

Stockwood Vale Golf Club AGM Minutes
Friday 4th November 2022

1) Apologies:

Apologies were received from Mike Ramsay, Pete Hopkins, Lyndon Cheal, John Gray, Ian Haddon, Jerry Baker and Andy Carter.

2) Directors Report:

The Directors report, from Mike Ramsay, was issued as a paper copy to AGM attendees and emailed to all club members.

3) Treasurers Report:

Following the failure to secure a nomination for the role of Club Treasurer the committee agreed to contract out the accounting work to TC Group.

Andy Yeatman gave especial thanks to John Gray for his willingness to caretake the role until a permanent solution could be found and thanked Kevin Edenborough and TC Group for undertaking the work.

The end of year report is as follows:

Summary of financial position as at 30th September 2022.

	Total Funds	Committed to Charity	Net Funds
	£	£	£
Club	10,029.55	6,043.53	3,986.02
Seniors	3,248.33	1,759.22	1,489.11
Ladies	4,062.89	3,689.87	373.02
Other (see Note 1)	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
	22,340.77	16,492.62	5,848.15
Bank Accounts:			
Current Account	20,943.97		
Savings Account	1,396.80		
	22,340.77		

Note 1: Other charity commitments amounting to £5,000.00 relates to funds received from the 2019/20 captain and is set aside for junior golf development projects.

4) Ladies Section Report:

The ladies' section has not had a captain this year and has been committee led. This has been a challenge, but we have learnt a great deal. Unfortunately, we don't have a captain for next year either, so will continue to be committee lead.

Our Somerset League (ICL) squad had a fantastic year. Despite being a small section, every lady played outstandingly. Last year we were promoted to Division 1. This year we won 6 out of 10 matches, but due to the way the scores are counted, we are relegated, with Bath, to Division 2. The whole of Division 1 was separated by only 4 points and the relegation battle was decided on the last game of the season. We lost by half a point and are determined to be back next year.

Our charity this year has been The Breast Cancer Care Centre at Southmead Hospital and we have managed to raise over £3,500, a tremendous success. Thanks to all the men who have helped and supported us to raise so much money.

Thanks to Martin and Lee for all their help over the last year and coping with all the emails.

5) Senior Captain's Report:

2022 has been another successful year for the Seniors.

Our competitions this year have, again, been well supported.

More than 3 dozen of us took part in 25 friendly matches, we also regained the Malcolm Cockle Cup from Saltford.

The Seniors Avalon team led by Andy Pearce had the best season they've ever had, with the team winning the North Division by nearly 25 points, with the total of 128.5 points also being high enough to win the Shackelford Trophy (for the best average points per match (10.7) over all ten divisions (60 teams) in the whole Avalon League).

They did unfortunately lose in the inter divisional final but that in no way detracts from a great year. It has been encouraging to have a real mixture of people involved in the squad: some who have been playing every year, some returning from a period away, plus some who are new to Seniors Avalon (and the club). Special mentions to Mel Gibbon (top of the total points earned, and the average points per match, and with only one loss in 11 matches), and Kevin Gledhill (only one defeat (on the last green at Wedmore) in eight matches). Three players appeared in 13 of the 14 matches (Mark Curtis, Peter Mumford and Andy Pearce).

The Seniors Committee approved a commemorative medal for each squad member which Andy Pearce presented.

6) Club Captain's Report:

I would like to thank everyone for their support this year. I will keep this very brief.

I am astounded, as always, at the generosity of the membership, at this stage we have raised around £6,000 for my charity.

My availability around the middle part of the year was not great. I had to work away between March and July. Contracting COVID the day before the Captain's Charity Day was a fairly disappointing time for me personally.

I would like to thank the committee for supporting me and especially Andrea Jordan for all her effort preparing for Captains Day - which I hope you all enjoyed.

Thank you all for also supporting the shotgun around Christmas time.

The club were well represented in the Somerset competitions, in the Pickeridge Bowl we were knocked out playing away to Minehead.

We had a very good run in the Somerset Bowl, losing in the Semi-finals. Well done to everyone who took part.

Hopefully we will have a better year next year in team competitions.

Finally, I would like to introduce you to our Captain for the coming year – Aaron Hooper.

7) Incoming Captain's Report:

I would like to say well done to Andy for his captaincy year.

For those that don't me, my name is Aaron Hooper I've been a member here for about 12 years.

I would personally like to thank the past captains for this great opportunity to be your 2023 captain. I've some big shoes to fill and am hoping to do as good a job as you all have in the past. I know I call upon any of you for advice.

Talking of captains, I would like to introduce you to next year's vice-captain Ian Mason.

There is one past captain I would like to thank personally and that is Kevin Blakeley. For him to ask me personally, to be his vice-captain meant so much to me - I don't think he realised how much. I know it didn't work out as we planned but can you explain to me how I still got to do all your work that year?

I would also like to thank Lee Jennings for his hard work behind the scenes on HowdidIdo – coping with all my quirky mid monthly competitions.

Also, thanks to Steve, Olly and the team for keep this great course in shape and open.

So, on to my chosen charity. As some of you well know I lost my dad three and a half years ago, at the age of 69, to bowel cancer. So, in his memory, my charity will be Bowel Cancer Research UK. I hope he is looking down today with a big smile and saying "that's my boy!" I hope you're proud Dad. I know we are in hard times with the cost-of-living crisis so I will not be badgering people for money too much. If we raise £100 or £1000 this year, it will make a huge difference to this charity.

So, to raise some money, and have some fun along the way, Sam Hughes and I will be doing a Captains / Pro challenge throughout the year. This is not about how many birdies, or even winning - it's the beers at the end. So, thanks to Sam our pro for this.

On the subject of Sam, I would just like to say, personally, I think we've found a gem of a pro and one of the best coaches in the South West here at Stockwood Vale. We have a great coach at a great club.

8) Election of Committee:

Club Secretary / Handicap Secretary: Andrea Jordan

Committee Members: Pete Dawson; Pete Hopkins; Kevin Blakely.

9) There was no AOB and the meeting was closed.

The meeting was followed by the presentations of the various trophies including the outgoing Captain's Clubman of the Year.

This trophy was awarded to the greenkeeping team for their efforts to provide us with excellent playing conditions in spite of drought and downpour.

Paul Marshfield presented Matt Gray with the Avalon C Player of the Year Trophy. The winner of this trophy is voted for by the Avalon C squad.

Ladies Singles Knockout – Sam Needle

Ladies Net Champion – Lynda Sage

Ladies Gross Champion – Andrea Jordan

Mixed Pairs Knockout – Sharon and Paul Marshfield

Veteran Champion – Pete Lewis

Senior Men Net Champion – Bill Grant

Senior Men Gross Champion – Pete Dawson

Men's Winter Pairs Knockout – Aaron Hooper and Rob Martin

Men's Summer Pairs Knockout – Lee Smart and Dan Parry

Men's Winter HCP Knockout – Ross Simpkins

Men's Summer HCP Knockout – Stu Edwards

Men's Summer Scratch Knockout – Lee Smart

Men's Net Champion – Matt Gray

Men's Gross Champion – Joe McKenna