.Moore Bracken Ghyll G.C., Mr.C.White Bradford Moor G.C.

At this point the President called for 1 minute of silence in Memory of Mr.A.Dorymeade a former Member of the Executive Committee, who had passed away.

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the 61st A. G. M. were taken as read and proposed by Mr.P.Wilkinson Shipley G.C. and seconded by Mr.K.Jackson Headley G.C. as a true record. Carried by the meeting.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising from the previous Annual General Meeting.

President's report: Mr T.Walker welcomed all to Bradford Moor Golf Club and wished all a healthy and prosperous New Year. It was an honour and a pleasure to be President and represent the Association at Yorkshire Events. During the year we played the other Areas and managed to retain 2 Trophies. We still have the "Ugly Trophy" against Leeds Area. The Plowright Trophy was embarrassing as we were a man short. He was glad to be in Yorkshire circles and had made many friends. The Association is financially sound and has replaced the 18 Hole and Team Championship Trophies and will be keeping the Subscription the same. He thanked everyone for the support he had during his Term and all the Clubs who fed him with some wonderful dinners. He thanked the Committee and Past Presidents. He thanked Mel Smart ,the Secretary, who does just about everything, usually two years in advance. David Oakes the League Secretary for running the League and the website. Roy Headon the Chippendale Secretary for running the Chippendale and all the Referees involved in the competition. He thanked Tad Jandzio for representing the Association at Yorkshire Meetings for the past two years. He also thanked John Kettlewell Who had taken over as Yorkshire Fowler Secretary from Tony O`Melia. Lastly he thanked Geoff Senior , the Vice President for standing in for him from time to time. He said Geoff will make a fine president. The President said he is standing for the post of YRGA Treasurer and looked forward to everyone present to come to the YRGA AGM at Horsforth on 9th February and vote for him.

Secretary's Report. The Secretary thanked the President for his Report and said that he had enjoyed working with him in his second year in office. He thanked the Vice President,Mr.Geoff Senior for his assistance and advice throughout the year. He thanked the League Secretary, Mr.D.Oakes and the Chippendale Secretary Mr.R.Headon for the sterling work they had done in their respective offices. He also thanked the Executive Committee and the host of former Presidents who had assisted him and kept him on the straight and narrow. It had made the job that much easier and had made his sixth year that much more enjoyable. He was looking forward to working with the new Executive Committee and the new President.

The Association has a website and any relevant information is on it such as the results of the three Team Championships and the League Results and Tables, the Chippendale Cup and the President's Cup results. The website is WWW.BDRGA.net

He had continued with the News- Letters, which were being sent to all Clubs from time to time. The purpose being to advise all Clubs of the activities of the Association in advance and to circulate results of Championships and any other information for those not on the Web. There were plans to replace all four League Trophies this year because A & B were time expired and a replacement exact pair could not be found.

He went on to describe some of the Results for the year.

The President's Cup had been played for at West Bradford G.C. and was won by Manor G.C. with a score of 129. The 9 Hole Team Championship had been played in July at East Bierley G.C. by Ben Rhydding G.C. with a score of 260. The 18 Hole Team Championship was at Woodhall Hills G.C. in August and the winners were Shipley G.C with a score of 205 on a countback with Woodhall Hills on the same score. The Team Championship was held at Branshaw G.C. in September and was won by Shipley G.C. with a score of 199. Champion Rabbit of the Year was Mr.R.Breese of Shipley G.C.

He reported on the Association's activities during the year.

He said that we had had Committee Meetings at Shipley, Bradford Moor, Northcliffe, Keighley and East Bierley. He thanked each Club for allowing the Association the use of their Courses and facilities. The Association had played Inter District matches against Wakefield Area ,drew 3 to 3, Harrogate Area, lost 4-2, Leeds Area ,lost 3½ to 2½ , Huddersfield Area , Anbandoned due to rain but they claimed it, and Flamborough Area, won 3½ to 2½ . We had played a Triangular Event against the Bradford Union and the 8-15's and had finished second. The President,the Secretary and Mr.T.Jandzio had attended Y.R.G.A Committee Meetings at Silkstone, Horsforth, Outlane and Romanby and a Bradford Team had played in the Plowright Trophy at Normanton won by Leeds Area with Bradford finishing fourth.

