

Foxhills Golf Club.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Monday, 18th September 2023 at 19.30 in the Manor House Library

In the absence of Foxhill's 2023/24 Vice President Martin Brebner, Phil Burnham, Foxhill's Golf Club committee member, chaired the meeting.

The Chair introduced members of the Golf Club and Golf committee as follows:

- Marc Hayton, Golf Club President and CEO of Foxhill's
- Sue Eggleton - Club Captain 2022/23
- Don McIntosh - Club Treasurer 2022/23
- Sean Graham, Director of Golf
- Derrick Johnstone - Golf course and Estates Manager

Members of the Golf Club Present

25 Foxhill's golf club members were present. A full list of attendees is set out in Appendix 1. The meeting was confirmed as quorate (25)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from 35 members. A full list of apologies received is set out in Appendix 1.

2. Adoption of 2022 AGM minutes

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were unanimously accepted as a correct record and were therefore adopted.

- i. Proposer: Ian Howick
- ii. Seconder: Richard Pelly

3. Matters arising not covered in the agenda.

- None.

4. Foxhill's management report (Sean Graham, Director of Golf)

Sean Graham (SG) gave an overview of both the achievements in the past year and future plans. He highlighted the following:

- The Foxhills Golf Team was new and growing and as a result there had been a lot of emphasis on team building, training and forward planning.
- The Fuel Pipeline work had been managed to ensure as little disruption as possible to members. The make-good situation was almost complete and the current issue was to manage contractor exit and the recovery of those specific areas impacted by the work.
- The re-modelling of the 16th hole on Longcross was deemed a success and is now a feature par 3 hole.
- It had been a year of leadership change with both a new Director of Golf and new Golf Course and Estate Manager.
- As requested by members, the tee time cancellation facility was now in place and working.
- The pedestrian walkways and the size of some parking bays had been redesigned.
- Work had been undertaken to strengthen the Wi-Fi signal in and around the club, as requested by members.
- S.G. noted the further work required regarding the irrigation of both courses but also highlighted that the age and condition of the current watering systems were not fit for purpose and so the work to be undertaken was of a significant scale.
- S.G. confirmed that he was looking at new technology to be installed at the driving range and was currently in discussion with two major providers. He also confirmed that the driving range balls were in the process of being replaced.
- In response to question submitted by Diane Gilmore, Foxhills team confirmed that they would look to impose methods to limit trolley access between greens and bunkers.

In regards to other questions Foxhill's team confirmed that they were researching the return of divot bags. They also confirmed that they still retain the objective to create a nine-hole buggy loop (on the back nine of Longcross)

5. Course managers review - Derrick Johnstone, Golf Course and Estates Manager

Derrick Johnstone (DJ) began by noting that he was relatively new to Foxhill's having joined on 1st May 2023. DJ began by thanking members for their welcome and then gave an overview of the changes he was planning to make, based on his initial review and feedback from members. He highlighted the following:

- These few months have been difficult to deliver major change due to the number of green-keeper vacancies. A recruitment drive was therefore an absolute priority and DJ confirmed that he was looking to recruit staff with previous and relevant experience so reducing the number of trainees/inexperienced staff.
- Based on members feedback DJ confirmed that the majority of concerns were about the amount of rough and the condition of the fairways, particularly around the greens. DJ confirmed that fairway repairs due to summer works on the pipeline are underway
- There were also specific concerns regarding those parts of the course that remain water-logged in the winter months and DJ confirmed that winter drainage work would continue.
- DJ would specifically target greens maintenance, with particular focus on improved quality and green enlarging. He would continue the sand filling to improve drainage and look at the impact of traffic management. Work on steps on course pathways and buggy paths continues. In addition a review of signage highlighted that some replacements were required around both courses.

DJ Confirmed that the use of divot bags was still under consideration.

6. Captain's report for 2023 - Sue Eggleton (SE), Golf Club Captain 2023

S.E. recalled that at the beginning of her year there was the Pipeline work to contend with, but that all seems a distant memory with competitions and matches back in January 2023 and the benefits of the new turf, additional work undertaken on bunkers and drainage starting to pay dividends and DJ's development plans will add even further course improvements.

