

BRADFORD & DISTRICT RABBITS GOLF ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE 65TH A. G. M. HELD AT WOODHALL HILLS GOLF CLUB

WEDNESDAY 16TH JANUARY 2013

The President Mr. D. Oakes opened the meeting at 7.30pm, which was attended by 39 members.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Mr.K.Catley,Mr.T.Jandzio,Past Presidents, Mr.P.Magee, Executive Member, Mr.J.Collinson, Bradford Moor G.C., Mr.G.Peterson, Silsden, Mr.A.King,Branshaw G.C.

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the 64th A. G. M. were taken as read and proposed by Mr.R.Headon,South Bradford G.C. and seconded by Mr.M.Elliott,Rawdon 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.D.Oakes welcomed all to Woodhall Hills Golf Club and wished all a happy new year. He hoped 2013 would be good to all. 2012 was a very good year for the Committee and a few co-opted substitutes from various Bradford Clubs.We managed to win three matches, draw one and lose one. A huge thank you to all who took part. The Championships were , as always, a huge success. The Clubs that succeeded in winning Trophies really earned them because all of the Bradford courses played hard last year with the conditions as they were. The only fly in the ointment was the no show of several Clubs at the 18 Hole Course Championship and the Team Championship. If you cannot raise a Team, do not worry but please let the Secretary know so we can rearrange the tee times on the day rather than have to wait until the last minute. He thanked the Members of the Committee for their help and encouragement during the year. It was very much appreciated. The Vice President had done a sterling job supporting all of the Championships and all of the Area Matches, thank you Keith. As usual the Chippendale Secretary ensured the smooth running of the Competition, thank you Roy. And in a very difficult year with cancellations and abandoned games, the League Secretary did a very good job, thank you me! He thanked all the Clubs that had hosted Meetings,Area Matches and Championships through the season, without their help the Bradford Area would cease to be viable. He thanked everyone for attending the AGM on this cold and frosty evening and hoped that everyone and their Clubs have a very rewarding and enjoyable 2013.

Secretary's Report. Before he made his report he commented on the passing of Herbert Hardacre who was in at the outset of the Bradford Rabbits Golf Association and had died in 2012 at the age of 101. He had put in sterling service and was President also,and he will be missed

The Secretary thanked the President for his Report and said that he had enjoyed working with him in his first year in office. He thanked the Vice President ,Mr. K.Jackson for his assistance and advice throughout the year and for his work as the League Secretary. He thanked and the Chippendale Secretary Mr.R.Headon for the sterling work he had done. 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 seventh year that much more enjoyable. He was looking forward to working with the new Executive Committee. He looked forward to another successful year working with the 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

His intention in 2013 will be to use E-Mail increasingly as a means of communication, because it gets the information better to the user and also saves money both ways in Postage.

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

The President's Cup had been played for in June at West Bradford G.C. and was won by Clayton G.C. The 9 Hole Team Championship had been played in July at Fulneck G.C. was won by Rawdon G.C. The 18 Hole Team Championship was at West Bradford G.C. in August and the winners were West Bradford G.C. The Team Championship was held at Bingley St.Ives G.C. in September and was won by Clayton G.C. Champion Rabbit of the Year was Mr.S.Baker of Clayton G.C. He reported on the Association's activities during the year. He said that we had had Committee Meetings at , Woodhall Hills, Keighley, Bingley , Shipley, Cleckheaton , West Bradford and South Bradford. He thanked each Club for allowing the Association the use of their Courses and facilities. The Association had played Inter District matches losing against Wakefield Area ,winning against Harrogate Area, halving against Leeds Area , losing against Huddersfield Area , and beating Flamborough Area. We came Third in the Yorkshire Plowright Trophy at Marsden.

The President,the Secretary and Mr.T.Walker had attended Y.R.G.A Committee Meetings at Sandhill ,Kirkbymoorside,MID Yorkshie and Easingwold.

He then gave the dates and venues for 2013.

The President's Cup is at West Bradford on Sunday 2nd June

The 9 Hole Team Championship is at Bradford Moor on Sunday 7th July.

The 18 Hole Team Championship is at Skipton on Sunday 4th August

The Team Championship is at Cleckheaton on Sunday 8th September.

The Annual Dinner will be on Friday 4th October at Shipley G.C. at 7.00 pm.

All these dates will be in the 2013 Handbook.

He hoped that as far as the organisation was concerned that the Association has as good a year as 2012 and was looking forward once again to working with 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 2012 Season will probably go down as the most weather affected season in Bradford League history. He thought the season was never going to end. Fortunately the weather was kind on the final night and the matches completed. He thanked all Clubs, Captains and Players for their flexibility in playing every single abandoned and cancelled match within the time limits.