He then gave the dates and venues for 2010.

The President's Cup is at West Bradford on Sunday 6th June

The 9 Hole Team Championship is at Headley on Sunday 4th July.

The 18 Hole Team Championship is at Bracken Ghyll on Sunday 1st August

The Team Championship is at Northcliffe on Sunday 5th September.

The Annual Dinner will be on Friday 22nd October at Woodhall Hills G.C. at 7.30 pm.

All these dates will be in the 2010 Handbook.

He hoped that as far as the organisation was concerned that the Association has as good a year as 2009 and was looking forward to working with Geoff Senior the new President , and also everyone on the BDRGA Committee.

He wished all Club Secretaries well in the coming year with the organisation of their events, it is always a difficult task to get everything right. And he wished all Club Captains a good year in picking their teams. He would always be available to answer any queries.

League Secretary's report: Mr Oakes said the 2009 Season was once more a great success. The season wasn't badly affected by the weather,unlike the previous two years. In Division A Baildon managed to win after two consecutive years as runnersup. In Division B Riddlesden bounced straight back after being relegated. In Division C both Bracken Ghyll and Halifax were relegated together for the second season on the trot. In Division D Northcliffe bounced straight back up.

The final League positions for 2008 were as follows:

Division A. Winners Baildon 45pts. Runners up Skipton 42pts .
Relegated to Div. B Bingley St.Ives and Ben Rhydding.

Division B Winners Riddlesden 46pts. Runners up Fulneck 43 pts move to Div A
Relegated to Div C Shipley and South Bradford.

Division C Winners Keighley 47pts Runners up Rawdon 45 pts move to Div B.
Relegated to Div D Bracken Ghyll and Halifax.

Division D Winners The Manor 41pts Runners up Northcliffe 34pts move to Div C.

H thanked all last years` Captains and Vice Captains for ringing in the Results promptly each week. This allowed him to collate the Results and get them to the T&A and on to our Website on Thursday nights.

2010 Season: The Matches will commence on Thursday 29th April for Divisions A, B, and C. Division D would start on 27th May. All Fixtures are on the Website. Please E-Mail any rearrangements as soon as possible.

To finish he wished all the teams in the Bradford League the very best of luck for the coming season and looked forward to talking to you as you ring in the results.

Chippendale report: Mr Headon said we got the usual start of the Season with having to disqualify two teams for breaking the Rules in the first round but things did get better and the Competition ran its course without any further problems. Captains, please ensure your Players are familiar with the Rules and give them a copy along with his telephone number and that of the Association Secretary so that they have someone to contact if any problems arise. That is what we are here for.

The semi-final was held at East Bierley on 16th August between Division A Clubs Halifax and Howley Hall, and Division B Clubs Fulneck and Woodhall Hills. The winners there were Fulneck and Howley Hall who played the Final at Shipley G.C. with Fulneck winning a close match that had quite a bit of excitement.

He thanked both Clubs for hosting the Matches and also the Referees for their help on the day. He wished each Club well for the coming Season and looked forward to seeing whoever gets to the Final in September.

Treasurer's report: We had a starting figure of £2763.19. As you will see from the Balance Sheet this figure has risen to £3368.01.

Dealing with the Income Side first:-

Players Entries are down because of the Diamond Jubilee in 2008. Ties sold one more than last year. The Dinner made a loss of £32 due to one Club paying late. Fund Raising had made £845 and this was excellent. It was up on last year due to the tireless efforts of Mr.Terry Walker. The Bank Interest had decreased because of the recession due to the ludicrously low rates of interest and will be appreciably less next year. The Sundry Debtor is the late paying Club. The funds are in a healthy state and it was decided to leave the Subscription in 2010 at £11.50 in line with the other Entry Fees. The total Fee will remain the same at £69.

