

Belton Woods Golf Club

Minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting

The 27th Annual General Meeting was held in the Oak Suite at De Vere Belton Woods on Thursday 4th January 2018. The meeting was opened promptly at 7.15pm, present were:

Captain
Vice-Captain
Secretary
Competition Secretary
Handicap Secretary
Treasurer

John Harrison
Bruce Foster
Paul Perrin
Darren Woods
Tony Hills
Tony Stapleton

Committee Members present were Chris White, Steve Hall, Rob Vine, Simon Welsh, Les Stewart and Ken Claxon Junior Organiser

Representing Q hotels Belton Woods were Hotel Golf Manager Ben Skeet, Estates Manager Andy Richardson, Golf Professional Iain Fulton, GM Seamus Coen

Representing the Ladies section, Captain Liz Moses, Vice Captain Lesley Perrin & Competition & handicap secretary Becky Foster.. Representing the seniors section Senior Captain David Toule and Senior Vice Captain Gary Waterfield.

Some 8 other members attended.

Apologies received.

Dave Richardson, Elaine Lilley Ladies Secretary, Alan Haynes B Team Captain, Matthew Haynes A Team Captain and Ted Morris Junior Captain.

Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting were approved by Bruce Foster and seconded by Paul Perrin.

Secretary's Report – Paul Perrin (as presented)

I would like to welcome Captain John, Lady Captain Liz, Senior Captain Dave, Hotel Management, Iain Fulton, all past Captains, members of the committee and members of the club.

It has been a great pleasure to work with Captain John, Tony, Tony Hills after Jeff decided to stand down, Darren and the rest of the committee. As you all know we have had challenges throughout the year, but I believe overall, we have coped with them well. The guys in the pro-shop along with Seamus offer all sections in the club great support and I believe it's a two-way street and sometimes we take their generosity for granted.

One thing this year we now have Rob Vine feeding the details on the webpage, but he does need more support from all of us on the committee for appropriate information, one area we have been poor on this year is providing reports in the Grantham journal which is an advertising window for our club and members achievements also for recruiting new members.

As many of you know I have held this position within in the club previously and I am at the end of the phone and always respond to emails as fast as I can to the best of my ability I have to say it's going to be an honour working with Mr Foster as captain as he knows what this role is all about.

Again, during the past year, I have not sent many bans out so that is a sign that members are showing respect to their playing partners, which is always a good thing. We run this for all members and it is competitions that generate our income, nothing else. So, we will be hoping to

see more members out there next year and if you cannot make your tee time then please ring the shop, it is only common courtesy, both to us and you're playing partners.

The A/B Team had a great season in 2017 with the family captains conquering the top of the league in both divisions correct me if I'm wrong but pretty sure that's a first for the club. Les Stewart who runs the C team with some help at times from Al Lenord always manages to send a full team out who enjoy a meal after, but going back to the weekend games meals seem to be outdated but we do on occasions get a breakfast start.

Once again, the Captains away day continues to be a huge success. John's choice of venue away was supported well.

The presentation night was a most enjoyable night and I was pleased with the number of attendees and the fact that I did not receive one complaint after the event. Again, it was disappointing that not all the cup winners were not there and so if anybody has a good idea of how to attract them then please let us know. I did try and change the entrainment schedule which I did receive positive comments.

The Turkey Trot day proved to be a big draw for players this year and the weather was kind and it was such an enjoyable day and was well supported with 96 players. We also as a committee decided to spend almost all the money we received in. People do not realise the cost of prizes having to be ordered in advance to offer a great selection for the prize table. And it was nice of the hotel to put on hot drinks before the game and food after the presentation; again, our thanks go to Seamus and Ben. I did have a little problem which I hold my hands up and apologise publicly to the members concerned but it was a human error on my suppliers' behalf and I sorted out on arrival on my holiday.

Captain John (Harry) has been a very good captain to work with and I am sure he has enjoyed his position as Club Captain. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Bruce all the best for the year ahead and I will assist him in all his needs.

