

THE ASSOCIATION OF KENT VETERAN GOLFERS

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President: Dave Parker MBE

Hon. Secretary: Dr Nigel Courtney

28th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 27th October 2023 at 4PM at Canterbury GC

MINUTES

		<u>action</u>
1	President's opening address Dave Parker (DP) welcomed AKVG members to AKVG's 28 th AGM. He noted that today's tournament had been well supported, despite the initial damp weather, and hoped everyone had enjoyed their golf and the excellent lunch.	DP
2	Present: 29 members signed the attendance sheet <i>[attached]</i> .	
3	Apologies for absence: R Thomas, P Johnson, T Wright, M Ward, N Hill, G Rees, P Greenidge, B Rayner, R Simpson, M Gofton, T Hyde, M Swan	
4	Secretary's report Nigel Courtney (NC) read out his report <i>(copy attached)</i> . Resolutions arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Our dining room Dress Code now includes our definition of 'Smart Casual' - in short, "professional but comfortable". This has been approved by a majority of members and is now published on our Website.- The proposed new Raffle arrangements were approved- Bespoke jackets for Reps who achieve 12 years service were welcomed.- The proposed £51pp match fee for our 8 main events in 2024 was approved.	NC ALL ALL ALL
5	Treasurer's report As Roger Thomas (RT) was unable to attend the meeting NC read out RT's commentary <i>(copy attached)</i> on the signed and audited accounts to 31 st December 2022, a copy of which was circulated with the Agenda. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed, seconded and passed unanimously. NC commented that since 2008, except in covid-affected 2021, our Association's officers had maintained a balance of approximately £13000. When this is exceeded the Association's charitable donations are temporarily increased.	RT All
6	Membership Secretary's report: Jeff Root (JR) reported that currently we have almost 700 members and he expected this number to be exceeded in 2024. He had written to a number of Kent golf clubs to see if they would be interested in joining AKVG. As a result West Malling has joined. Bearsted and Langley Park, which were AKVG affiliates until Covid, and Gillingham have not yet responded.	JR

7	Devon & Cornwall County Matches report	BC
	Captain Bob Coles (BC) reported that our 16-man team played Devon Mens' Veteran Golf Association at Churston GC on 5 th July and won the Presidents Plate for the second successive year.	All
	To compensate for the late cancellation by Cornwall Veterans Golf Association the AKVG team played at Dawlish Warren in Devon – a wild stretch of coast that cost us many golf balls.	
8	Election of AKVG officers	All
8.1	President: Dave Parker MBE (DP) of Corinthian GC is willing to stand for the next year. DP was proposed by J Root, seconded by A Wood and then duly elected by the members.	
8.2	Vice President: Ian Fright (IF) of Prince's GC is willing to stand for the next year. IF was proposed by T Williams, seconded by E Ruff and then duly elected by the members	
8.3	Secretary: Nigel Courtney (NC) of Westerham GC is willing to stand for the next year. NC was proposed by P Ferguson, seconded by N Tubman and then duly elected by the members	
8.4	Treasurer: Roger Thomas (RT) of Westerham GC is willing to stand for the next year. RT was proposed by M Willeard, seconded by D Parker and then duly elected by the members	
8.5	Membership Secretary: Jeff Root of Marriott Tudor Park GC is willing to stand for the next year. JR was proposed by T Williams, seconded by I Fright and then duly elected by the members	
8.6	The proposal to change to AKVG's Rules to allow an additional Officer role, Handicap Secretary, was approved by the members. Trevor Williams of Redlibbets GC is willing to stand for the next year. TW was proposed by T Hall, seconded by M Willeard and duly elected by the members	
9	Election of committee	All
9.1	Martyn Dines, Peter Johnson, Brian Rayner, Jim Silvester, and Melvyn Willeard will not stand for re-election. The members gave a warm round of applause to thank them for their service. The proposal to elect Bob Coles, Toby Frampton, Robert Chillcott and Terry Wright to serve as Representatives on the AKVG committee was unanimously approved by the members.	
10	Captaincy	MD
10.1	Bob Coles (BC) thanked all present for his most enjoyable year as Captain. The members responded by warmly thanking him for his service.	
	BC then introduced Alan Wood (AW) of Etchinghill GC as our Captain for 2024 and bestowed the Chain of Office.	All
	AW then thanked all present for giving him this honour. He described his plans as captain and announced that his chosen charity will be 'Sight Savers'. AW hoped members would join him on his Captain's Prize day at Etchinghill on 9 th April 2024.	
	AW then introduced Nigel Tubman (NT) of Littlestone GC as his Vice Captain. [The full text of Alan's speech is attached and also on our website: www.akvg.com]	
11	Any other business	
11.1	On reciprocal arrangements between affiliated clubs NC said three of our affiliated clubs have notified that they have reciprocal arrangements which enable their members to play certain other affiliated clubs at reduced rates. NC said he had spoken with the relevant general managers who had all agreed that this privilege does not apply when a member visits as an entrant in a society competition. The members present all agreed that reciprocal arrangements will not apply to AKVG events because the match fee negotiated by AKVG with host venues takes such privileges and county card rates into account.	NC
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.45PM The 2024 AGM will be held at Westerham G.C. on Wednesday 23 rd October 2024	All

