



Central Sevens

Golf League

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2 NOVEMBER 2023 TADMARTON HEATH GC

Present	Keith Fisher – Chairman
	Chris Denton – Treasurer
	Keith Watt – Secretary
	Chris Spearing – Independent Member
Captains or nominated Club Representatives	34

	Agenda Item	Record of Actions/Decisions
1.	Acceptance of previous AGM minutes held on 1 November 2022.	Approved as true record of the AGM. No actions were carried forward.
2.	Apologies for absence. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stuart Murphy – West Berks 1 • Steve Sperrin – Bicester 	
3.	Season 2024 leagues. <p>a. Resignation. Naunton Downs has withdrawn from the League for 2024.</p> <p>b. Applications. Badgemore Park applied to join the League and Chiltern Forest would like to enter a second team.</p> <p>c. League Structure. Five Divisions with Divisions 1-4 having 6 teams and Division 5 having 5 teams.</p>	Noted. Approved unanimously. Approved unanimously. All fixtures are to be arranged and loaded onto the website by 31 January 2024 in accordance with League Rules.
4.	Knockout Cup Competition. The Knockout Cup would run again in 2024 with the final hosted by West Berkshire Golf Club.	Approved unanimously. The Secretary would contact Clubs in the new year to determine entry to the Cup. The draw would take place at the Annual Presentation Day.
5.	Chairman’s Report. Noted the success of the year as a whole	



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	<p>and thanked every team for their participation.</p> <p>Congratulations were offered to all winning teams and to Order of Merit winners.</p> <p>A vote of thanks was offered to the Independent Member for his efforts in policing the eligibility criteria.</p> <p>A vote of thanks was offered to the outgoing Treasurer for his support over many years as both Treasurer and Committee member.</p>	<p>A small presentation, on behalf of the League, was made to the outgoing Treasurer.</p>
6.	<p>Treasurer's Report.</p> <p>Summary report was issued ahead of the meeting.</p> <p>Proposed to retain subscription level at £200 per Team.</p>	<p>No questions were asked.</p> <p>Approved unanimously.</p>
7.	<p>Presentation Day.</p> <p>Presentation Day is proposed to take place at Kirtlington Golf Club on Sunday 7th April 2024.</p>	<p>Approved unanimously.</p> <p>The Secretary would contact Captains in the new year to determine attendance at the event. Attendance would be limited to 40 players with Captain and Order of Merit winners given priority ahead of additional attendees.</p>
8.	<p>Election of Officers.</p> <p>a. Existing Committee. Endorsement of re-election of: Mr Keith Fisher, Tadmarton Heath GC as Chairman; Mr Keith Watt, Defence Academy GC as Secretary and Mr Chris Spearing, Drayton Park GC as Independent Member.</p> <p>b. New Treasurer. Volunteers to take on the role has been requested from</p>	<p>Approved unanimously.</p> <p>There were no other volunteers. Mr Harries was endorsed as the new League</p>



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	Captains. Mr Phil Harries, Defence Academy GC, had volunteered.	Treasurer. A handover would be arranged in due course. A further vote of thanks was offered to Mr Denton for his support to the League.
9.	<p>Any Other Business.</p> <p>a. Use of buggies during a match. The Committee proposed to amend League Rule Section 6.8 which details the policy for the use of buggies during a match. Proposed wording was provided ahead of the meeting.</p> <p>b. Eligible Players Policy. The Committee proposed to amend League Rule Section 6.(various) which details the policy for the use of buggies during a match. Proposed wording was provided ahead of the meeting.</p>	<p>The meeting agreed in principle to the proposal but wanted additional detail to be added. The agreed wording would become:</p> <p>“There is no restriction placed upon the use of buggies during League or Knockout matches.</p> <p>Captains of individuals who plan to use a buggy should provide the opposing team Captain with notice of the intent of one of their team members to use a buggy. Ideally, this notice should occur ahead of the fixture, and not on the day, but the Committee accepts that circumstances may arise that would drive the need for a player to use a buggy at late notice. The Committee expects that the courtesy of offering the opponent a seat be extended.</p> <p>Individuals who wish to use a buggy are expected to make those arrangements directly with the Club and the use of the buggy is regarded as a personal expense, and not a courtesy of the Club.”</p> <p>The meeting did not agree with the proposal to remove the requirement for all players to submit 9 cards in a rolling 12-month period, of which 3 or more must be in a competition. The current rule would also be strengthened to clarify “qualifying competitions.”</p> <p>The meeting then debated the issue of sanctions to be applied if Teams were found to have fielded an ineligible player. The meeting agreed to remove the</p>



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	<p>c. Greens Maintenance avoidance. The Committee has received a request for a strengthening of the Constitution Section 14 paragraph 9 concerning Greens Maintenance. Proposed wording was provided ahead of the meeting.</p>	<p>immediate application of a 7-0 sanction in favour of the following:</p> <p>“Clubs that are found to have played an ineligible player will be subject to loss of that individual game, with a 1-up win awarded to the opposing player, unless the opposing player had won the match by a larger margin.”</p> <p>Further debate centred around a match that involved 2 or more ineligible players (from a single team or both). The proposed rule changes were not approved by the meeting. The sanction noted above will be applied to a match no matter how many ineligible players are fielded.</p> <p>The meeting agreed to a proposal from the floor to clarify that should a single Team field multiple ineligible player then they would still be regarded as having fulfilled the fixture per League Rules.</p> <p>The meeting agreed to the proposal that any Club that had been found to have fielded ineligible players for a third occasion in a single season would forfeit that match with a result of a 7-0 loss.</p> <p>The meeting did not agree with the changes proposed to the rule detailing the Greens Maintenance period.</p> <p>The meeting agreed to a minor change to the current rule wording thus:</p> <p>“Dates to be avoided (if possible) are a minimum of 2 weeks outside planned material course greens maintenance work. The Committee expect Team Captains to communicate to their opposing Team Captain should a match be scheduled to occur within the 2-week window.”</p>



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	<p>d. Bad weather rules. A proposal was received from the floor to ask for a review of the Bad Weather rules and there appeared to be an inconsistency between the League Rules and the league Constitution.</p>	<p>The League Rules currently state “In the event of adverse weather or course conditions, the match captains must agree to suspend or abandon the match.” The League Constitution states however “After play has commenced it is the host captains' decision if play should be suspended or abandoned owing to adverse weather conditions, see rule 23.” The Committee agreed to review this issue.</p> <p>Post-meeting note: The Committee will amend the League Constitution to match the League Rules thereby ensuring that decisions taken are agreed by both Team Captains.</p>
10.	<p>The meeting was closed with no further business discussed,</p>	

Keith Watt
Secretary
8 November 23

Keith Fisher
Chairman
8 November 23