In terms of competitions, SE noted that, despite the poor weather conditions, very few competitions were cancelled. Overall, the competition schedule was extended to include

- The Queen Elizabeth II trophy - a one day, 36 holes competition
- The re-introduction of the Midweek Club Championship
- At the request of members - another +55 senior competition
- Merged the Nations Cup and the John Hibberd Trophy into a team competition for the Hibby cup.

SE noted that both the ladies and mens Foxhills teams had some success this year and now with a dedicated professional lead, the Junior section are becoming stronger, so much so that the juniors were victorious over the committee this year.

The lady's invitation was run for the first time in 5 years and it was a resounding success. We want to build on that next year.

S.E. thanked a number of Past captains for their continuing support. She also thanked all the staff and management at Foxhills and fellow committee members who helped make the role so enjoyable.

S.E. stated that she was both proud and honoured to have been Club captain of Foxhills Golf Club and specifically thanked the members for all of their help and support throughout her captaincy.

7. Adoption of Treasurers Report & Accounts for 2022/23 - Don Mcintosh (DM), Golf Club Treasurer

DM highlighted the following key points from the accounts year ending 30th June 2023;

- The balance sheet showed total accumulated funds of £15,176. This was a reduction from the previous year (£16,061).
- In terms of Income & Expenditure, there was a loss of £885 in year, which was in line with plan.
- The major change in year was in terms of the collection of competition entry fees via the committee accounts using Golf Genius (with Stripe as the payment processing platform) and noting the cost of collecting monies (Stripe fees).
- D.M noted that the depletion of funds would continue into 2023/24 in a planned way.
- The report and the 2022/23 accounts were proposed for adoption and agreed unanimously
 - i. Proposed by: Don McIntosh
 - ii. Seconded by: Phil Burnham

8. Appointment of auditor for 2023/24 accounts

It was proposed that Dee Shah continued as auditor for the coming year (2023/24). This was agreed unanimously.

- i. Proposed by: Don McIntosh
- ii. Seconded by: Foxhills 2023 Golf Committee

9. Election of Captain 2024 - Ian Howick

Ian Howick was proposed as the incoming captain for 2023/24. This was agreed unanimously.

- i. Proposed by: Sue Eggleton
- ii. Seconded by: Foxhills 2023 Golf Committee

SE then performed the traditional ritual of cutting the incoming Captain's tie. She then helped him into his official Captain's blazer

and handed him the somewhat exclusive Club tie ready for his address .

10. **Address by the new Foxhills Club Captain, Ian Howick (IH)**

- IH thanked Marc Hayton & his family, the other members of the Foxhills family for their support, the club members, immediate past Club Captain, the Committee, Golf Services and all other staff.
- IH was looking forward to 2024 and expressed his thanks for the huge support offered by past Captains, which was extremely welcome.
- IH focused on the collaboration with all Foxhill's operational teams, members, other clubs & organisations. He also wanted to re-engage junior members in Club Competitions.
- In terms of the courses, he would ensure strong interaction with Greenkeepers and Golf Services
- IH recognised the full schedule of competitions and would look to see the potential for new competitions and/or changed competitions.
- IH announced that his Captains charity would be Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance and he shared a video showing the work of the charity and highlighting that all of their income is from funds raised.

11. **Election of Vice-Captain 2023.24 Phil Burnham**

The election of Phil Burnham as Vice-captain for 2023.24 was proposed and agreed unanimously.

- i. Proposed by: Ian Howick
- ii. Seconded by: Foxhills 2023 Golf Committee

12. **Election of Vice-President for 2024 Sue Eggleton**

The election of Sue Eggleton as Vice-President for 2023.24 was proposed and agreed unanimously.

- i. Proposed by: Ian Howick
- ii. Seconded by: Foxhills 2023 Golf Committee

13. Election of new committee members

The election of the following new committee members for 2023.24 was proposed and agreed unanimously.