Dr Nigel Courtney
Honorary Secretary



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ITEM 4 – Secretary's Report

1) The way we do things:

- Thanks to Barry Martyn, our webmaster, we are making better use of our website (www.akvg.com). The Home tab sets out who we are and what we do and our Dress Code. Members can view the Fixture list, and for each match the Draw and the Results. The management tab names your committee and displays the AGM minutes and there is a page for the Captain. Our Policies are set out for safeguarding, competition Terms & Conditions, refunds, etc. And there is a bundle of Resources that members may find useful.
- Fewer people carry cash these days and many golf clubs are now 'card only'. So we would like members to make more use our card reader when buying raffle tickets etc.
- Our Raffle funds our charitable donations to KSSAA and the Captain's chosen charity. We propose that in future the Raffle will offer an increased number of prizes and automatically include the 2s competition and a chance to win a 4-ball voucher. Henceforth a ticket will cost £10 for 2 strips, so doubling the chances of winning.

2) Our Reps:

- Our Reps make it possible for your association to function. Long service is a feature. Many of our Reps have also served on the committee and as Captain. They are stars!
- As a token of our esteem we wish to present those who have served for 12 or more years with a special jacket embroidered with their name and gold stars.
- Eddie Ruff and Martyn Dines have been Reps for 17 years; Bill Piper for 12 years. All have also served as Captain. I will also ask 4 more to give me their size. Today I invite our Captain to present Jackets to Eddie and Martyn; Bill's has been sent to him.

3) Fixtures for 2024 (copied with agenda):

- During 2023 our 8 main events have typically attracted 95 entrants representing 22+ Kent clubs.

- I'm very pleased to report that Toby Frampton, our Rep at Cherry Lodge, has agreed to work on our fixtures for 2025 and onwards.
- Since 2004 we've played Cornwall Seniors Golf Association home and away. Sadly, their declining membership means they can no longer field a team so we have had to cancel the venue we booked.
- Happily, Devon Mens Veteran Golfers Association has stepped up and from 2025 we will compete over 2 rounds each year for the Silver Salver trophy.
- We have played 38 Kent clubs since 2015. Until Covid, prices increased by about 1% pa. Since then inflation in the economy has forced Kent golf clubs to raise booking fees by some 25%.
- By subsidising from our reserves we were able this year to absorb 12% of this increase and set a match fee of £47pp. But with inflation still running at c.7% I'm afraid our match fee for 2024 will rise to £51pp. I also play with the Ducks, the BUGS and the Rogues and their match fees are £65-70 ... so our £51 does remain highly competitive.

