

THE ASSOCIATION OF KENT VETERAN GOLFERS

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Hon. Secretary: Dr Nigel Courtney

27th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 2nd November 2022 at 4PM at Upchurch River Valley GC

MINUTES

		<u>action</u>
1	Acting President's opening address On behalf of Jim Silvester (JS), Dave Parker (DP) welcomed AKVG members to AKVG's 27 th AGM. He reported that JS has been recovering but did not feel able to resume his role as president. DP recalled that JS's service to our association has been remarkable. He has been a member since the early days, was elected Hon Auditor in 2008, Captain in 2011, vice president in 2013 and president in 2016 when Desmond Barker retired. DP also reported that Peter Johnson (PJ) would retire as membership secretary after many years of excellent service. Happily both JS and PJ had agreed to stay on the committee and offer the benefit of their knowledge and experience.	DP JS; PJ
2	Present: 28 members signed the attendance sheet <i>[attached]</i> .	
3	Apologies for absence: T Williams, M Ward, N Hill, G Rees, C Young, P Greenidge	
4	Secretary's report Nigel Courtney (NC) said:	NC
4.1	Fixtures in 2023: <i>[list attached]</i> We have secured bookings at what I hope you will agree is an excellent set of venues. Despite roaring inflation we have been able to hold the cost per event to £49pp The quest for 2024 fixtures has begun – let me know if you have any suggestions	All
4.2	Club Representatives: During the last year we have welcomed 3 new Reps and our 44 th affiliated club: Hever Castle. To assist in inducting new Reps and supporting experienced Reps Rod Hearnden and Jeff Root have acted as AKVG Ambassadors. The efforts of our Reps, freely given, make it possible to deliver our programme. As a thank you to our Reps, attendance at the annual Reps golf match and meeting, in 2023 at Tenterden on 5 th May, will be free of charge.	All All
4.3	Trophies: AKVG insures all trophies. Winners just have to arrange to engrave and return; an engraved spirit glass provides a permanent memento. Our acting president Dave Parker will continue to manage our Player of the Year competition. The 2022 winner of the Shield was Rod Hearnden of Upchurch GC with 84 marks.	All DP

4.4	<p>Scoring, and the World Handicap System: Our chief scorer, Trevor Williams, assisted by Brian Rayner (BR) has done a magnificent job implementing the Approved Tournament Organiser status granted to AKVG by England Golf. Messrs Club Systems (aka How Did I Do) allow us free of charge access to their cloud-based ClubV1 software and have provided all the support we have needed. In 2022 only 81 UK golf associations were granted Tournament status. England Golf has invited us to re-apply for 2023.</p>	All
4.5	<p>Logo'd garments and equipment: Members have purchased 35 items this year – mainly shirts, jumpers and association ties. See me to place your order.</p>	All
4.6	<p>AKVG website at www.akvg.com Our hon. webmaster Barry Martin of Wrotham Heath has secured a web hosting deal that will save us 30%. Draw sheets, competition leaderboards and illustrated results are now posted on the website as PDFs to save Reps having to circulate multiple copies.</p>	All
5	<p>Treasurer's report Roger Thomas (RT) noted that the signed accounts to 31st December 2021 <i>[attached herewith]</i> had been circulated with the agenda. He reported that: 1. There was a small surplus of £298.36 in the profit & loss account for the year 2. Your association held £10,919.45 of net assets at the end of 2021, including £9,359.87 of cash & bank. 3. Covid stopped all 2020 events so your committee deemed that subscriptions paid and accounted for in 2020 would be valid for 2021. Hence only subscriptions from new members in 2021 show in the 2021 profit & loss. 4. Despite the reduced number of events in 2021, attendees continued to support the raffles and over £1,500 was added to the charity account. Donations were able to be made to the Captain's charity, The Alzheimers Society (£1,050), and The Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance Trust (£500).</p>	RT
	<p>Acceptance of the accounts was proposed, seconded and passed unanimously. RT was thanked for his service. NC commented that since 2008, except in covid-affected 2021, our association's officers had maintained a balance of c.£13000.</p>	All
5	<p>Membership Secretary's report: As Peter Johnson (PJ) was unwell DP read out his report. In 2022 we attracted 707 members, a similar number to the year before. Peter highlighted that about 20 of our affiliated clubs provide most of the players at our events. Peter said he was standing down as Membership Secretary and thanked all Reps for their collaboration. <i>[The full text of Peter's report is attached]</i> DP then introduced Jeff Root (JR) who was willing to succeed PJ as membership sec. JR said he had prepared renewal information - membership cards and member lists - for each affiliated club and hoped to receive feedback in due course.</p>	PJ
7	<p>Devon & Cornwall County Matches report Captain Martyn Dines (MD) reported that this year the matches were played in Kent. Our 16-man team played Devon Mens' Veteran Golf Association at Ashford GC on 7th July. We had enjoyed success – winning the Presidents Plate 5:3. The match v- Cornwall Veterans Golf Association was played at Westerham GC on 27th July. Our Cornish friends have not brought a team to Kent since 2012. This year they fielded 9 players and managed to retain the Cornwall Shield 4:1. DP noted that next year the matches will be played in the West Country. Devon will host us at Churston GC [on 5th July 2023]. DP is seeking to resolve some uncertainties about the Cornwall match – booked for St Austell GC [on 6th July]. All members are welcome to apply to play; 8 members have already done so.</p>	MD
		All

