**THE BUYING AGENCY GOLF SOCIETY (T BAGS)**

MINUTES OF AGM 2015

**Location :** Houghwood Golf Club

**Date : 9th O**ctober 2015

**Start Time :** 5.15.pm

**Present :** 14

K. Pope - President

A. Moore - Chairman

M.J. Geraghty - Fixture & Handicap Secretary

D. Ruane - Treasurer

M.Rust - Captain

G. Bolton, I Dunn, L. Laithwaite, R. Palin, S. Moglione, D.Reid, K..Black,

G.H.Birch , R McClelland

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from D. Hutton (Competition Secretary) ,S Sage(Secretary) and all other Members.

**Opening remarks/Welcome**

The meeting was opened by the Chairman and he welcomed all members present.

After a funny (but quite exaggerated)anecdote aimed at the Treasurer ,he then asked the Captain to present his Report

**Captain’s Report**

Michael’s Report had already been circulated to members but just wished to emphasise some of the matters raised.

He felt that we had enjoyed an excellent range of Courses, with Manchester being a welcome addition, but Pennant Park not quite meeting expectations.

He admitted that he so enjoyed the Anniversary fixture at Wilmslow that his original report had upgraded it to”Silver Status”. On a more serious note he felt it was the highlight of the season and thanked Stephen Sage for his efforts in making the whole day such a success.

He also thanked Stephen for again organising a very enjoyable Tour , which this year was to Celtic Manor.

He congratulated our President on retaining “The Chairmans Challenge “ trophy, and Dave Teggin for winning “ The Captains K.O” . Teggs was also congratulated by Graham whom he narrowly beat in the Final.

He expressed his disappointment that the Pairs competition had not reached a conclusion prior to the AGM,but reported that the final was to be contested by Rust/Hutton against Black/Rotheram with the Presentation of the Trophy to be made at our Christmas fixture at Frodsham.

Although he had won the “Order of Merit “ award he felt that some minor tweaks should be made to the format next year .

He hoped that everyone had enjoyed today’s contest for the “Presidents Putter” and congratulated the winner Ted Birch.

Finally he confirmed that he had really enjoyed his first year as Captain and hoped he would be allowed to continue.

He expressed his thanks to Stephen Sage and the Committee and to all the Members for their help and support.

The Chairman thanked Michael for his Report and our President proposed a vote of thanks to Michael for a very successful first year of Captaincy. This was endorsed by all present.

**Treasure’s Report**

The Chairman asked Denis to present his Report.

Denis began by saying that as his Report and Financial Statements had been circulated he did not propose to go over it in detail.

He did however wish to confirm his opinion that the year had been very successful both financially and socially

and congratulated the Skipper for all his work ,MJG for providing such good Fixtures and Stephen for the Anniversary arrangements and of course the Tour.

He raised the matter of members paying him cash on Match days and whilst this is recorded on his file straight away and the cash reconciled before banking ,he proposed a further safeguard would be to issue a receipt to every member paying him cash. He did not think this necessary for cheques paid to him.

Rod raised the question of paying by Standing Order and Denis confirmed this was always welcome and he had a supply of the necessary forms.

He also confirmed that he did not feel it was right to publish his record of Member’s personal accounts with the Society but would always be pleased to provide any member with his individual details on request.

Finally he reiterated his thanks to the Committee for their help and support and not least to all the Members for their patience and cooperation in enabling him to collect the funds.

The Chairman thanked Denis for his Report.

**Fixture and Handicap Report**

Archie invited Mike Geraghty to present his Reports

As Fixture Secretary Mike reported that he had circulated his usual Fixture summary asking Members for their 3 likes and dislikes. He would arrange the 2016 Fixtures based upon this information and the usual criteria of costs .

As Handicap Secretary Mike confirmed that he calculated all handicaps in accordance with **CONGU** rules and distributed a paper showing Member’s scores and handicap changes.

During the season he reported that of 206 rounds played there were only 13 scores of 36 or more. The majority of Members had seen their Handicap increase with only 6 having a reduction.

Average scores were lower than in the previous year but congratulated Keith Rotheram for having 89% of his scores over 30.Had he played more games he would have had a good “Chairman’s Challenge”.

He commented that the top 4 players usually remained the same (Rust,Bolts,Pope & Sage) but congratulated Teggs and Ray for their progress to the top level .

Keith Pope wondered , that as a number of members were also members at various Golf Clubs and their handicap therefore independent from Tbags,was it possible for Mike to factor these in when calculating Tbags handicaps .

After brief discussion it was felt that this was too complicated and the current method would remain.