4) AKVG merchandise:

- We now restocked and I'm delighted to say that Robert Chillcott (our Reps at Nizels) has agreed to take care of supplies for our match Raffles and sales.

5) WHS & our Approved Tournament Organiser status:

- Thanks to the sterling efforts of a team led by Trevor Williams, your chief scorer, we have been able to keep up with rapid changes in regulations, technologies and opportunities.
- This team enables AKVG to ensure that our members have a Handicap Index that reflects their current golfing abilities and makes our competitions fairer.
- When we get to agenda item 8.6 I will propose that Trevor is made an AKVG Officer as Handicap Secretary. For the sake of clarity, Trevor's remit is within AKVG and will not impinge on the activities of handicap secretaries in our members' golf clubs.



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ITEM 5 –Treasurer’s Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2022

1. There was a surplus in the profit & loss account for the year of £1,662.87 (in 2021 it was £298.36)
2. The association held £12,582.32 of net assets at the end of the year, including £13,412.80 of cash & bank balances.
3. Subscriptions paid for 2022 by 694 members were £2,082.
4. Administrative expenses were significantly higher due to additional insurances and the purchase of a laptop in advance of collecting scores for WHS purposes.
5. Donations to the Captain’s charity, Canine Partners (£1,000) and The Kent Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance Trust (£1,500) were provided for from the activities of the year.

Balance Sheet

As of 31/12/2022 (in U.K. Pounds Sterling) (Accrual Basis)

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Account	31/12/2022 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
BMM No 2 Acc	10,000.00
Current	3,387.80
Future Matches Fees Account	0.00
Ball Sweep Float	25.00
Clothing Account	0.00
Queries Account	0.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	13,412.80
Other Assets	
Deposit on Future Matches	1,419.20
Stock - Caps	139.93
Stock - Golf Balls	232.49
Stock - Golf Gloves	199.66
Stock - Pitch Repairer	33.84
Stock - Ties	165.00
Stock - Towels	358.80
TOTAL Other Assets	2,548.92
TOTAL ASSETS	15,961.72
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
Other Liabilities	
Accruals&Prepaid	3,379.40
Invoices Outstanding	0.00
Match Fee Account	0.00
Match Refunds Due	0.00
TOTAL Other Liabilities	3,379.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,379.40
EQUITY	12,582.32
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	15,961.72

Roger Thomas, Hon Treasurer

Ellis Parker, President

Tony Martin, Auditor

Profit & Loss Comparison

01/01/2021 Through 31/12/2022 (in U.K. Pounds Sterling) (Accrual Basis)



Category Description	01/01/2022- 31/12/2022	01/01/2021- 31/12/2021
INCOME		
Administration Account		
Expenditure		
Bank Charges	-76.99	0.00
Captain's Honorarium	-100.00	0.00
Committee Expenses	-714.03	-58.39
Honorarium	-500.00	-500.00
Insurance	-422.90	-141.94
Membership Cards	-173.40	-167.40
Misc	-65.01	0.00
Postage	-82.79	0.00
Printing & Stationary	-83.00	0.00
Trophy & Engraving	-401.95	-413.55
Website & Software	-250.91	-180.00
TOTAL Expenditure	-2,870.98	-1,461.28
Income		
Bank Interest	13.80	0.00
Misc Credit	13.00	0.00
Subscriptions	2,082.00	444.00
TOTAL Income	2,108.80	444.00
TOTAL Administration Ac...	-762.18	-1,017.28
Charity Account		
Charity Income		
Ball Sweep	2,297.62	1,524.84
Misc Ball Sweep Ex...	-78.00	-202.97
Net Cost Gloves (Ba...	-8.52	-14.20
Net Cost Golf Balls (...)	-326.04	-167.96
Net cost of Caps	-149.85	0.00
Net Cost Towels (Ba...	-132.60	-85.80
TOTAL Ball Sweep	1,602.61	1,053.91
Donations Received	398.00	515.00
TOTAL Charity Income	2,000.61	1,568.91
Donations Made		
Captain's Donation	-1,000.00	-1,050.00
Kent Air Ambulance	-1,500.00	-500.00
TOTAL Donations Made	-2,500.00	-1,550.00
TOTAL Charity Account	-499.39	18.91
Clothing Acc		
Clothing Expenses		
Polo Shirts	-673.76	-488.34
TOTAL Clothing Expen...	-673.76	-488.34
Clothing Income		
Payment from Members	840.00	526.00
TOTAL Clothing Income	840.00	526.00
TOTAL Clothing Acc	166.24	37.66
Competition Account		
Competition Expenses		
Captain's Discretion	0.00	-200.00
Cost of Course	-23,267.20	-18,251.00
other	0.00	-173.95
Prizes	-1,531.53	-1,090.79
TOTAL Competition Ex...	-24,798.73	-19,715.74
Competition Income		
-Match Fees	28,925.00	21,824.01

