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**The Minutes of the Wheathill Golf Club Annual General Meeting held in the Club House on 28th November 2019**

The Chairperson Mrs Janette Stewart-Burnett opened the meeting at 8:00 pm

Good evening Ladies’ and Gentlemen and welcome to Wheathill Golf Club’s AGM for 2019.

I hope all of you have managed to access the Wheathill website where the draft minutes for the 2018 AGM are available and in addition the agenda for this evenings meeting. There are a few copies of both available if need be.

Please all be good enough to sign the attendance sheet. We have received some apologies, which will be published with the meeting minutes

I have to thank the management and all of those who devote their time to this club. Those who volunteer their time to committee’s in various guises. Their time is precious and without them we wouldn’t have the competitions and fun we so readily enjoy.

Sadly, during this year members of our club have passed away. These being: -

Robert Simmonds, Peter North & and Liz Mettam. May we just take a minute to reflect on the loss…….

As is customary, any questions you might have for the management team and the main committee will not be answered tonight, they will be recorded and discussed at the next Main Committee meeting and an answer provided through that forum.

On with the meeting.

**Attendance and Apologies**.

These can be found on Annex A of these minutes.

**Minutes of the Last AGM**.

The minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting were circulated prior to the meeting. The Minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting, proposed by Mrs Mike Stayner seconded by Mr Colin Johnson.

Matters Arising:

J Rowsell asked at the 2018 AGM what the Main Committee view was on the low attendance and what could be done to attract more members to the AGM in future.

Peter Dunford explained that the committees view was as there was three AGM’s, Seniors, Ladies and the Main AGM, that any Seniors or ladies’ business was dealt with at these two forums.

The lack of attendance could also be construed as a vote of confidence in the committee’s management of the club.

Senior Captains Report: Mr M Stayner

People say that time flies when you're having fun and the past year has just flown by. I have certainly enjoyed my captaincy. This I think was mostly achieved by having a good committee and I thank each and every one of them. A special thanks must go to Richard Mills for agreeing to be my Vice-Captain and knowing that he was behind me gave me a lot of confidence. I must also thank David Eynon, I was very grateful to him for stepping in when Geoff Owen, the previous secretary, resigned. Another resignation from the Senior's Committee was Eric Rose who has moved to live in Wiltshire.

Last year I mentioned that I was going to encourage more Seniors to take part in matches, Seniors that had never played team golf before. I have managed this and have given them as many games as I could, although experienced match players had less games, I hope they understood the reason. Richard will be picking the teams for next year and I hope this year’s players will give their details to him.

A few figures for our 18 friendlies ( excluding any other matches)--- For the 216 team places I sent a total of 454 invites by email, I replied to each and every one invited whether they could play or not, that's another 454 emails and each player (216) had at least two more emails total 432. This brings the total of emails I sent just to make sure I had a team to 1340. Obviously two or three emails were sent to the opposing Captains, another 40 or 50.

I am also proud of our results, remembering that we had match virgins in the teams- 18 games played, 9 won, 8 lost and one draw. Against Vivary Park at Home we won 6 nil. We got too cocky and lost against Long Sutton Away 6 nil.

Jurassic Coast Challenge we came 7th out of 13, pleased with that and at the Enmore Stag we beat Isle of Wedmore, Cricket St Thomas and Bristol & Clifton but finished 12th out of 15. The Ivor Lewis Memorial Trophy against Yeovil, which I handed over to Richard, resulted in a loss for Wheathill. The Bag of Beans team, also run by Richard, came away successful against the Ladies. At all our home matches the food served by the catering staff was of the normal high standard and the comments from the visiting teams were all very complimentary. Thank you to all of the catering staff.

 Our thanks also go to the greenkeepers, amongst other things the new fairway section in front of the 16th first hedge has helped a few Seniors especially when playing off the white tees. The Senior's Committee congratulates Simon both on his workmanship and his helpfulness.

 The Seniors Photo Board idea was first mooted in August 2012, board was purchased in January 2015, so one of my aims this year was to get the Seniors Photo Board on the wall, it was finished on Wednesday the 6th November (just made it). Three photos we cannot get, but thanks to the work carried out by Colin Johnson and Pete Dunford on the printing side and Alan Frith and a few other people on the tracking down of photos I was able to complete it.

Good Luck to Richard, I hope he enjoys his year as much as I did, and I hope you all have a good years golfing.