8	Election of AKVG officers	All
8.1	President: Jim Silvester (JS) will retire due to ill health. Dave Parker MBE (DP) is willing to stand for the next year. After DP was proposed and seconded he was duly elected by the members.	
8.2	Vice President: Ian Fright (IF) is willing to stand for the next year. IF was proposed and seconded; he was then duly elected by the members	
8.3	Secretary: Nigel Courtney (NC) is willing to stand for the next year. NC was proposed and seconded; he was then duly elected by the members	
8.4	Treasurer: Roger Thomas (RT) is willing to stand for the next year. RT was proposed and seconded; he was then duly elected by the members	
8.5	Membership Secretary: Peter Johnston (PJ) will retire. Jeff Root of Marriott Tudor Park is willing to stand for the next year. JR was proposed, seconded and then duly elected by the members	
9	Election of committee	All
9.1	Jim Silvester, Peter Johnson, Trevor Williams, Brian Rayner and Melvyn Willeard are willing to stand for the next year. All were proposed and seconded and then duly elected by the members.	
10	Captaincy	MD
10.1	Martyn Dines (MD) thanked all present for his most enjoyable year as Captain. On behalf of all members, DP thanked MD for his service. MD then introduced Bob Coles (BC) of High Elms GC as our Captain for 2023 and bestowed the Chain of Office. BC then thanked all present for giving him this honour. He described his plans as captain and announced that his chosen charity will be St Christopher's Hospice. BC invited all members to join him on his Captain's Prize day at Nevill on 3 rd April when he will provide hot sausage rolls at the half-way house. BC then introduced Alan Wood (AW) of Etchinghill GC as his Vice Captain. <i>[The full text of Bob's speech is attached and also on our website: www.akvg.com]</i>	All
11	Any other business	
11.1	Proposed change to the Handicap Index that splits Div 1 from Div2: NC said that at Mid Kent about ¾ of players were in Div 1. As an experiment the change point had been moved by 2 points at Upchurch with the result that about 50% of players were in each Div. This meant that Div 1 was for players with a handicap Index up to 17.9; Div 2 for players with an Index of 18 – 28 (max). After Terry Wright and Brian Rayner advised that ClubV1 requires the change point to be set about 2 weeks before a match, a majority of members voted in favour of the proposed change. NC agreed that it could be reviewed in the future to keep the two Divisions in balance.	NC
11.2	Possible changes to our usual meeting format: NC reported that Hever Castle GC had offered at no additional cost 3 alternative arrangements, namely (a) a shotgun start at 09.30 instead of a 2-tee start from 08.30; (b) bacon rolls on arrival plus a post-match 1-course plated lunch instead of a post-match 2-course plated lunch; (c) green tees instead of yellow. The green tees shorten the course by about 250 yards to help senior golfers speed up play - important on a long course like Hever Castle. Members debated the pros & cons. The consensus was to continue with the new arrangements at Hever Castle next September – but in general to (a) to opt for a shotgun start when it suited the course layout; (b) stay with 2-course post-match meal. A bacon roll can be purchased on arrival; (c) continue with yellow tees.	NC
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.45PM The 2023 AGM will be held at Canterbury G.C. on Friday 27 th October 2023	All