I would just like to thank all the committee for their support to me over the last two years and with new committee members this year; we will look forward to another good year for Belton Woods Golf Club.

The previous year's minutes were approved by Vice Captain Mr Bruce Foster and were duly signed off and recorded as correct.

Captain's Report – John Harrison (as presented)

Captain's Report – John (Harry) Harrison (as presented)

Good evening to past, present and future Captains, the Committee, Hotel Management and you the Members.

I would like to thank you all for taking the time to attend this evening.

My sincere thanks go to the committee and officers working tirelessly to ensure the club works to its full potential. It's had its ups and downs over the last twelve months, with the resignation of Handicap Secretary Jeff Earl. However, I would like to thank Tony Hills! After returning to the club, he was approached reference the post, and with a bit of coercion, he dually accepted and has seamlessly stepped into the role.

Thanks to all team captains and everyone that played in the matches. The feedback from other clubs of the way our players conducted themselves both on and off the course is commendable, true ambassadors. Special congratulations to the A & B Team on gaining promotion ably lead by Matt & Allan Haynes. Here's to 2018 onwards and upwards and more success.

A Special mention to the GM Seamus Coen, who has been there when needed not just as the GM, but as a friend.

Thanks go to Director of Golf Ben and his staff, who work tirelessly to keep us happy.

But not forgetting Head Greenkeeper Andy Richardson and his great team that present us with two great courses (Plus the Academy course) throughout the year. The members and visitors whether playing matches or social golf continually praise their standard, stating the courses are within the top in the county. Thank you and the team.

I have had a Fantastic year with some special memories, which will remain with me for many years. Namely, Portugal trip, 100 holes in a day challenge and Captain's Charity day.

With that in mind, I would like to thank Lady Captain Liz Moses for her support throughout the year.

I feel we have been a truly formidable team with the best interest of you the members and the Club at heart.

Captain's Charity!

I and the Lady Captain decided to have a joint Charity in 2017, RAINBOWS!

The charity for terminally ill children and young people. As you may well know, there is only one in the midlands.

Funds raised total £8,000! Which is truly amazing. Thank you all for your support. We will handing over the monies to Rainbows in the near future.

I have played in excess of 200 rounds (Not all good rounds) home and away in my Captaincy year. My proudest achievement this year is I have not missed a Sunday competition and have been available afterwards in the Claret Jug for any member; to bring any issues they may have to my attention.

I have endeavoured to represent Belton Woods Golf Club when and wherever with a smile on my face, and enjoying the game in a manner within the true traditions and ethos of golf.

So, without any further ado I wish Club/Mens Captain Bruce, Lady Captain Lesley, Seniors Captain David and Juniors Captain Connor all the best for their Captains year 2018.

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Treasurer's Report – Tony Stapleton (as presented)

BWGC Mens Section - Accounts Summary 2017

Carried Forward Balance 2015:	£	2,009.93
Carried Forward Balance 2016:	£	8,726.89

Accounts Category	Costs	Revenues	Balance
A,B,C Team	474.50	-	-474.50
Admin, Registration & Computer	1,304.84	128.50	-1,176.34
Charity	9,984.00	3,900.00	-6,084.00
<i>(inc Captains 2016 Revenues and Payments accounted in 2017 @ 6k)</i>			
Inter Club Cards	250.00	640.00	390.00
Juniors	500.00	-	-500.00
Mens Competitions	8,771.00	12,903.00	4,132.00
Presentation Night	2,222.50	300.00	-1,922.50
Friday Flyer	315.00	101.50	-213.50
Totals	23,821.84	17,973.00	-5,848.84
Carry Forward Balance			8,726.89
Deposit Account Balance			-
Total Accounts Balance - Carry Forward 2017			2,878.05

Notes

A,B,C Team

Costs for entry in to league competition & general associated team costs
Does not include revenue for league winners cheques of £550 - to be accounted in 2018

Admin, Registration & Computer

c£800 for computer related running costs
Balance in general club running costs

Charity

inc Captains 2016 Revenues and Payments accounted in 2017 @ 6k
All other charity related events are self funding