**Senior Committee for 2019-2020**

 Captain Mr R Mills

 Vice-Captain Mr R Pawson

 Secretary Mr A Mcdougall

 Treasurer Mr P Wootton

 Handicap Secretary Mr A Frith

Competitions Secretary Mr R Hardy

 Avalon League Captain Mr M Low

 Away Day Organiser Mr P Dunford

Ladies Captains Report: Mrs A Gates

Well, what a year it`s been. Time has passed so quickly. At times I haven`t known where I was supposed to be, or why I was there.

Fortunately, the weather has been reasonably kind with competitions taking place in relatively benign conditions. The Championship was an excellent day, with Kate Cleverly retaining her title, Paula Nankervis winning the best net and Jan Street the Mayfield Bronze. Congratulations to them, and to all our competition winners. We had reviewed all the competitions at the beginning of the year to try to make them fair for both high and low handicappers. I know some of the decisions proved controversial, but believe me, a lot of thought and soul searching went into the changes.

 Sadly, I must report that we have been demoted to the third division in the interleague. All of our teams did their best and we had many close results, but we finished 5th in the league, half a point behind Stockwood Vale. On a brighter note, the 25th anniversary competition took place here at Wheathill at the end of September and I am pleased to report that we won the team event, some consolation for being demoted. Thank you to everyone who has played in the league this year. I hope we will bounce back up next year when we will be playing Brean, Minehead, Orchardleigh, Tall Pines and Oake Manor.

We had a bye in the first round of the Rogers Cup and were drawn against Clevedon at Saltford in the second round. We were 3 games all as the last group came up the 18th. The rest of the teams were watching from the balcony as Sue Harrop kept her nerve and won the final hole. I was beside myself, so happy and proud of the team and the caddies. The next round was at Oake Manor against Bath, not an easy match. Unfortunately, we were not able to repeat the success of the previous round, although several of the games were very close, we lost 5-2. Once again thanks to all the players and caddies who took part.

Another high for me was the Team Captain`s challenge. Joan and I went out as the first Ladies pairing and we were pleased with our score of 46 points. Well imagine my delight when all the pairings came in with scores of 46 or better. Even if we had lost, I would have been happy, however our consistency was good enough for us to win, a really good day for the Ladies section.

 The ladies section enjoyed an away day at Bridport in early summer, and in August Sue Harrop arranged a very enjoyable, successful trip to The Women`s open at Woburn. In September 31 Ladies enjoyed an away weekend at Meon Valley. Everyone enjoyed the course and fortunately we avoided much of the rain this area had.

It was a sad day when our oldest Lady member, Liz Mettam passed away. She was 92 years old and had been playing until only 6 or 8 weeks before her passing. She has inspired many of us and will be sadly missed. We are planning to hold a one-off memorial competition with Cricket St Thomas here at the end of September.

This year Geoff and I had planned a captain`s party in October, replacing the summer ball, which had struggled to attract support. Despite our efforts, again there was not enough support for it to take place. Geoff had worked really hard to book a magician and a disco, so it was really disappointing that it had to be cancelled.

Throughout the year I have been raising funds for my charity, Canine Partners. The total raised is £3170. I presented a cheque to Gary and Ruth, representatives from the charity earlier this evening. Thank you to everyone who has supported my fund-raising efforts this year.

Today marks the end of my year as Lady Captain. A year I have really enjoyed. I have played so much golf, not always successfully, both here and all around the area. I think 6 days in a row is more than enough. I could not have managed it without the help of the Ladies committee. I would like to thank them all, also Geoff, Andrew, Gin and the main committee for all of their support throughout the year. I am sure you will all support Joan next year in the same way you have me. Thank You.

**Ladies Committee for 2019-2020**

Mrs J Stone Lady Captain

Mrs J Street Vice Captain

Mrs A Gates Past Captain

Mrs F Cruise Treasurer

Mrs C Wolfe Secretary

Ms J Rowsell Competition Secretary

Mrs S Harrop Handicap Secretary

Mrs K James New members Delegate

Mrs L Johnson County Delegate

Mrs K Waterton Committee Member

Juniors Representative Report: Oliver England report read by J Byrne

The Junior section is still lacking in numbers, but our Junior members have been fully involved in the Somerset League events this year. The format for competing was changed completely with four Events being staged, one of which was run at Wheathill. Up to five players competed in three handicap limited sections earning points towards a club score whilst being able to win a trophy or medal as an individual. The events were enjoyed by everyone and there were up to 60 juniors at each venue. We enjoyed being able to play at Burnham and Berrow, Taunton and Pickeridge and Enmore as well as our home course. The format has seen increased involvement from many more clubs in the County and will run in the same way next year with a North and South Division. We also took part in the Somerset Knockout hosting Taunton and Pickeridge at home. They succeeded in going through to the next round and eventually the final. We also played in the Jamboree which was less well supported but enjoyable nonetheless at Taunton and Pickeridge.