Dealing with the Expenditure Side second:-

Handbooks increased to £162 because of inflation. The Golf Insurance is the same. The Website Fee had increased to £10.34. There was no Presentation in this years Accounts. Hospitality was up because more helpers had taken advantage of it. The Administration was down, mainly because we are using less stamps and a bit less printing ink. Stationary is up due to obtaining Menu Cards and Raffle Books. The Trophy Upgrades were for engraving the Area Trophies we won. The Committee had authorised him to purchase four new League Trophies because Division A and B Trophies are time expired and a matching pair cannot be found. These costs are planned and will be on the 2010 Balance Sheet.

He thanked all others who had assisted him during the year, particularly the Fund Raising Team. He thanked all golf Clubs for their prompt payment of bills etc into the Association funds. The funds are in a healthy state and he long hoped they would continue. He looked forward to another prosperous and successful year. The Accounts were carried by the Meeting.

Committee Recommendations: Your Committee recommends that the Handbook under CHIPPENDALE TROPHY on page 5 have added (BELOW Line6):-

The onus is upon each Team to contact the other as soon as possible. The Home Club should offer the Away Club three possible dates on which to play. Any disputes will be arbitrated by the Chippendale Secretary. The penalty for breaking this Rule will be disqualification of BOTH Teams.

The Secretary explained the reasons for the alteration to this Rule, saying that in the past the second Team out had not, at times, got in touch with the first Team, so leaving very little time to arrange the Fixture.

He said the new Rule would speed up the whole process and this was to everyone's advantage. The Vote in favour was unanimous.

Election of Officers:

Your Committee recommends that the following Officers be elected for 2010.

President	Mr G.H.Senior	East Bierley G.C.
Vice-President	Mr D.Oakes	Woodhall Hills G. C.
Secretary	Mr M. A. J. Smart	Woodhall Hills G. C.
League Secretary	Mr D.Oakes	Woodhall Hills G. C.
Chippendale Secretary	Mr.R.Headon	South Bradford G.C.

This was Carried by the Meeting.

New President`s Address.

Mr.Senior took over the Chain Of Office and then presented Mr.Walker with a token of appreciation for his Term of Office.

In a tribute he said Terry had a rough time in his Term but always remained hard working respected and cheerful and a good man. Woe betide the unsuspecting Golfer who failed to buy a Raffle Ticket. Some first time Players at Championships have gone to the first tee quivering, having suffered the Terry Walker treatment. Well done and well deserved. Mr.Senior said it was a great honour and privilege to be our President. He promised to do his best for the Association and make sure it remains in good shape during the next two years. He wished all an enjoyable and hopefully successful golfing year in 2010 and also to seeing everyone at the various events throughout the year. He said that any ideas anyone may have will be welcomed and considered.

Election of Committee:

There were eight nominees for the Executive Committee and the President then read out the nominees names as follows:-

Messrs, K.Jackson Headley G.C., D.Armstead Cleckheaton G.C., J.Lee Northcliffe G.C., J.Raybould Bingley St.Ives G.C., I.Bannister Keighley G.C., P.Magee Baildon G.C. Mr.D.Evans East Bierley G.C. and Mr.S.Hunt Silsden G.C.

All were elected by the Meeting.

Resolutions and recommendations received:

The Secretary said that there were no resolutions received.

Any Other Business.

There was no Other Business.

Vote of Thanks.

Mr D.Oakes the Vice President proposed a vote of thanks to Bradford Moor Golf Club for the use of the Clubhouse and facilities for Meeting; this was carried by the meeting.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

President G.H.Senior

Secretary M.J.A.Smart M.C.I.T.