



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GOLF UNION OF WALES Ltd
HELD AT
WREXHAM GOLF CLUB
FRIDAY 15TH APRIL 2011**

Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman John Jermine welcomed delegates to the AGM of Golf Union of Wales Ltd and thanked all for their attendance. He introduced the top table and also Mr JD Williams the Captain of Wrexham Golf Club who welcomed all present to the club.

PRESENT: -

Member Clubs:- Aberdovey GC G Pritchard, Abergele GC J Langdon, Cardiff GC AB Morgan, Clays GC W Williams, Denbigh GC E Wilding MBE, Llandrindod Wells GC, DJ Davies, Mold GC M Scholes, Monmouth GC E Edwards, Monmouthshire GC P Harrison, Nefyn & District GC G Williams, Plassey GC D Brayshaw, Porthmadog GC G Evans, Royal Porthcawl GC C Hopkin, Royal St David's GC T Davies, Royal Town of Caernarfon GC D Griffiths, St Deiniol GC M Bryant, Whitchurch GC NB Edwards, Wrexham GC JD Williams.

Golf Union of Wales Directors:- John Jermine, Chairman, Louise Fleet, President, Guy Bates, Treasurer, Dr Val Franklin, Neil Niblett.

Golf Union of Wales Council – Jim Johnson, Janet Hopkin, Keith Price

A. ORDINARY BUSINESS

ITEM 1 Apologies

Clubs:

Alice Springs GC, Baron Hill GC, Borth & Ynyslas GC, Builth Wells GC, Caerphilly GC, Cardigan GC, Cradoc GC, Glamorganshire GC, Lakeside (Garthmyl) GC, Llanishen GC, Newport Gwent GC, Newport Links GC, Padeswood & Buckley GC, Pyle & Kenfig GC, RAF St Athan GC, Southerndown GC, Tenby GC, Vale of Llangollen GC, Welshpool GC, Wenddu GC, Whitehall GC, Woodlake Park GC.

Golf Union of Wales Directors – Trudy Carradice, Judy Ganz, Andrew Ingram

Golf Union of Wales Council Members: Celia Bartlett, Jeff Harries, Ted Lloyd, Pat Midcalf, Margaret Wood.

ITEM 2 To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting held at Sport Wales, Sophia Gardens on Friday 16th April 2010

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th April 2010 were approved following a proposal from P Harrison seconded by M Bryant.

ITEM 3 To receive and adopt the Company's annual accounts for the financial year ended 31st December 2010 together with the directors' report for that period and auditors' report.

A copy of the GUV's Accounts for 2010 together with the Director's Report had been circulated to all Member Clubs prior to the meeting.

The Golf Union of Wales Treasurer Guy Bates highlighted the following points in his report to the meeting:-

- The result for the year is a net profit of £34,000 which was significantly ahead of budget.
- This has been achieved despite falling membership through tight cost control and maximizing grant opportunities whenever possible.
- The GUV is grateful for the continued support of all its sponsors, as well as organisations such as the R&A and Sports Wales for their generous grants. The GUV is keenly focused on making sure it is spending resources on areas that match its objectives.
- It is not the Union's aim to accumulate profits however there is a need to control limited resources effectively and govern responsibly to safeguard an ongoing investment in the game in Wales.
- Total expenditure in 2010 was £17k lower than in 2009 which in a world championship year demonstrates effective financial control.
- The Board has agreed to budget for a loss of £25k in 2011 and we feel that this strikes the correct balance between continuing to invest in key areas of activity despite falls in revenue and utilising reserves.

After answering a number of questions relating to the Accounts Mr Bates proposed adoption of the Golf Union of Wales Ltd Accounts and the Director's Report for 2010. The proposal was seconded by Mr G Pritchard, Aberdovey GC and carried unanimously.

ITEM 4 To appoint a Treasurer

On behalf of the GUV Council the Chairman John Jermine proposed that Mr Guy Bates be re-appointed as Treasurer for 2011. Mr Bates is a qualified Chartered Accountant currently working for Price Waterhouse Coopers. He has been a category 1 golfer and is a member of Royal Porthcawl Golf Club.

Following receipt of 26 proxy votes in favour and an overwhelming vote in favour from the floor Mr Guy Bates was formerly appointed GUV Treasurer for 2011.

It was noted that the articles require that the GUV's Auditors also be appointed by the AGM. The Chairman confirmed that this item will be added to the agenda for the 2012 meeting.

ITEM 5 To receive the Chairman's Report for 2010

The Chairman's Report for 2010 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

In addressing the meeting Louise Fleet (Chairman 2010) highlighted the following points:-

- Wales successfully hosting the 2010 Ryder Cup. 1,500 free tickets for practice days were distributed through junior sections at golf clubs. Over 1,000 free lessons being given by some of Wales' leading teaching professionals.
- The excellent individual performances from 2 outstanding young amateurs Amy Boulden and Rhys Pugh.
- Hosting of informative seminars for clubs covering the 2010 Equality Act, golf club marketing, golf course sustainability and the CONGU handicapping system.
- Continuing to provide a successful programme of golfing events for all golfers.
- Hosting a successful Men's Home Internationals at Ashburnham.

- Ted Lloyd's fine work as an ambassador for the GUW during his 2 years of Presidency.
- The diligent work of GUW Committees, Council and Board
- The ever developing coaching programme.
- The continued excellent work of Golf Development Wales.
- The Chairman of Golf Development Wales Andy Morgan being given the Sir Henry Cotton Award by the Golf Foundation.
- The Future Financials Welsh Golf Awards which were presented in conjunction with Ryder Cup Wales' Cooperate Club Dinner at the Celtic Manor Resort.

Louise Fleet concluded by saying that it had been a real privilege and honour to have been the Chairman of the Golf Union of Wales for the past 4 years and she thanked everyone for their support. She also wished her successor as Chairman John Jermine a successful and enjoyable term of office.

B. SPECIAL BUSINESS

The Special Resolution that the draft regulations be adopted as the articles of association of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the existing articles of association was passed following receipt of 26 proxy votes in favour and an overwhelming vote in favour from the floor.

After the formal business of the AGM there was a presentation by the Chairman of the GUW John Jermine followed by a Q&A session which covered a number of topics including:- the presentation of GUW championships and recent performances of GUW boy teams.

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