The Junior Open was a success once again with players from many different clubs taking part and will be staged again next year, thanks to the committee members who helped on the day.

The silverware competitions ended up being pushed back during the year for various reasons, but all were well contested with every regular junior player achieving an award of some kind.

We are very proud that from the grass roots initiatives that we have been promoting over the past four years, that our ex Junior Captain, Callum Whittaker, has secured a scholarship place at Millfield and we hope to see further great things for him in the future without him forgetting where his journey began.

We are looking forward to greater successes next year by continuing to try new things to get more younger players into the game here at Wheathill.

My thanks go to Oliver England for being a steady and reliable Captain this season, playing in all the matches, competitions and events and would now like Ollie to hand over the reins and his Junior Captain’s jumper to Oscar Martin who was also successful in being part of the Somerset Development Squad during this past season.

Competitions & Handicap Secretaries Report: Mr C Whyntie

Due to illness there was no report.

The Chair expressed the clubs appreciation for all the hard work Chris has done for the club over many years and wished a speedy recovery and were looking forward to seeing back at the club once more.

Treasurers Report: Mr D Gregory

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| We end the year with £1776.86 in the bank. |  |
| This is about right across the three sections. |  |  |
| We have just received the levy cheque, which puts |  |
| A further £2154 paid into general account, making a total |  |
| of £2823 55 in the bank for this section. |  |  |
| I estimate invoices of around £1500 to be paid by these funds, |
| which will leave approximately £1200 for other unforeseen use. |
| There is £859.45 in the men’s funds, so I suggest maybe that the |
| men’s club championship be free again this coming season, as |
| there will be further monies deposited in this section through |
| medals/stableford’s etc before then. |  |  |  |
| The junior funds sit at £247.86, this is ok but an injection of money |
| may be needed in due course. |  |  |  |
| All in all, things are looking very healthy, and I don’t envisage any |
| problems to arise this coming year. |  |  |  |

Club Captains Report: Mr G Brewin

Good evening everyone.

Firstly, I will read out the finale reports, from our Avalon and 3 counties league teams.

**Avalon A**

After a very disappointing!! Season with us being relegated to division 5. The team has the capability of bouncing back. With 10 matches being played only 16 games were won, 4 were drawn and an unbelievable 30 were lost. Not a good season for us!!!! I’m sure with plenty of practice through the winter the team (which has a great atmosphere and camaraderie). Will defiantly bounce back. I personally would like to thank the team for their full support and backing for last season and I’m sure it will be there for us next season. I wish the "team" and all other teams at the club all the best for 2020 season

**Avalon B**

Here is my end of year report for Avalon B: It’s been another difficult season this year, most of the teams in the division are very well matched except for one team who ran away with the title.

The matches we lost were all 3-2 so could have swung either way.

I have decided to pass the captain’s baton on to someone else, I have done three years now and feel a fresh perspective is what the team needs. Russell Foote has stepped into the breech – I wish him and all the team every success.

I would like to thank Vicky and her team for the excellent service they provide, and everyone agrees that we serve up the best meals in the league! (At least we win at something!)

Finally, I would like to thank all my players past and present who have given me great support during my Captaincy and good luck to all Wheathill teams on 2020.

**Avalon C**

A good start to the season which did turn a little stale midway through, and our hopes of promotion were dashed toward the end. On a positive note we finished above the B Team again. In the Team Captains challenge bowl, we almost won but the Ladies Team pipped us at the post. We finished the season with a team meal at home and look forward to 2020 , My thanks to all the team for their fantastic support over the year and I wish Paul Woods, who is incoming Captain, all the best for next season and best of luck to all the other team’s team.

