



The Elbow & Grappenhall Golf Society – Meeting February 6th 2024.

In attendance: Neil Titchard (Acting Chairman), Graham Rose (Secretary), Andrew Courtney-Smith, Daniel Dunn, John Owen, Andy Mason, Dil Smith, Andy Henhaw, Tim Jordan

Apologies: John Davies, Stu Rae, Mick Metcalfe, Rob McLean, Ira Washer, Daz Roberts, Rob Slater, Rick Hudd, Mark Tyrer, Steve Coulton, Steve Pickford, Mike Tabernacle, Nader Rehmatullah

Previous Minutes: Accepted

Ongoing Actions

Coordinate repair and engraving. ACTION VM (with support from RS).

Last Day Out

The Porthmadog event had to be cancelled due to the course being waterlogged. Andrew advised that communications with the club had been very good and there was a possibility to obtain a similar deal later in the year if enough people were interested.

The proposal is to try and rearrange the event for Sunday 27 October. It would not count towards the POTY but The Memory Cup would be played for.

ALL TO NOTIFY ANDREW IF THEY WOULD POTENTIALLY BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING SUCH A REARRANGED EVENT BY THE APRIL MEETING.

Next Day Out (Prestbury 21 March)

Dil advised that he had been able to increase the numbers and 32 attendees were now confirmed. **IF ANYONE WOULD STILL LIKE TO PLAY PLEASE ADVISE DIL BY FRIDAY 15 MARCH.**

Medical certificates are normally required for the 4 available buggies but the club have agreed that you can just confirm your acknowledgement of this

requirement with Dil.

Dil is going to confirm if there is any dress requirement and advise attendees accordingly.

April Day Out

Graham advised that this is booked for Friday 26 April at Sandbach Golf club. It is booked for 24 people at a cost of a mere £35 per person for bacon barm/coffee, 18 holes golf and a two course dinner. We will be playing for the Rose Bowl (18 hole stableford) and the POTY, along with a couple of mystery prizes.

Full details will be issued on 25 March although Graham is starting to list attendees from today if you would like to get your name down. Final numbers to be confirmed with the club on Friday 19 April.

Anniversary Event

This landmark event is being held at Hawkstone Park on 26/27 May. It has been booked for 24 people. 20 members have confirmed their attendance although one has only paid a deposit and another has not paid anything at all. The total cost of £4,400 has to be paid to Hawkstone at the end of March. NEIL AND TIM WILL CONTACT THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NOT PAID TO CONFIRM THEIR INTENTIONS.

The cost to the 20 attendees would only increase by £2/£3 per person if we cannot fill the 24 places but it would be good to have a full house for what promises to be an enjoyable couple of days at a premier venue.

IF ANYONE WOULD STILL LIKE TO PLAY, OR INVITE A GUEST, PLEASE CONTACT TIM BY THE MARCH DAY OUT ON 21 MARCH AND BE PREPARED TO PAY THE £200 COST IMMEDIATELY.

The 2024 Captains Group will be meeting at the London Bridge at 19.30 on 27 March to finalise the arrangements for the event. If anyone has any ideas and wishes to assist please feel free to come along.

MNDA Charity Day

Tim advised that arrangements for this TAGGS charity event on Wednesday 24 July

continue to proceed very well.

It is booked for 22 teams of four. 12 teams consisting fully/partly of TAGGS members are already confirmed and paid with another 3 or 4 teams in the pipeline. The remaining spaces are now open to non TAGGS members and are filling up fast.

Andy Mason is securing auction and raffle prizes. He has already obtained 5 golf day packages as main auction prizes along with signed Warrington Wolves and Manchester City shirts. Tim has also got the London Bridge to donate some Sunday Roasts as a prize and secured some hole sponsors at £100/hole. He intends to visit a number of Stockton Heath venues to try and get more.

Eddie Hemmings and Brian Carney will attend and hopefully Paul Cullen too as his brother died of MND some years ago. The area MNDA representative will also be in attendance to assist on the day and advise about the charity.

Attendees will be able to purchase mulligans and enter a Beat the Pro competition on the day and receive goody bags which will include some TAGGS and MNDA information along with golf balls donated by Andrew C-S.

A discussion took place on whether to provide certificates for anyone donating large amounts to the event and this will be considered at the next Charity Sub Committee meeting.

It was also discussed how TAGGS members not playing in the event may be able to contribute. The feeling was this could be done by supporting the GoFundMe page, donation of prizes and provision of hole sponsorship by themselves or anyone they know.

ALL MEMBERS PLEASE DO WHATEVER YOU CAN TO SUPPORT WHAT IS TURNING INTO A GREAT EVENT FOR A WORTHY CAUSE AND WILL HOPEFULLY SHOW THAT TAGGS IS A WELL RUN AND GENEROUS SOCIETY.

Treasurers Report

Nothing specific to report.

Graham requested clarification of payment arrangements as there seems to have been some recent confusion amongst members for a number of events being held in the year.

John confirmed that the default account for money to be transferred to in respect of all golf events, apart from the Charity Day (see below), was the current TAGGS

account. It is normal for John to pay balances to each golf club on the day from his own bank account and then transfer a corresponding amount to himself from the TAGGS account. This is done because the current account will not allow payments on the day.

From August, the new TAGGS bank account, being used only for Charity Day at the moment, will become the default account to be used for transfers and will be able to facilitate payments on the day as well as online statements etc.

For the time being John is only able to receive monthly statements for the current TAGGS account. This can lead to some delays in confirming who has made payments for various events/items.

TO ASSIST JOHN, MEMBERS ARE REMINDED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF INCLUDING A REFERENCE IN ANY TRANSFERS THEY MAKE TO THE TAGGS ACCOUNT AND ALSO TO EMAIL JOHN WHEN THEY HAVE MADE TRANSFERS, AND WHAT FOR.

It was agreed that transferring sums for days out upfront should continue. Members are reminded that refunds for non attendance at the golf or meals are not guaranteed.

Handicap Secretaries Report

Nothing significant to report.

Rick has advised that he will only be publishing results from days out on the WhatsApp Official Group as he is having issues with his email.

IF ANYONE CANNOT WAIT FOR RESULTS/HANDICAP ADJUSTMENTS TO BE PUBLISHED ON THE WEBSITE, OR ANNOUNCED AT MEETINGS, PLEASE CONTACT ROB SLATER TO ENSURE YOU GET ADDED TO THE WHATSAPP GROUP.

Any Other Business

Neil agreed to run this years Singles Knock Out competition. The draw will be held at the April meeting.

PLEASE CONTACT NEIL IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2024 SINGLES KNOCK OUT COMPETITION.

Meeting closed at 9:21:58