

Veterans Society
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VETERANS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2017

F H Shiell	Chairman
E F Pollock	Treasurer
B Bettis	Captain
T L McCallion	Secretary

1. The Chairman opened the meeting at 1100 hrs. There were 30 members (including Committee members) in attendance. Apologies for non-attendance had been received from:

R C Atkinson	C Bennett	S Morton	P Harrison
G Bone	M G Sturt		

The Chairman welcomed all members to the AGM and thanked them for their support over the last 12 months and welcomed those new members who had joined the Vets Society. He thanked the Committee for all their hard work during the year.

2. **Previous Minutes and Matters Arising.** The Secretary read the minutes of the AGM held on Monday 22 February 2016. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes. It was proposed by T Murray; seconded by R A Bell; that the Minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting. **Carried.**

3. **Secretary's Report.** The Secretary then spoke on the following matters:

- Congratulations to the retiring Captain, Brian Bettis, on a successful tenure in post and wished Michael Graham a good year during his Captaincy.
- Thank you to Joe Durham for all his help throughout the year.
- Thank you to the Treasurer for keeping the Society solvent.
- A tribute to those members who passed away during the last 12 months, and best wishes to those members unable to play golf at present due to illness, domestic circumstances or injury.
- A successful year of golf in 2016 with: 48 Qualifiers, 10 Competitions, 2 knockout events, 3 away days, a sponsored event (thank you Bill Armstrong) and 18 Bottle Comps.
- Congratulations to George Chambers on winning Player of the Year and to Michael Finan on winning the Newcastle United Cup.
- 132 individuals participated in Vets golf in 2016, resulting in over 4,500 rounds of golf during the year.
- Congratulations to John Fagan who achieved a hole-in-one in Q36 @ 3rd hole.
- Away day plans for 2017.
- Additional Texas Scrambles in the Spring and Autumn.

- Vets Year Planner.
- Small Bridge repair – thanks to all who participated.
- Communication via the Vets Notice Board.
- The Club AGM on Wed 29th Mar 17 and encouraging attendance and the use proxy votes in lieu.

He thanked members for their support over the last 12 months and asked for their continued support over the next year.

4. **Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer provided a Statement of Accounts for members to peruse whilst he briefed on financial matters. He explained items on the Statement in respect of income and expenditure, including the liability of £250 contribution to the Juniors (in lieu of payment for steel plates for the small bridge) and £300 which is the cost of the Coach for the Captains away day (bill awaited). He further reported on distribution of the money raised in our 3 Charity competitions. The Society is solvent and current charges for qualifiers have been reduced to £1.00 (incl Two's) and competition fees will remain unchanged at £3.00 for 2017. There were no points arising from the Statement or briefing.

Proposed by Allan Vardy; Seconded by Tom Murray; that the Statement be accepted as presented. **Carried.**

5. **Election of Officials and Committee Members.**

a. There being no further nominations for Committee posts, all current members were re-elected:

Chairman	Mr F H Shiel
Treasurer	Mr E H Pollock
Captain	Mr M Graham
Secretary	Mr T L McCallion
Committee	Mr W A Adamson
	Mr T Murray
	Mr R Oxley
	Mr A Suggett

b. **Vets Vice Captain.** The nomination of Mr Phillip Walton, nominated by Mr M Graham, Seconded by Mr R Oxley, was unopposed. Therefore, Mr Phillip Walton was elected as Vets Vice Captain for 2017. The Chairman congratulated Phillip on his election and wished him good luck for the coming year.

6. **Retiring Captain's Remarks.** The Retiring Captain, Brian Bettis, briefed on Vets Team matches in 2016 – winning 16 of the 22 games played (73%) and thanked all those who played for the team for their support throughout the year. He commented on the camaraderie with other clubs and Vets teams as a result of the continuing team matches – long may it continue. He went on to thank the Club Catering staff, the Bar staff and Club Administrator, and in particular Lisa and Kim for their assistance when teas/coffees were required if Bernie was unable to carry out the task. He thanked the committee for their support throughout the year and the Greens staff for maintaining the course. A particular thank you went out to his regular team members for continuing to support him, it became a task deciding who to leave out when volunteers were

numerous; and to those who filled in for those who could not make games at short notice – thank you. He finished by wishing the new Captain, Michael Graham (the best PA he had ever had) and his Vice Captain, Phillip Walton, good luck for the coming golf season.

7. **Proposals.** There were no proposals submitted for consideration.
8. **Chairman's Closing Remarks.** The Chairman closed by wishing everyone good golf in 2017 and again thanked members for their continued support.
9. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 1145 hrs.

T L McCALLION
Secretary

F SHIELL
Chairman