Inter Club Cards

Sales revenue slightly down yoy to £640 - costs stable

Juniors

The mens section continue to support the junior section wit £500 support each year
Ken Claxon accounts for the junior section seperately

Mens Competitions

The main source of in come for the club
Significantly up yoy due to realignment to percentage margins (see comp summary)

Presentation Night

Main cost to club in prizes and on night costs
Costs up yoy due to increase in entertainment costs - tickets sales & revenues are neutral

Friday Flyer

Number of players down yoy and significant hit to revenues
To be discussed at 2018 committee meetings regarding current format & processes

JA Harrison
Club Captain
2017.

Competition Secretary's Report - Competitions – Darren Woods (as presented)

Good evening Mr Secretary, Captain, Lady Captain, Incoming Captains, Ladies & Gents.
2017

My aim for the year was to get all competitions finished and completed within a specified time frame. Unfortunately, although slightly better than last year we still seem to be over running on some competitions during the summer, whilst I appreciate that we all have busy lives with family and work commitments this is both frustrating and time consuming, not just for myself and the committee but also for those players that are trying to get matches completed. My hope moving forward into 2018 and beyond is that together we can sort out this little glitch and have a smooth transition from winter to summer, summer to winter.

Competitions 2017

During 2017 some 301 members have taken an active part in competitions (including supplementary scores) compared to 230 in 2016. This is an increase of 30.86%

In 2016 a total number of 2610 (9/18 hole) rounds were completed. 2017 saw that figure increase by 39.4% to 3629.

During 2016 we had 95 recorded (NR's) During 2017 we have had 24 recorded (NR's) a decrease of 74.7%.

171 away scores have been submitted compared to 103 in 2016 an increase of 66%.

Competitions 2018

Details regarding entry fees etc will be posted on the board and published on the web, along with all the usual summer knockouts in due course. Please be mindful of entry requirements, rules and play by dates when booking into future competitions.

Over the last couple of years, I introduced a divisional order of merit. Unfortunately, it hasn't worked out as well as I had hoped. So, this year I have decided to replace it with a summer electric which will be one division. This will be based on all medal competitions throughout April-September.

Course & Tees

Since the introduction of Clubv1 the number of competitions played on each course as follows: -

Course	Tee	#Comps	Course	Tee	# Comps
Lakes	White	75	Woods	White	41
Lakes	Yellow	110	Woods	Yellow	106

Course	Tee	#Comps	Course	Tee	#comps
Lakes	Red	125	Woods	Red	222

Qualifiers (Men's)

Subject to AGM approval the number of qualifiers needed to win a Belton Woods golf club trophy will be reduced from six to three. By doing so the Gents section falls in line with the rest of the club. The three qualifiers must be obtained within a rolling year from the last time the trophy was played. All remaining competitions require an England Golf (c) status handicap.

Friday Flyers (9-hole comps)

Most of you are aware of the 'Friday flyers' these have proved very popular and will continue in 2018. Please arrange your tee time through the shop. A book will be provided for you to sign to say you have paid your £2 entry. Please enter your gross score on the score card (as the course is rationalised the computer will do the maths), ensure your card is clearly marked with your handicap, is signed, dated, and titled Friday flyer before returning it. Please do not record all the scores on one card as they will not be accepted. Normal competitions rules apply. Please be aware that the Friday flyers do not count towards club trophy qualifiers.

Saturday Roll Up

The Saturday roll up continues to grow and be ever more popular. It will be run again this year by Pete Stothard. It is an excellent way for new members to come along and get involved, a chance to meet established members and enjoy a social get together on a Saturday morning. If anyone would like to know more, please contact me and I will happily point you in the right direction.

In summary

Overall a successful year based on the numbers the club is going from strength to strength. Both A and B Teams gained promotion, congratulations to Matt and Alan and everyone who supported the teams. Going forward and for things to continue the upward trend, it is important that everyone checks the notice board on a regular basis and looks at the website for any information regarding rule changes, competitions entry requirements and upcoming events and continues to support the club.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Harry & Liz on a successful year in office.

