

# BRADFORD & DISTRICT RABBITS GOLF ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE 66<sup>TH</sup> A. G. M. HELD AT WOODHALL HILLS GOLF CLUB

WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2014

The President Mr. D. Oakes opened the meeting at 7.30pm, which was attended by 41 Members.

**Notice:** The Secretary read out the Notice of the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.

**Apologies:** Apologies were received from Mr.G.Senior,Mr.M.Abraham-Thomas, Mr.T.Jandzio, Past Presidents, Mr.B.Rhodes Bracken Ghyll, Mr.B.McGrady East Bierley, Mr.J.Ash Silsden, Mr.J.Collinson Bradford Moor, M.M.Reynolds Bradford Moor, Mr.N.Mitchell Shipley,Mr.D.Porter The Manor,Mr.M.Elliott Rawdon.

A Minute Silence was held for Mr.A.Mawson who had passed away.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** The Minutes of the 65<sup>th</sup> A. G. M. were taken as read and proposed by Mr.B.Ashford Bradford G.C. and seconded by Mr.G.Brumfitt Baildon 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 2014 would be good to all. 2013 was a very enjoyable year. At least last year he knew what to expect as part of being President. He could not believe that it was now just about over. We did not do quite as well as 2012, winning two and losing three of the Area matches but all the results were relatively close. Many thanks to the those Committee and Club Members who took part. The Championships played throughout the year are a staple part of the Association with one played on the first Sunday of each month from June to September. Congratulations to Hollins Hall, Rawdon, Skipton and Cleckheaton. A big thanks to everyone who helped out. The League ran smoothly and was well organised. The Chippendale as usual had a smooth running thanks to Mr.Roy Headon who is retiring after doing the job for twenty years. Many thanks. 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 Area Matches and Championships. Many thanks. He thanked all the Clubs that had hosted Meetings, Area Matches and Championships through the season. Without their help the Association would cease to be viable. He thanked everyone for attending the AGM and hoped that everyone and their Clubs have a rewarding and enjoyable 2014.

**Secretary's Report.** He thanked Mr. Oakes for being an excellent President who had held the Association together extremely well representing Bradford and also on the Yorkshire RGA Committee. He thanked the Vice President for his input. He also thanked Mr.Headon for his endeavours as Chippendale Secretary over the years. He thanked the Executive Committee for keeping him in line and also the Past Presidents for the good advice they gave him. He said the Association was thriving and that everything was in place for 2014. Each Club had been sent a copy of the Draws and Rules for the Championships and the Chippendale Draws. He said he was going to carry on as Secretary for the foreseeable future. The website is [WWW.BDRGA.net](http://WWW.BDRGA.net) His intention in 2014 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 Hollins Hall G.C.

The 9 Hole Team Championship had been played in July at Bradford Moor GC. won by Rawdon G.C. for the fourth time in a row. The 18 Hole Team Championship was at Skipton GC in August and the winners were Skipton G.C. The Team Championship was held at Cleckheaton G.C. in September and was won by Cleckheaton G.C. Champion Rabbit of the Year was Mr.J.Bairstow of Clayton G.C. He reported on the Association's activities during the year. He said that we had had Committee Meetings at , Shipley (4), Keighley,Cleckheaton, South Bradford, East Bierley(2). He thanked each Club for allowing the Association the use of their Courses and facilities. The Association had played Inter District beating Harrogate Area in May, losing to Flamborough in June,beating Halifax/Huddersfield Area at Ryburn in July, losing to Leeds Area at Mid-Yorksire in July, and halving with Wakefield Area at Woodhall Hills in August. A Bradford Team had played in the Yorkshire Plowright Trophy at Oakdale and were fourth. He then gave the dates and venues for 2014.

The President's Cup is at West Bradford on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June

The 9 Hole Team Championship is at Clayton on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

The 18 Hole Team Championship is at Silsden on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

The Team Championship is at Woodhall Hills on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

The Annual Dinner will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at West Bradford G.C. at 7.30 pm.

All these dates will be in the 2014 Handbook.

He hoped that as far as the organisation was concerned that the Association has as good a year as 2013 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 2013 Season was a great success with the Closest difference between two Teams ever. The weather was good also.

The final League positions for 2013 were as follows:

Division A. Winners Branshaw 48 pts. Runners up Fulneck 45 pts.  
Relegated to Div. B The Manor and Baildon.

Division B Winners Skipton 42 pts. Runners up West Bradford 41 pts move to Div A.  
Relegated to Div C Shipley and South Bradford.

Division C Winners Calverley 41 pts Runners up Halifax (Ogden) 32 pts move to Div B.  
Relegated to Div D Bingley St.Ives and Bracken Ghyll.  
(Riddlesden and Bingley one hole difference covering the whole Season).

