



Scottish Blind Golf Society

The driving force behind blind golf in Scotland since 1982

Patrons: Andrew Coltart, Sir Sean Connery, Sandy Lyle MBE, Paul Lawrie, Alan Rough.

The Annual General Meeting for year ending 2019, held online on Sunday 5th July at 10.30 am

Minutes

1. Roll call/apologies, establish quorum

Apologies: Cameron McDiarmid, Allan Morgan, Bennett Ward, Colin Simpson, Barry Hampton, Bill Cheape & Kris Adams

Present: Charlie Forbes, Sam Sloan, Douglas Livingstone, Gill Lowther, Ally Reid, David Paterson, Eddie Pawlik, John Imrie, Lynsey Cormack-Roux
Quorum established.

2. Captain/chairman's welcome and comments

Charlie opened the meeting by thanking everyone for making the effort to attend the meeting online. The highlight of the year was definitely the Auld Enemy win. It was a great team.

3. Minutes of last AGM 2018, matters arising & adoption

Gill had received an e-mail from the Glasgow district asking for an item in the last minutes to be amended. The minutes had incorrectly stated that subs were paid for by the Glasgow district, however in fact the district collects the subs and then passes onto SBGS in one payment. Subject to this change the minutes were adopted.

12.07.2020 this change has been made.

4. Secretary's report/comments

The big change for this year has been the recruitment of our Development Officer Lynsey. This is a first for the Society and is great to have Lynsey on board. Thank you to Douglas for sorting out pay and HMRC. Lynsey is now working hard making contacts with golf clubs and societies to help promote SBGS and will help put on events to gain new members.

5. Financial report and SBGS accounts

5.1. Adoption of accounts

Douglas briefly talked through the accounts stating that the Society made an overall loss of £510 which given where the society was a few years ago is a really good position to be in. The Dalmahoy event in April was a great success, raising money for the travel down to England for the Auld Enemy competition in September. Charlie proposed that the accounts were adopted and this was seconded by Sam and all agreed.

John Imrie wanted to pass his thanks onto Douglas for a great job bringing the accounts together and coming on-board to the society.

5.2. Membership fees - agree rate for this coming year

Charlie proposed that the membership stay the same at £30 a year and that new members get the first year free. This was seconded by Eddie and agreed by all.

5.3. Travel expenses - agree what can and can't be claimed by members (GL).

Defer this to a later meeting.

5.4. Training budget - agree that last year was a one off or terms of usage (GL/SS)

Defer this to a later meeting.

6. Other Office bearer's reports/comments

6.1. Match Secretary

No match play was held this year due to a lack of numbers as it was previously agreed that a minimum of 8 golfers was required to make this event work.

6.2. Handicap Secretary

As of 1st Jan 2020, the handicap system has changed, it is now best 8 of 16.

So by the time we start golfing again, you may see a different handicap and this is why.

6.3. District News

Edinburgh – The training day held in October went well and they would like to hold a similar event again. They got a good price at Kingsacre, so this would be a potential venue again.

Glasgow – no-one present (last minute withdrawal)

Grampian – Had to cancel the event at Brechin and Edzell. The hotel at Edzell have kindly held the deposit for next year, so will book same venue so we don't lose our money. The Aberdeen training event was a great success.

Tayside – The Ron Black Memorial was held at Drumoig and was well supported. Colin Simpson won following an epic 3-way tie at the top. The Tuppy Trophy organised by Ian Moncrieff was held at St Fillians and attracted a competitive and friendly field. Charlie Forbes and his long-time guide Grant took the top honour. If it is possible Tayside would like to stage The Tuppy at Drumoig later in the year if restrictions allow.

7. Written proposals & motions received

7.1. Code of Conduct

None received

7.2. Constitution

None received

7.3. General

7.3.1. Eligibility for international team - players must attend 3-4 Scottish events to be eligible to play in international events for Scotland (BM)

Barry not in attendance to put his motion forward so deferred to a later meeting.

8. Election of Office bearers

8.1. Captain

Sam Sloan nominated by Charlie Forbes, seconded by Bill Cheape, and agreed by all.

8.2. Vice-Captain

Barry McCluskey nominated by Sam Sloan, seconded by Ally Reid, agreed by all

8.3. Secretary

Gill confirmed that her two years are up and she will not be standing again due to other commitments. She also urged a member of the society to stand forward as she felt from her time in the role that it was better suited to a person within the society rather than someone on the outside.

8.4. Match Secretary

Charlie Forbes nominated by Sam Sloan and seconded by Eddie Pawlik, agreed by all.

8.5. Handicap Administrator

Ally Reid nominated by John Imrie, seconded by David Paterson, agreed by all.

9. AOB

- The Code of Conduct and the Constitution drastically need updating, rather than just piecemeal changes. John Imrie proposed that we act as Blind Golf Scotland, keep the charity as SBGS (this is what we have on the website) and that we give the Executive Committee the remit to do what is necessary to get these documents updated. This was seconded by David Paterson and agreed by all. Ally Reid to head this up.
- Lynsey pointed out that she was currently furloughed, but felt that now would be a good time to get back to work as golf clubs etc. were now getting back into the swing of things. She also asked if district news could be copied to her so that she could update the website and also use it when contacting people to show the kinds of activities we have going on.
- David Paterson noted that Frankie Devlin (Bennett Ward's guide) had died before Christmas. Frankie had been an excellent companion to Bennett and they were a major force in the Auld Enemy win. John Imrie had sent condolences to Frankie's son.
- A request for a list of prize/trophy winners was made. Gill built on this by saying that was what the website was for and put in a plea for competition organisers to pass on results to her/Lynsey so that the website could be updated accordingly.
- The Auld Enemy Cup which was due to be held in September 2020 at Cardrona has been cancelled. With agreement from England, the competition will be held at Cardrona next year instead (12-17 September). Cardrona have agreed to the same cost, which is great news.