A vote of thanks,proposed by the Captain,was given to Mike for all his good work with both Fixtures and Handicaps

**Competition Secretary Report**

In David’s absence the circulated Report was taken as read.

The President endorsed David’s plea for more contributors to the Website and suggested that the Captain should nominate someone to post a report after each event. The Chairman agreed to discuss this matter in more detail with David.

Steven Moglione instigated a discussion on the “Pairs” feeling that the current format was stale. The Captain suggested that we consider a new Pairs format for 2016.

Following on from this our President proposed that the Pairs be run on a straight KO format as with the Singles.

This was agreed unanimously and would commence next year.

The members were reminded that the Pairs handicap of ¾ had been changed to 90% for the future.

The Captain suggested that some amendments be made to the format for the “Order of Merit” and this was also the general feeling among members. Some thought the present system placed too much emphasis on attendance as compared with performance , but Keith pointed out that , on the other hand , some of the performance elements were often duplicated .

The Chairman agreed he would meet with the President and Stephen Sage to consider any changes .

The Chairman thanked David for his Report

**TBAGS TOUR 2016**

Stephen Sage had already circulated his suggestions for the next Tour and in his absence the Chairman gave a brief summary of the report and invited comments from members.

A general discussion took place with suggestions for Southern Scotland (SM) or the Birmingham area (Ian)

Keith Pope thought that a one night tour instead of the current two nights, might be more convenient and perhaps suit more of the members.

This suggestion was favourably received by the members on the proviso that the venue was within a radius of approx 130 miles.

It was agreed that the President would meet with Stephen and ask him for his thoughts on the ideas raised.

A vote of thanks was given to Stephen for all his work in organising our Tours.

**KIT**

**St**ephen Sage had circulated Members with proposals for new kit for 2016 and following on from this Len had brought with him 2 samples of a shortsleeved sweater,one priced at £20 the other at £25.

Ian queried the price difference and Len explained that it was in the Quality. Inspection was then made by various members and they found no discernible difference in the quality of the sweaters.

In view of this it was agreed we adopt the £20 version,

Some discussion took place regarding colours but it was agreed that we stick to the colour of the sample(ie Black).

Stephen Moglione informed members that anyone with a favourite white T shirt could have the Tbags logo stitched on. This as an alternative to the standard Tbags shirt.

**Election of Officers**

The Chairman informed the meeting that all the Officers (himself included) were prepared to continue if the Members so wished.

R Palin proposed and Doug Reid seconded that all Officers be reelected en bloc. This was passed unanimously by the members.

Archie thanked the members for their support for himself and what he regards as his Crew !

It was not considered necessary to appoint a vice captain for this year.

**Trophies**

**The** Chairman invited the Captain to host the Presentations and he began by commenting on todays event and the contest for The **President’s Putter**.

There was no Nearest the Pin today but the “2”’s prize had been won by D Teggin.

He hoped that everyone thought the tweaking of the format had been successful.

Today’s contest had been very keenly fought and there were some very good scores(Teggs 38 ,3 with 37,Bolts 36)

However 2 members had scored 45pts each(Ted Birch and M Geraghty) and Ted was congratulated on his overall win on a countback. Commiserations to Mike for falling at the final hurdle after an excellent performance.

The President was asked to make the formal presentation and he congratulated Ted on his fine performance but had to inform him that the actual trophy would only be presented to him at Frodsham as it needed to be engraved.

Ted gave a short speech thanking the President for the trophy and explained that although very proud and excited to win the award he felt that his handicap of 21 was really too high. (at this stage he was shouted down by some of our more raucous members)

Ted went on to praise the Captain for all his hard work during the Season.

**Order of Merit**

This had been won by the Captain and Archie congratulated him on this achievement and presented him with the Chairman’s Plate

**Chairman’s Challenge**

The Captain congratulated our President on retaining this Trophy which was very well deserved as Keith had been very consistent throughout ,taking the lead in August and proving to be untouchable.

Keith said he accepted the trophy with pride and urged members to play as many gamed as possible next season.

However he did also say that he would be doing his very best to retain the trophy for a 3rd year running.

Keith finished by thanking everyone for their contributions to a very enjoyable season.

**Captains KO**

This was won by Dave Teggin after a very hard fought final against Graham Bolton.

Dave had been unable to stay for the AGM so the President had made the presentation to him earlier in the day.

**Pairs Competition**

As mentioned earlier the Final is still to be played between Rust/Hutton and Black/Rotheram.

The Chairman wished both teams the best of luck and confirmed the Presentation would be made at Frodsham

**AOB**

There was no other business so the Chairman concluded the Meeting at 6.10pm by thanking everyone for their attendance and confirming that our next Fixture was at Frodsham on Friday 11th December