SE thanked Martin Brebner for the past year as Vice-President and thanked Ammar Grewal for his valuable input as a committee member over the past four years. SE welcomed both Sam de-Beaux and Sanjay Khuller to the committee.

2022/23 Committee, as adopted at 2021/22 AGM/EGM.	2023/24 Committee, as proposed by FoxhillsGC 2022/23 Committee.
President - Marc Hayton	President - Marc Hayton
Life-Vice President - John Gilding	Life Vice-President - John Gilding
Vice-President - Martin Brebner	Vice-President - Sue Eggleton
Captain - Sue Eggleton	Captain - Ian Howick
Vice-Captain - Ian Howick	Vice-Captain - Phil Burnham
Treasurer - Don McIntosh 4th year	Treasurer - Don McIntosh - (final confirmation received following the meeting)
Committee members: Ammar Grewal - 4th year Phil Burnham - 3rd year Mark Jacob - 3rd year	Committee members: Mark Jacob - 3rd year Sanjay Khuller - 1st year Sam de Beaux - 1st year

- i. Proposed by: Ian Howick
- ii. Seconded by: Foxhills 2023 Golf Committee

14. AOB question through Chairman.

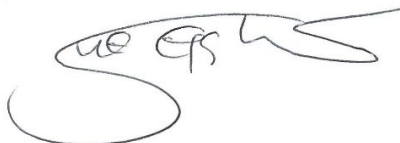
In response to questions, the Foxhills team recognised the importance of the condition of the courses at the weekend

but stated that all days are equally important. SG along with Abotts are looking at further drainage work on 6th of BH, supporting more GUR marking, have a plan for the left side of the fairway on 10th of BH.

DJ confirmed that the green staff now at full complement and they will be applying a new treatment and dressing in October to help reduce wormcasts. Green staff now regularly repair tee divots to a higher standard, so there is no need to replace sand boxes. Other areas discussed,

- Bunker raking is generally undertaken at the weekend along with bunker raking instructions.
- Ditches and clearance will be a priority
- The work on the tees on the 16th hole on Longcross is moving forward
- Members noted that the new tee markers were more hazardous as they were easier to trip over.
- It was agreed that the summarised data from Tag Marshall should be made available to all members, SG noted that the average length of play was down 10 minutes.
- The new World Handicap System (WHS) was currently generating extra effort for clubs and it was not clear that it provided a universally transparent handicap system. This would be kept under review

15. **Date of next AGM**, 19:30 Tuesday 17th September 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sue Eggleton', written over a large, stylized, handwritten letter 'S'.

Sue Eggleton Vice-President - Foxhills Golf Club and AGM Chair

September 17th 2024

Foxhills Golf Club.

2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Monday, 18th September 2023 at 19.30 in the Manor House Library.

Those members present at the meeting were:

Sue Eggleton, Ian Howick, Fulvio Angelelli, Philip Burnham, Terry Baker, Ammar Grewal, Jim Hamilton, Simon Pitt, Sam de Beaux, Cliff Williams, Don McIntosh, Chris Jaycock, Richard Pelly, Mark Jacob, Kerry Hill, Simon Freeman, Mike Wraight, Jeff Read, Sanjay Khuller, Dee Shah, Ryan Harper, Brendan Reynolds, Simon Turner, Dasha Bleyz, Ram Chandro.

Apologies were received from the following members:

Martin Kayes, Martin Brebner, Francis Ha, John Ambrey, Malcolm Hatch, Barry Jordan, Norman Healey, Colin Griffiths, Harinder Sethi, Colin Andrews, Len Arnold, Neil Hamilton, Dave Hoggins, Vince Healy, Mike Simons, Hugh Shelmerdine, Stanley Atkins, Jonathan Hook, Keith Rankin, Andy Harrington, Adrian Abbott, Jason Green, Peter Gamble, Paul Ford, Justin Leong, Alan Phillips, Brian Adam, Brian Carlson, Peter Lynam, Paul Mould, Judy Searle, Paul Searle, Rita Vienhues, June Blackham, Mike Cockram.