

2021 Three Counties Summer league AGM- minutes

Carmarthen Golf Club- Tuesday 23rd November 2021

1. President's Welcoming Address and Report.

Nigel opened the meeting by welcoming all for attending in person, and how nice it was to meet in person rather than virtually.

He then said that we had lost a few of our members over the past year, and called for a moments silence to remember these individuals.

He was aware that quite a few clubs had taken advantage of the relaxation of the rules and had played friendly matches over the course of the summer, with other local teams, which had kept the spirit and friendship of the Rabbits going over the turbulent times we have been through.

Looking forward it seems that next year-2022 should be a return to normal with potentially a full league season being able to be played.

2. Apologies for Absentee Clubs or individuals.

Clubs not present

South Pembs - apologies received from Colin

Aberystwyth- apologies received from Club Secretary (who confirmed that the club would participate in next year's league).

Glynhir- no representative present

Haverfordwest- no representative present

Those present were informed that sadly Derek Coles our outgoing Committee member and former Captain of Haverfordwest Rabbits passed away a few months ago, a card and condolences were passed on to the family by the Secretary on the leagues behalf.

It was also noted that Priskilly Golf club have opted out of next season, but hope to return at a future date membership allowing.

3. Minutes of the 2019A.G.M.

Minutes agreed are correct proposed by Ashburnham, seconded by Carmarthen

4. Matters Arising.

No matters were arising from the floor.

The Secretary drew the members attention to a matter from 2 years ago to review the League Structure- which will be done in the next point.

Also it was agreed unanimously that the Rabbits open that was planned for last year in Glyn Abbey , should remain at Glyn Abbey.

A request for future annual locations of the open be sent out to each club so they are aware of when they are hosting the open. The Secretary agreed to do so.

5. Discussion to agree League structure for upcoming year - No proposals received.

A discussion was held around whether the current structure. Glyn Abbey suggested that a move to a geographical 2 League s with playoffs , and the Ceredigion clubs being included in one or other league might be an idea , reducing the travelling for clubs. However this was not taken up.

Tenby suggested that a return to the 2 league system with promotion and relegation may give matches more meaning at the end of a season. This was discussed but not taken up. The current structure of 1 league was agreed unanimously to be continued for another year and looked at again at the next AGM.

6. Discussion on how the World Handicap System should be incorporated into the Summer League.

Paul Rees from Ashburnham led the discussion on this topic suggesting that “ if a player has a legal handicap to play for his team when he stands on the first tee of his home course- then he is deemed eligible to play on any other course be it easier or harder.

After several questions from Carmarthen, Tenby, Penrhos and Glyn Abbey, it was agreed that this was the best way of adopting the new system , but would be reviewed at next years AGM.

It was emphasised that the upper limit of 28 was still in place, and even though those with higher handicaps were welcome to play, 28 would be their ascribed handicap.

Paul as incoming secretary agreed to update the League rules to reflect these changes.

7. Nominations and Appointment of Executive Committee

All committee members agreed to remain in their current roles for another year apart from The Secretary:-Mr Rhys Jones of Glyn Abbey Golf Club, who has to step down for personal circumstances.

Mr Paul Rees from Ashburnham GC has agreed to take up the position. Some kind words were said for the work Rhys had done over the years, and it was agreed that a handover would take place in the near future.

8. Club Proposals - linked to World Handicap discussion - review of rules

Paul Rees with the aid of Nigel Furneaux have reviewed the League rules and amended them, there were several parts that made no sense in the way they had been written or amended to reflect the new COVID era and the introduction of the WHS system.

9. Any Other Business.

It was agreed that provision of food is not a pre requisite for a fixture to take place as some clubs are unclear as to their catering situation currently.

10. Close Meeting.

- No fees were requested this year as the League did not take place last year. All existing monies (minus website annual subscription fees) have been handed to the Captain of the Rabbits Open Club (i.e. Glyn Abbey).

- Post Script

07/02/2022

It was noted during a hand-over meeting between Paul Rees and Rhys Jones held on 7th Feb that the League owes Rhys the sum of 70 Euros for the 2022 website subscription. This will need to be repaid once the League has funds to do so.