

DEVON LEAGUE GOLF

MINUTES of the 32nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Held at Fingle Glen Golf Club on Monday 2nd October 2017

Present were representatives from the following clubs:

Axe Cliff, Bigbury, Boringdon Park, Bovey Tracey, Churston, Dainton Park, Dartmouth, Exminster, Fingle Glen, Great Torrington, Ilfracombe, Portmore, Royal North Devon, Saunton, Teign Valley, Thurlestone, Tiverton, Woodbury Park, Wrangaton and Yelverton.

Apologies for absence:

Staddon Heights and Stover.

Presentation of Trophies:

Axe Cliff were pleased to make the formal presentation of the Kay Sharp Salver to the 2017 Devon League winners, Bovey Tracey. The Runners Up Cup was presented to Tiverton.

Adoption of the 2016 Minutes:

The Minutes of the 2016 AGM were agreed as a true record of the meeting and adopted into the League record book. Proposed by Ilfracombe and seconded by Woodbury Park.

Matters arising - Zoning Report:

Discussion took place regarding the pros and cons of zoning. Portmore and Saunton were in favour of zoning, as it gave them the opportunity to play all over the County, while regulating the number of distant locations. Tiverton felt that the zone in which they were allocated in the Report would involve them in long distance travel, so they would not be in favour. Wrangaton liked to play at different clubs and would not be in favour of zoning. Exminster matches in 2017 had involved them in travel to 4 North Devon clubs, which had proved difficult, however they would not wish to play only local clubs.

No formal proposals had been made, and therefore it was not possible to vote for implementation on any of the options given within the Report. It was pointed out that any Club could propose a particular option which, when seconded, would be put to the 2018 AGM and implemented immediately if carried by a majority.

As the Report had offered 3 options, a show of hands in respect of the options was taken, resulting in 6 in favour of remaining unchanged, 5 in favour of zoning every year and 9 in favour of alternating each year between zoned and random draw.

League Organiser Report:

Jo Donmall reported that the season had run smoothly, with very few queries. Sparkwell had withdrawn from the 2017 competition prior to commencement of the season. The eligibility of Juniors to play in matches had been queried and agreed. Thanks were given to Ilfracombe, Portmore, Thurlestone and Torrington for their work on a method for zoning the draw. It was regretted that Dawlish Warren had taken the decision to withdraw from the League this year, however Frances Lewes Palmer had confirmed that she would continue as Web Manager for the League. Thanks were expressed to all clubs for the speedy reporting of results and Axe Cliff offered their good wishes to Bigbury for 2018.

New Club welcome:

Boringdon Park were welcomed to the Devon League for the first time for the 2018 season.

Accounts:

A copy of the Statement of Accounts at 30 September 2017 was presented to the Meeting, showing a balance passed to Axe Cliff of £468.41. Income from entry fees for the 2018 season totalled £440.00 and expenditure for the year 2017 of £168.44, giving a balance of £739.97 to be passed to Bigbury.

Introduction of 2018 League Organiser:

The League organising club for 2018 will be Bigbury, and Jane Wain introduced members of her team who will be handling the various areas of League organisation. She gave the dates for the semi finals and finals to be played at Bigbury. Semi finals will be played on Tuesday, 18th September 2018 (date of 20th as a reserve) and finals on Tuesday, 25th September 2018 (27th as a reserve date).

Any Other Business:

Jo Donmall asked the meeting if there was general agreement to defer Boringdon Park taking over as League Organiser until 2020. The members were in agreement with this suggestion. Boringdon Park thanked everyone for their understanding of the situation. A proposal to this effect will be put forward at the 2018 AGM.

The question of playing in exact handicap order, rather than playing handicap order, had been raised during the year. On a show of hands (13 to 7), it was agreed that exact handicap order should be followed.

A change to the order of play for semi finals had been requested in 2017 because of the early start time and distance to be travelled. Jo Donmall had felt that altering the order of the draw could set a precedent, and it was therefore put to the Meeting. It

was agreed that the Organising Club should make the final decision, based on a common sense view.

Draw for 2018:

22 clubs have entered for the 2018 season, and the draw was made, as follows:

Division A	Division B	Division C	Division D
Thurlestone	Yelverton	Torrington	Teign Valley
Portmore	Wrangaton	Dainton Park	Staddon Heights
RND	Tiverton	Axe Cliff	Stover
Exminster	Churston	Bigbury	Bovey Tracey
Ilfracombe	Saunton	Woodbury Park	Fingle Glen
Dartmouth	Boringdon Park		

And the Draw for the semi finals is, as follows:

Division C plays Division B and Division D plays Division A.

Next Meeting:

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 1st October 2018 at 11am at Fingle Glen.

Meeting closed at 11.55am