**Avalon Seniors’**

This was our best season so far with 4 wins,2 draws and 4 losses

We started season with some good wins, but an underwhelming finish meant we just missed the play offs

Highlight was the away draw at Long Sutton followed by a fine win against them at home. LONG Sutton went on to win the League and the play offs

Special mention to our most consistent pairing of Alan Forscutt and Dave Crew and it is good to see that Chris Moore will be back playing next year

After 3 years it is time to step down and good luck to my successor.

**Three Counties A**

We have not had the most successful season, but we have

enjoyed ourselves along the way.

Sadly, we finished bottom of our division, but we competed well

in our matches.

we have a good mix of men-ladies and juniors in our ranks,

all of whom get on well.

Hopefully we can improve our performances this coming season,

and finish further up the league table.

**Three Counties B**

Thank you to everyone who played for us this year, and I look forward

to seeing you all as a team again next year.

Overall review – Avalon seniors did very well, but not the best season for the other 5 teams.

But looking forward to 2020 with some new captains coming in everyone has a positive outlook for the coming season.

Captain’s report,

One of every year comments for outgoing captain’s, has to be “did you enjoy your year”. Although I have had mixed feelings on a personal note. Yes, is my answer, over all the year went very well and I was so glad I took up the offer of representing Wheathill Golf club.

Coming off the back of our Jubilee year, this year was always going to be back to a quieter season, which I was happy to work with.

Thanking people is always a worrying one, as you worry you will miss somebody. The support from everyone is always outstanding, which makes us a great family of golfers on and off the course, so, thank you, one and all for the 2019 season, and thanks for my wife Melanie for the support she has given me during both our captaincy year’s.

A big thankyou to Chris Whyntie, the support he has given to the club over many years, Chris a big thankyou and wish you well, we all look forward to seeing you next year on your road to recovery.

I would now like to invite Chris Reed to come and Receive his captain’s Jumper and take the helm, for the 2020 season.

1. Election of officers for 2019/20

Vice-Captain: Mr S Chinnock

Elected un-apposed

Club Secretary: Mr P Dunford re-elected un-apposed

Club Treasurer: Mr D Gregory re-elected un-apposed

Competitions & Handicap Secretary : Mr D Martin proposed by Mrs J Stewart-Burnett, seconded by Mr P Dunford

Team Captains for the 2020 Season

Avalon A: Mr S Osborne

Avalon B: Mr R Foote

Avalon C: Mr P Woods

Avalon Seniors: Mr M Low

Three Counties A: Mr D Gregory

Three Counties B: Mr M Strode

Proposed by Mr Bill Burnett Seconded by Mr D Martin

The Main Committee will therefore consist of:

Mrs J Stewart-Burnett Chair

Mr C Reed Club Captain

Mrs J Stone Ladies Captain

Mr R Mills Seniors Captain

Mr P Dunford Secretary

Mr D Gregory Treasurer

Mr D Martin Competitions & Handicap Secretary

Mrs J Byrne Elected Member (Lady) & Junior Organiser

Mr A England Proprietor

  **Playing Committee 2019/20**

Mr C Reed Chairperson/Club Captain

Mr S Chinnock Club Vice-Captain/Secretary

Mr D Martin Competitions & Handicap Secretary

Mr S Osborne Avalon A Captain

Mr RFoote Avalon B Captain

Mr P Woods Avalon C Captain

Mr M Low Avalon Seniors Captain

Mr D Gregory Three Counties A Captain

Mr M Strode Three Counties B Captain

Mr D Gregory Treasurer

1. Brief Address by Incoming Captains

Ladies Captain: Mrs J Stone

Good Evening Andrew, Madam Chairman, fellow golfers.

Firstly, I would like to thank Ann for asking me to be her Vice-Captain.

Ann has been a great Captain, investing a lot of time & energy this year. She also survived a parachute jump.

Also, I would like to thank Jan. I was very pleased when she agreed to be my Vice-Captain. I am sure you will give her the support you have given me.

It is a great honour to be Lady Captain and it was not a decision I took lightly.

For those of you who don’t know me I have been a member at Wheathill since 2003 and have served on the ladies committee at Secretary, Treasurer, Competition Secretary and Vice-Captain. Hopefully this will put me in good stead for the year ahead.

As, I am still working, Ann has kindly agreed to continue with the running of league matches for coming year. I will be running the team for the Rogers Cup.