Dr Nigel Courtney
Honorary Secretary

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Attendance Record

NAME:	GOLF CLUB:
MARTIN JONES	WHITSTABLE & SASSEX G.C.
PATRICK FERGUSON	POULT WOOD
PAUL WINCHESTER	POULT WOOD
ROBERT CHILCOTT	NIZELS
STEPHEN JONES	CHISLEHURST
CHARLES BROWN	LITTLESTONE
ROD HEARNDEN	UPCHURCH.
TONY HALL	UPCHURCH R V G.C.
BOB COLES	HIGH ELMS.
Martin GURNEY	UPCHURCH
Alan Wood	Etchinghill
Tony Wright	Etchinghill
Kevin Timmis	Etchinghill
Tony Lamborne	ASHFORD.
Ricky Stanton	LULLINGSTONE PARK.
MICHAEL KELLY	Lullingstone Park
Tony Speed	LULLINGSTONE PARK.
John Alfred.	Redlibbels.
C PONTIN	LULLINGSTONE PARK.
MELVYN WILLEARD	CORINTHIANS
EDDIE RUFF	CHESTFIELD
TREVOR BUESSEL	REDLIBBETS

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NAME:	GOLF CLUB:
CARL NUJOUETO	Brooke Park G.C.
Roger Thomas	WGC
Nigel Conkney	WGC
David Parke	Corinthians
Brian Raynes	Kenje Hill
Jeff Ross	Tudor Park
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Our fixtures in 2023

(as at 6Oct2022)

<i>month</i>	<i>date</i>	<i>competition</i>	<i>venue</i>	<i>Notes</i>
April	Mon 3 rd	The Captain's Prize	Nevill	
April	Tues 25 th	Desmond Barker Spring Trophy	Nizels	
May	Fri 5 th	Representatives' Decanter	Tenterden	+ Reps annual meeting
May	Tues 23 rd	Glyn Thomas Trophy	Redlibbets	
June	Fri 16 th	Derek Ruthven Trophy	Chestfield	
July	Weds 5 th	v- Devon County	Churston	Team of 16
July	Thurs 6 th	v- Cornwall County	St Austell	Team of 16
July	Mon 31 st	John Bailey Trophy	Westerham	
August	Thurs 24 th	Emerton-Court Trophy	Walmer & Kingsdown	3 teams max per club
September	Thurs 21 st	Morris Trophy	Hever Castle	
October	Fri 27 th	Saga Trophy + AGM	Canterbury	+ AGM; + Player of the Year

[key: **Q** = qualifies for the Player of the Year award]

Profit & Loss Statement

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

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Category Description	01/01/2021- 31/12/2021
INCOME	
Administration Account	
Expenditure	
Committee Expenses	-58.39
Honorarium	-500.00
Insurance	-141.94
Membership Cards	-167.40
Trophy & Engraving	-413.55
Website & Software	-180.00
TOTAL Expenditure	-1,461.28
Income	
Subscriptions	444.00
TOTAL Income	444.00
TOTAL Administration Account	-1,017.28
Charity Account	
Charity Income	
Ball Sweep	1,524.84
Misc Ball Sweep Expenses	-202.97
Net Cost Gloves (Ball Sweep)	-14.20
Net Cost Golf Balls (Ball Sweep)	-167.96
Net Cost Towels (Ball Sweep)	-85.80
TOTAL Ball Sweep	1,053.91
Donations Received	515.00
TOTAL Charity Income	1,568.91
Donations Made	
Captain's Donation	-1,050.00
Kent Air Ambulance	-500.00
TOTAL Donations Made	-1,550.00
TOTAL Charity Account	18.91
Clothing Acc	
Clothing Expenses	
Polo Shirts & Ties	-488.34
TOTAL Clothing Expenses	-488.34
Clothing Income	
Payment from Members	526.00
TOTAL Clothing Income	526.00
TOTAL Clothing Acc	37.66
Competition Account	
Competition Expenses	
Captain's Discretion	-200.00
Cost of Course	-18,251.00
other	-173.95
Prizes	-1,090.79
TOTAL Competition Expenses	-19,715.74
Competition Income	
-Match Fees	21,824.01
-Refunds	-930.00
Other	140.00
TOTAL Competition Income	21,034.01
TOTAL Competition Account	1,318.27
Devon&Cornwall Matches	
D&C Expenditure	
Hotel	-3,735.00
Other	-35.62

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Category Description	01/01/2021- 31/12/2021
TOTAL D&C Expenditure	-3,770.62
D&C Income	
Receipt from Players	4,075.00
Refund Match Fees	-340.00
TOTAL D&C Income	3,735.00
TOTAL Devon&Cornwall Matches	-35.62
Stock	
Stock Expenses	
Loss On Sale Of Ties	-23.58
TOTAL Stock Expenses	-23.58
TOTAL Stock	-23.58
TOTAL INCOME	298.36
EXPENSES	
Uncategorised	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	298.36