To Harry, Liz, Paul, Bruce, Tony & Becky for their help closing the competitions whilst I have been away with work.

Andy and his team of Greenkeepers who do a superb job and accommodate our competition requests. Ben, Brad Josh, and the starters for their help with the cards in the shop and the half way hut. Seamus and all the bar staff and the rest of the committee, thank you all for your help and support I have received this year.

I look forward to working with the incoming Captains Bruce Foster and Lesley Perrin and Vice Captains Brian Robinson and Pat Welsh in 2018.

I wish you all a happy and healthy new year. Please enjoy your golf, be mindful of others and take care of the course.

Handicap Secretary's Report – AGM 2017 – Tony Hills

BELTON WOODS GOLF CLUB

AGM – 4 JAN 18

HANDICAP REPORT

CONGU has recently announced changes to the Unified Handicap System (UHS), which came into force 1 Jan 18. In view of the proposed introduction of a World Handicap System (WHS) these changes have been kept to a minimum. They take into account some of the options likely to be adopted in the WHS.

There are 17 changes in total and these can be found on the CONGU website but the principle changes include:

- Retirement of Club & disability handicaps: As a result of their low impact, these have been replaced by a new Cat 5 for men & Cat 6 for both men and women providing a max handicap of 54 for all golfers. The new categories are as follows:

Category	Playing Handicap
1	+ to 5
2	6 to 12
3	13 to 20
4	21 to 28
5	29 to 36 (new Cat for 2018)
6	37 to 54 (new Cat for 2018)

- Non-Qualifying scores: Consideration of non-qualifying scores need no longer be limited to the annual review, however all adjustments must still be carried out iaw Clause 33.

- Supplementary Scores: All players (except Cat 1) can now submit an unlimited number of supplementary scores in a calendar year instead of the current limit of 10. CAT 1 players may only return Supplementary scores during the period 1 Sep & 31 Dec, and only to the extent necessary to ensure the minimum requirement for qualifying scores under Clause 25 is met. A player intending to submit a Supplementary Score is required to signify his intention prior to commencement of play. At BWGC this is done by placing £2 in an envelope, with player's name and date, in the handicap box prior to start of play.

The Handicap Review is planned to take place Friday, 19 Jan 18. Results will be posted on the noticeboard; reductions will take effect immediately and any player recommended for a handicap increase will be notified by email and will be given 48hrs to decline or accept the adjustment.

Courses Report – Andy Richardson

Thanks to the team of Greenkeepers. Thanks to Ben and the members. Thank you to the members for their support with using winter wheels. Luckily with the mild winter we have still got buggies. This is the fourth year of the lake bunker plan. 11 out of 12 have been completed so far. There are plans. Cap Ex has been put into place for 9 tee boxes on each course. We are confident that this will be passed off and the work will commence next autumn. We have put in a request for new drain machines. The 5th year of the bunker plan will continue next year. There has been a big difference in the bunkers after rain. After next year, hopefully they will all be done. Next year will see certain chemicals taken off the market and this will alter the way in which maintenance is carried out. We will commence with the hollow tine of the greens in August and this will help with a faster recovery because it will be done earlier. There is likely to be more worm casts and debris due to the difference chemicals being used. I would like to thank everyone for their support.

General Manager – Seamus Coen

Seamus started off by saying he had reviewed the plan from last year. The hotel has since been taken over by RBH management which is an Investment company. The money is there but we need to be resourceful. His ambition is to add further events as the St Patricks day competition was so positive. Seamus would also like to promote other events such as the Club Championship and make a weekend of it.

One he would ask members for their support is outside charity days, possible golf days, training conferences etc. The more money we get in the more we can invest.

If we work together then we can move forward.

Seamus thanked all his team members, special mention to the Greenkeepers as he has worked with many greenkeepers previously but ours really take an interest in their work. Ben is a rock and is here most weekends and has even been known to be cleaning.

The plan is to get another 18 tee boxes completed and then the paths after that.

If anyone can provide any potential sales leads the hotel will do the rest.