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Category Description	01/01/2022- 31/12/2022	01/01/2021- 31/12/2021
-Refunds	-512.00	-930.00
Lunches	558.50	0.00
Other	0.00	140.00
TOTAL Competition In...	28,971.50	21,034.01
TOTAL Competition Acco...	4,172.77	1,318.27
Devon&Cornwall Matches		
D&C Expenditure		
Green Fees	-2,486.00	0.00
Hotel	0.00	-3,735.00
Other	0.00	-35.62
TOTAL D&C Expenditu...	-2,486.00	-3,770.62
D&C Income		
other	18.00	0.00
Receipt from Players	1,034.00	4,075.00
Refund Match Fees	0.00	-340.00
TOTAL D&C Income	1,052.00	3,735.00
TOTAL Devon&Cornwall ...	-1,434.00	-35.62
Stock		
Income		
Caps	30.00	0.00
ties	120.00	0.00
Towels	20.00	0.00
TOTAL Income	170.00	0.00
Stock Expenses		
Cost of Caps	-29.97	0.00
Cost of Ties	-105.00	-23.58
Cost of towels	-15.60	0.00
TOTAL Stock Expenses	-150.57	-23.58
TOTAL Stock	19.43	-23.58
TOTAL INCOME	1,662.87	298.36
EXPENSES		
Uncategorised	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	1,662.87	298.36



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ITEM 10 – Alan Wood’s speech on taking over as 2024 AKVG Captain

I am really looking forward to my AKVG Captaincy year in 2024.

I started playing golf in 2009 and am a member at Etchinghill GC where I play regularly in the Club competitions, Seniors friendlies and in the Super Seniors League side. I am a regular in AKVG events and, this year, have had some success in the competitions. I look on the golf course as a place where I can meet and enjoy the company of other golfers and, hopefully enjoy a few laughs even when the round of golf is not going quite as I would like.

I have an outgoing personality, as many of you will already know, and others will come to find at the various events next year.

Before retiring I ran my own small business, a barbers shop, which, over the years I built into a very successful undertaking, as can be seen from the number of regulars who came in, not just for a haircut but also to enjoy a chat about their lives and the world in general.

I guess this is where I developed into the person you see today. I have been married for 50 years to Margaret who is my rock and also my best friend.

My chosen charity “Sight Savers” is registered in the UK as Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind and is registered with the Fundraising Regulator. The reason I have chosen this charity is because, in the last few years, I have had issues with ingrowing eyelashes which have severely affected both my eyesight and my day-to-day life, not least my golf. I am hopeful my recent operation will have dealt with this problem.

Now I would like to introduce you to my Vice Captain, Nigel Tubman of Littlestone GC. I know he will enjoy the experience and I look forward to working with him in the coming year.

I hope to get to know you all in 2024 starting and will start by welcoming you to Etchinghill for my Captain’s Prize day on Tuesday 9th April.

Here’s to an enjoyable golfing year for us all in 2024!

Alan Wood