Division D Winners East Bierley 40 pts Runners up Hollins Hall 34 pts move to Div C.

He thanked all last years` Captains for ringing in results promptly each week.

It was decided to start the 2014 Season one week later to allow for longer nights. Divs A & B will start on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May and Divs C & D will start on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May. All are now changed on the Website. Any rearrangements , please contact him as soon as possible. He wished all the Teams the very best of luck for the coming Season.

**Chippendale report:** Mr Headon said once again the Rules had been broken and he stressed that if there was any doubt, to contact the Chippendale Secretary, who is there to make decisions. If not contacted he has no option but to follow the Rules and disqualify both teams. The main part of the year was OK and so was the weather. The semi final was at East Bierley. In Section A Skipton beat South Bradford. In Section B Cleckheaton beat South Bradford. The Final was at Woodhall Hills on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August and turned out to be hard fought with Skipton winning at the 37<sup>th</sup> hole. Congratulations to the winners and well done to all the others as the matches were played in good spirits by all Players. He thanked all Clubs who held matches particularly East Bierley and Woodhall Hills and thanked the Referees for doing a good job. He said he was standing down after doing twenty years in the job and wished Malcolm Elliott all the best in his coming work.

**Treasurer's report:** We had a starting figure of £2600.93. As you will see from the Balance Sheet this figure has fallen to £2359.52.

Dealing with the Income Side first:-

Players Entry Fees were up from £312 to £377 because more Teams played.

Fund Raising was up from £738 to £852 for the same reason.

The Dinner made a slight surplus. One tie was sold. This is seasonal.

Bank Interest was up by £1 but this will alter in 2014 because we have opened a 1.25 % Account at Skipton B.S. at Bingley so in November 2013 was £18.86. This is in the 2014 A/C.

Dealing with the Expenditure Side second:-

Handbooks increased due to inflation. As did the Website Fee. Cups, Shields Prizes are about the same. Hospitality was up from £379 to £286 because less people had taken advantage of it.

Postage went down from £229 to £49 because an extra 300 stamps were bought before the price went up in 2012. The Telephone Bill was up from £134 to £155. This was due to retiring from work and having to make calls from home. Stationary was up due to inflation. Team Shirts were

£231. This was a one off item. 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.

He looked forward to another successful and prosperous year.

Northcliffe asked about the composition of the £60 Subscription. The Treasurer explained where it is shown in the Accounts. A Member asked about the Handbooks. The Treasurer said that not all the information was to hand and that as there are two vacancies on the Executive Committee he was hoping for two volunteers from the floor. He was hoping to have the information within days so that he could send it to the Printers in early February and distribute the handbook in early March.

The Accounts were proposed by Mr.P.Wilkinson Shipley G.C. and seconded by Mr.M.Collier West Bradford G.C. and Carried by the Meeting.

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### **Election of Officers:**

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

President	Mr. K.Jackson	Headley G.C.
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Mr.Jackson said it was a great honour to take on the position of President. He was not long on speeches. He has hoping that with the help of the Committee and the Past Presidents that he could keep the Association running smoothly , forward and upward. He had very little else to say so he would proceed to the next item.

Vice-President	Mr. I.Bannister	Keighley G. C.
Secretary	Mr. M. J.A. Smart	Woodhall Hills G. C.
League Secretary	Mr. D.Oakes	Woodhall Hills G. C.
Chippendale Secretary	Mr. M.Elliott	Rawdon G.C.

This was Carried by the Meeting.

### **Election of Committee:**

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

Messrs, D.Armstead Cleckheaton G.C., P.Magee Baildon G.C., Mr.S.Hunt Silsden G.C., Mr.B.Ashford Bradford G.C., Mr.M.Collier West Bradford G.C., Mr.E.Simpson Keighley G.C. All were elected by the Meeting.

There were two unfilled positions on the Executive Committee.

**Resolutions :** None

### **Any Points of Interest to Raise.**

Mr.D.Smith of Fulneck asked whether there was a set standard for meals after Matches. The President said it was up to the individual Home Club.

Mr.Phillips of Branshaw asked what the position was regarding the 18 Hole Team Championship at Silsden. Mr.Hunt of Silsden said that though the Club is currently in administration, the matter would be resolved and the Championship will go ahead.

### **Vote of Thanks.**

Mr I.Bannister 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.

Mr.Bannister said he was honoured to become Vice President of the BDRGA and was looking forward to working with the President and the rest of the Team over the next two years. He said that he was asked to be a Committee Member of the BDRGA and it was a great favour and he would recommend to anyone to come forward. It had been the most enjoyable thing he had done in his golfing lifetime.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

President K.Jackson.

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