**My Charity for this year will be Yeovil Hospital Breast Cancer Unit appeal.**

I look forward to enjoyable & successful year for all

Happy golfing for 2020.

Seniors Captain: R Mills

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen

I joined Wheathill Golf Club in 2010 and for the first EIGHT years I was happy to turn up on Mondays and Fridays, play golf with my mates, come in here for coffee or a beer and perhaps, something to eat, then we would “put the world to rights” and I would go home with not a care in the world!

Then I met Mike Stayner.

Actually, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mike on his very successful Captaincy this last year and to thank him for giving me the opportunity of being his Vice Captain.

I have to be honest and say my Monday & Friday golfing friends are firmly in “Never volunteer for anything and Never attend an AGM” school of thought so I did have my doubts.

But, I have certainly enjoyed the last 12 months, Getting involved in committee matters, playing in several of the friendly matches arranged throughout the summer, and generally learning the ropes before my year as Senior’s Captain.

Again, I must thank Mike for his ongoing support and advice throughout the year.

I am, therefore, delighted to accept the position of Seniors Captain for the coming year. I can honestly say that I consider it an honour and look forward to carrying out my duties to the best of my ability and always with the good reputation of Wheathill Golf Club in mind.

As for this coming Year, well there is the small matter of the new handicap system that will come into force on 1st November.

We LOST the annual Ivor Lewis Trophy match in September and we go to Yeovil G.C. on 14th August in an attempt to win it back. With a little luck, I think we can!

I also hope to be able to follow Mike’s lead and include more new players in the Friendly Matches, I have my eye on my Monday and Friday friends for a start, but I won’t hold my breath.

Finally, I wish you all a good golfing year to come with excellent results and not too many of the dreaded 0.1 on you handicap emails that I seem to get plenty of.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE YEAR AHEAD.

Club Captain: Mr C Reed

Good Evening Chair, Ladies and Gents.

Firstly, I would like to thank Geoff for asking me to take on the privilege and honour of being your club captain.

OI am really looking forward to being the Wheathill Club Captain for 2020

It came as a bit of a shock to my wife Hilary that I had accepted this position when Andrew announced at the quiz last year

Thanks Andrew, but I have a special wife who will be supporting me all the way through this venture.

I am really looking forward to this role and will endeavour to encourage and maintain friendly, companionable and competitiveness within this club.

Some of you not have been aware of my green keeping experience, but needless to say it give me a perspective and an empathy with the green staff here and I would encourage all members to support and value them and the work they do.

I am looking forward to working with my fellow captains and committees and I am available should any of you want to talk to me, please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

I wish you all the best for next season. With special good wishes to management and committee members who put so much of their own time into making the club the success it is.

Management Statement: Mr A England

Golf on the whole is struggling. Even some of the well established clubs have difficulties to overcome. Wheathill continues to fight this trend, so it’s vitally important to support the officers, staff, shop, clubhouse, members and visitors to the club.

We run the club on a tight budget, but try to produce a good course, good food and beverage and a good atmosphere. Let’s keep it that way and keep the club progressing into the 2020’s.

For the club itself it’s been a good year overall in 2019. The main improvements we will be concentrating on are the greens into 2020. We have already started with some drainage work on the 9th green. Other improvements continue mainly on the tees.

We have had another terrific year raising money for various charities. £1000’s of pounds yet again, thanks to all who contributed. We have lost friends and welcomed new ones. Let’s help them integrate into the club and enjoy their membership as only Wheathill can.

I have enjoyed helping (or hindering) Oliver in his Captain`s year, Jill Byrne and Dave Gregory have encouraged him all through the year. A special thanks to them. I’ve been very proud of how he’s taken on the roll. Good Luck to Oscar for the next season. Finally, Happy Christmas to everyone and let’s make 2020 a great golfing year.

Any Other Business

There was no other business

Closing Statement From The Chair

I would like to wish the new Captain’s

Chris Reed, Joan Stone, Richard Mills and Oscar Martin and their new committees a healthy and positive 2019.

1. Date of Next Annual General Meeting

The next AGM will be held on Thursday 27th November 2020 at 8:00 pm in the Club house

Signed Date: November 2020

Mrs J Stewart-Burnett

Chair

Annex/Appendix

Annex A Register of Attendees & Apologies

Appendix 1 Wheathill Golf Club Statement of Accounts 2018/2019

APPENDIX 1

ANNEX A