Balance Sheet

As of 31/12/2021 (in U.K. Pounds Sterling) (Accrual Basis)



Account	31/12/2021 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
BMM No 2 Acc	6,000.30
Current	3,334.57
Future Matches Fees Account	0.00
Ball Sweep Float	25.00
Clothing Account	0.00
Queries Account	0.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	9,359.87
Other Assets	
Deposit on Future Matches	700.00
Stock - Caps	309.76
Stock - Golf Balls	558.53
Stock - Golf Gloves	34.06
Stock - Pitch Repairer	33.84
Stock - Ties	270.00
Stock - Towels	507.00
TOTAL Other Assets	2,413.19
TOTAL ASSETS	11,773.06
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
Other Liabilities	
Accruals&Prepaid	853.61
Invoices Outstanding	0.00
Match Fee Account	0.00
Match Refunds Due	0.00
TOTAL Other Liabilities	853.61
TOTAL LIABILITIES	853.61
EQUITY	10,919.45
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	11,773.06

Roger Thomas, Hon Treasurer

Ellis Parker, Captain 2020/21

Tony Martin, Auditor

Agenda Item 6: Membership Secretary's Report from Peter Johnson

First of all I apologise for my absence and hope you have all had an enjoyable day.

Most of the 2022 membership cards were distributed in November 2021. The recruitment was very slow to start with which was probably due to just coming out of the covid pandemic and there was still uncertainty of what would come next.

However, due to the hard work of our Reps. membership gathered pace during February and March and eventually reached 707 members from 36 active clubs out of the 43 affiliated clubs, with no response from the other 7. This resulted in a small reduction in membership compared to 2021.

The bulk of attendance at our events comes from approximately 20 clubs and to a lesser extent from 10 others, with none from 6 clubs this year.

Looking to the future, there will be a number of changes to the membership records due to the ClubV1 reporting system. However this will not have any detrimental effect on how the membership recruitment and operation works.

On a personal note, I will now be stepping down from the role of Membership Secretary and the reins will be taken up by another, who you all know very well: Jeff Root of Marriott Tudor Park.

Finally I wish to express my thanks to all the club representatives for the very essential work that they carry out on behalf of the AKVG. It has been a pleasure to work with you all.

Peter Johnson

Agenda Item 10.1: Introducing Bob Coles – our Captain for 2023

I am conscious of the honour of taking over this Chain of Office and thank you all for electing me as your captain for 2023.

As a serving committee member, I am well aware of the effort that goes into arranging our matches and programme and particularly of the work that Martyn Dines has contributed over the past year. It will be a hard act to follow.

I took up golf after retiring, in 2001, when I joined High Elms golf club. There I have happily remained – becoming seniors captain 2012 and then chairman. I was recruited to AKVG by Bill Law, who was Kent Vets captain in 2005, and I took over from him as AKVG Rep.

Our association is a wonderful institution providing us with the opportunity to play on a wide variety of memorable courses across Kent and to meet so many friendly people from other clubs playing the game we love. It has also enabled me to take part in a couple of tours to play against our associates in Devon and Cornwall – an experience which I would thoroughly recommend.

As a society able to field up to around 100 people we get all this at very reasonable prices. My aim as captain will be to continue to support and promote this very successful and enjoyable Kent Vets formula throughout 2023.

My chosen charity for 2023 is St Christopher's Hospice which provides excellent, modern accommodation. It has been cited as "outstanding" by the Care Quality Commission. It also provides support in the community for over 7,500 people. This whole sector has been sadly neglected and support will take some pressure off the NHS. St Christopher's needs to raise around £15m a year.

We start the 2023 season with my Captains Prize Day at the Nevill golf club. I hope to see you all there on Monday 3rd April. Last time we were there the half-way house catering was excellent and I plan to treat you all to their wonderful sausage rolls. Overall it looks to be a very exciting programme and our thanks to Nigel for pulling this together.

Finally I would like to introduce you to my Vice Captain who is Alan Wood from Etchinghill golf club. I know he will enjoy the experience and I look forward to seeing more of him in the coming year and to passing on the baton - or Chain of Office to him in 2024.

I wish you all a happy, and a healthy 2023 – and good golfing.

Bob Coles