Hotel Report – Ben Skeet (as presented)

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Men's AGM – 4th January 2018

- We have had a very positive year overall for golf & the hotel as a whole with both revenue and customer service increasing year on year.
- With the accounts still being finished, golf as a whole looks to have increased by around £26k year on year.
- The one slight negative to our year in golf has been a small drop in membership numbers across the whole year, which we fully intend to rectify in 2018.
- I would personally say that the courses have once again been in fantastic condition all year round. The winter had been very kind up until mid December but the courses have stood up well to the recent rain. I would therefore, like to thank Andy & his team for all of their hard work to produce the standard of course we have had.
- As the majority of you will have seen, we have completed work on 19 tee boxes. We just need a little warmth for the turn to increase growth and really knit in but this will be a major plus to

the courses come spring time. We are very relieved to have been able to secure this investment and will continue to do all we can to gain further investment into the courses.

- I would personally just like to thank all of my dedicated and hard working staff from the golf shop with Brad & Josh to Chris & Roger in the starters hut and my casual summer staff such as Josh Mackey, Jono Stapleton, James Larkin, Joshua Allen and Joey Dolan who now occupies the role as Storeman for the hotel. They are all a credit to the hotel and integral to the success of my department.

- I would like to thank the members & men's committee once again for all of your support throughout the year, I think overall we have ensured the smooth running of the section.

- All 3 of our men's teams have put in a fantastic effort over the year and have all been a credit to the section & hotel. This hard work is typified by all 3 captains, mr Les Stewart of the C team, Allan Haynes of the B team & Matthew Haynes of the A team. You have all been a credit to the hotel & have conducted yourselves fantastically in a job that is really not easy. Special mention to both the A & B teams for gaining promotion from their leagues in 2017.

- Congratulations to John Harrison, Ted Morris, Ray Woodcock & Liz Moses who have all done great jobs as their roles as captains throughout the year, they have all been a credit to the club & hotel throughout 2017.

- I want to wish all the best to our outgoing men's captain John Harrison who has been a great ambassador for the club over the year and has only missed 1 Sunday competition I believe. Thank you for helping us over the year with anything that has cropped up.

- Finally, I would like to welcome our incoming captain Mr Bruce Foster to the helm & offer him my help with anything over the year I can be of help with. I'm sure he along with the section will have another positive & successful year in 2018.

Ted Morris – Junior Captain

Apologies received

2017 Junior Captain and incoming address, Connor Bungay

Apologies Received

Election of the Committee – Paul Perrin

The 2018 Committee nominations below had been received being duly nominated and seconded.

Captain
Vice-Captain
Honorary Secretary
Honorary Treasurer
Competition Secretary
Immediate Past Captain
Handicap Secretary
Committee Member
Committee Member
Committee Member
Committee Member
Committee Member

Bruce Foster
Brian Robinson
Paul Perrin
Tony Stapleton
Darren Woods
John Harrison
Tony Hills
Les Stewart
Rob Vine
Chris White
Steve Hall
Simon Welch

There being no objections, the 2018 nominated committee was proposed en-masse.

2017 Club Captain and Incoming Captain's address – Bruce Foster

Acceptance Speech Belton Woods GC Captaincy 2018

Thank you Harry,

Past and future Captains, the Committee, Hotel Management and you the Members.

Firstly,

I joined Belton Woods some 10 year ago and little did imagine that I would be standing here as your captain. Myself and Becky joined to keep fit (obviously you can see that did not work for me!) and to play sport in our later years. Having joined we decided to play golf together and gradually managed to pluck up courage to join the competitions. It was probably one of the best decisions we have ever made, and we have made so many friends since that time we would not know what to do with our spare time now.

Since entering the competitions I need to shake off this mantle of only winning a trophy when playing with my wife!

I have had some history on the committee after being Treasurer, Secretary and Vice Captain and to stand as Captain I feel truly honoured to be standing before you and feel that it will stand me in good stead for the coming year.

I would like to thank Harry for giving me the opportunity to become Captain of this wonderful Club and to congratulate him on his successful year.

