



Bengo Golf Society

Established 1981

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting, held after our Xmas Scramble at Knebworth Golf Club, on Monday December 9, 2013.

The meeting commenced 2.45pm, attended by 28 members and guests.

Apologies for absence: from John Tass who as vice-captain of East Herts was obliged to attend another engagement. John wished everyone a good day and merry Xmas.

Minutes of the Dec 2012 AGM were unanimously accepted as a true record, following proposal by Charles Wallis.

Matters arising: None.

Reports:

Captain: Roger Butcher thanked everyone for their support for his charity, Grove House, which provides fantastic services for patients with cancer and other life-limiting illness. "My wife, Lynne, volunteers at Grove House taking a weekly exercise class for patients in the Day Hospice and she sees first-hand the massive difference that Grove House services can make to patient's quality of life." Roger said that the total so far raised was a record £2,122.55p.*

Treasurer: Robert Clayton opened up by explaining losses totalling £500, much of which was due to a "cock-up" at Crews Hill Golf Club, all caused by us being rained off in the first place. Robert also noted that membership was falling, due primarily to the

lack of new members – only four newcomers for the whole year.

Secretary: Stan Kelley said that attendances had fallen yet again. This was due not only to finances being tight, but also to an aging membership. He added that the prices we pay will remain very good, thanks to clubs recognising that money was tight.

Fixtures for the coming season were well received, which included a few new venues: Gog Magog Thursday March 6, Ashridge Monday March 31, John O'Gaunt Thursday May 8, Mid Herts Thursday June 12, Saffron Walden Thursday July 10, Canons Brook Wednesday August 13, Toot Hill Tuesday September 16.

Proposals: Steve Foster asked for "lighter meals in the summer months." Steve explained that it was a bit much having steak pie in hot weather.

Election of officers: All were re-elected en bloc with the addition of David Grainge who will join Steve Langridge on the Comp Committee.

AOB: None.

The meeting closed 3.15pm

* Following our superb Xmas dinner that figure was boosted to £2,710, all thanks to a whip and auction of two 4-ball vouchers, plus golf bag donated by Phil Greenwold.