The final League positions for 2012 were as follows:

Division A. Winners Baildon 46pts. Runners up Branshaw 45pts.

Baildon scored the same number of points as in 2011

Relegated to Div. B West Bradford and Cleckheaton.

Division B Winners Northcliffe 44pts. Runners up The Manor 43 pts move to Div A.

This was a repeat of 2011 when both Clubs were promoted from Div C.

Relegated to Div C Riddlesden and Bingley St.Ives.

Division C Winners Keighley 47pts Runners up South Bradford 47 pts move to Div B.

Relegated to Div D Silsden and Bradford Moor.

Division D Winners Bracken Ghyll 33pts Runners up Calverley 32pts move to Div C.

Chippendale report: Mr Headon said 2012 season had started well but once again players found themselves disqualified due to breaking the rules, so new Captains make sure your players are aware of the rules and don't forget that he is there to help, but only if he is informed. Apart from early trouble the season went well. The semi finals were at Bradford Moor in August. A Cleckheaton v Bradford and B Bradford v South Bradford. Cleckheaton beat Bradford and Bradford beat South Bradford. The Fial was held at Woodhall Hills in September in a match played in good spirit which Cleckheaton won 5 & 4.

He looked forward to this year's competition and to see who makes the Final in September. Have a good golfing season

Treasurer's report: We had a starting figure of £3738.00. As you will see from the Balance Sheet this figure has fallen to £2600.93.

Dealing with the Income Side first:-

All Subs and Entry Fees were reduced from £11.50 to £10, saving £230.

Players Entry Fees were down from £420 to £312 because some Teams were absent.

Fund Raising was down from £952 to £738 for the same reason.

The Dinner made a slight surplus. Four ties were sold. This is seasonal.

Bank Interest was up by £1 but this will alter in 2013 because we have opened a 1.25 %

Account at Skipton B.S. at Bingley so in 2013 should be about £20.

Dealing with the Expenditure Side second:-

Handbooks increased due to inflation. Insurance was the same as was the Website Fee.

Club Donations went up from £550 to £750. This was a Committee decision.

Prizes went up from £762 to £871. This was due to a Committee decision to award better quality Prizes. The Grants were increased by the Committee.

Hospitality was up from £359 to £379 because more people had taken advantage of it.

Postage went up from £105 to £229 because an extra 300 stamps were bought before the price went up and this will be a big saving in 2013.

The Telephone Bill was up from £102 to £134. This was due to retiring from work and having to make calls from home. Stationary was down because we needed less.

Ties bought were £342. We ran out of Navy ties. This is one-off cost.

We had to donate £60 to YRGA for their 75th Anniversary Celebration. This is a one-off cost.

A new Printer was obtained for £69. Again this is a one-off cost.

He said we had a very good year considering the economic climate. He thanked all the others who had assisted him during the year, particularly the Fund Raising Team.

He thanked all Golf Clubs for their prompt payment into the Association's Funds.

There are no immediate plans immediate plans for large expenditure and the Funds are in

a healthy state. There is no need to increase the Fees or Subscription. We shall do better this year by £600 because of the one-off items in the Balance Sheet.

He looked forward to another successful and prosperous year.

The Accounts were proposed by Mr.G.Senior,East Bierley G.C. and seconded by Mr. S.Hunt, Silsden G.C. and Carried by the Meeting.

Committee Recommendations: Your Committee recommends that League Rule 5 be amended (failure to ring in) as follows:-

Failure to do so will result in three points being deducted from the Home Team. They Away Team will score the points they actually won.

This was proposed by Mr.D.Porter,The Manor and seconded by Mr.P.Waters G.C. and carried by the Meeting with thirty seven in favour one person voting against.

Election of Officers:

Your Committee recommends that the following Officers be elected for 2013:-

President	Mr. D.Oakes	Woodhall Hills G.C.
Vice-President	Mr. K.Jackson	Headley 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.

Election of Committee:

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

Messrs, D.Armstead Cleckheaton G.C.,I.Bannister Keighley G.C., P.Magee Baildon G.C.

Mr.S.Hunt Silsden G.C., Mr.B.Ashford Bradford G.C., Mr.P.Waters Northcliffe G.C.,

Mr.M.Collier West Bradford G.C. Mr.M.Elliott Rawdon G.C.

All were elected by the Meeting.

Resolutions : None

Any Points of Interest to Raise.

Mr.Walker of Bradford Moor G.C. said that when the president addressed the Association last year he hoped that a Bradford Club would win the YRGA 75th Anniversary.

This was achieved by Bradford Moor G.C.

The President congratulated Bradford Moor for their achievement.

Vote of Thanks.

Mr K.Jackson the Vice President proposed a vote of thanks to Woodhall Hills 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 8.17pm.

President D.Oakes.

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