As Club Vice Captain there have not been many occasions this year when I have had to step in but when I have been called upon I have enjoyed it and I hope to continue that going forward. I need to make sure not only do I enjoy being Captain, but the Club and its members have the same fun times, and hopefully we will all enjoy a good year. Some of the changes we are making to the competitions is to alleviate some of this year's complaints about qualifiers so hopefully we can move on from that and concentrate on the golf.

I believe that you will not keep everyone happy all the time within the club. However, I believe you need to be fair and honest across the board and endeavour to listen, communicate and work with everyone. It is my belief that talking to people and communicating goes a long to make this one of the most harmonious and enjoyable Golf Club's in the area. I would like to think that any member can approach me with any issues and I will try to get them resolved with the help of my committee. With that in mind, I will endeavour to represent Belton Woods Golf Club in the manner befitting the post.

I would like to inform you that I have decided to make my charity Breast Cancer Awareness as my mother died of this disease some years ago. Myself and the Lady Captain will be organising various charity events this year but these will be targeted at certain events and will not be at the expense of the members having to dig into their pockets all of the time.

Any support you can give us would be truly appreciated.

I would like you all to welcome Brian Robinson as my Vice Captain.

He has not served on the committee before, so I am not sure that he knows what he has let himself in for. But I will ensure he gets my full support and would ask that you all do as well. He has worked here for more than 20 years so his knowledge of the course, hotel and the people will stand him in good stead for the future. Not to mention the support he will get from Seamus, Ben and their teams.

Team Captains.

I can confirm that the Captains this year will be:

A Team is Matt Haynes

B Team is Allan Haynes

C Team is Les Stewart

The Juniors Captain this year will be Connor Bungay.

I wish you all the Captain's great success for this year's coming fixtures commencing in April and hope we can continue to stay in our current divisions or even go up.

Every year we ask all members who wish to play for the club, please contact the relevant captain. I have always found the teams to have a great team spirit and your support can assist the club gain promotion to the higher leagues.

The committee has been stable this year and with their support we can keep the club going forward to the benefit of the members.

The Hotel has changed ownership this year and nothing has changed yet for the members, but we still have Seamus Cohen at the helm supported by Ben Skeet, Andy Richardson and their staff here at Belton Woods.

With enthusiastic members and fantastic staff, it is a brilliant recipe for a pleasurable year of fun golf.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who has wished me good luck for the coming year. Lets all enjoy our golf and if we play well, you or I may end up at this year's presentation evening receiving some silverware.

Thank You

Proposals and Resolutions

Proposals for AGM 2018

Competition Qualifiers

This is to change the qualifying status from 6 qualifying competitions from the previous year Club Championships to the following:

To be eligible to win a Men' Section competition, players (both home and away) must hold an EG defined "Competition" Handicap.

• To win individual or pairs (including mixed) Cup, Trophy or Shield competitions, players must also have played in three of the Belton Woods qualifying competitions which may include:

- monthly medal
- monthly stableford
- cup competitions

• The three qualifying events must be played in a rolling year. For mixed competitions men must adhere to the men's competition procedures.

• It is the player's responsibility to check that they have completed the requisite number of qualifying cards. Players can check their playing record on www.howdidido.co.uk or by asking the Competition Secretary.

Cup Competition's

In previous years, some of the cup competitions have been set to have a maximum handicap of 18 when playing for a cup. If a player is a 23 handicap for example, they may play the competition but will only be allowed to play with 18 strokes. This is to re-instate that rule, so the following competitions will be subject to this:

Kinnersley Cup Stableford

Myles Foster Trophy

Mike Fisher Memorial

Tony Roberts Trophy Medal

Chandlers Cup – Medal

Cup Competition naming

In previous years we have changed the naming of some competitions, it is proposed that we change back to the original names where we have both cups and honour boards.

Each item was voted on individually and it was unamisouly carried on all aspects.

AOB & Questions

No further questions were asked and the meeting was closed at 8.30 pm

Paul Perrin
Honorary Secretary
Belton Woods Golf Club

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