

Border Golfers' Association

Minute of Annual General Meeting held by Video Conference on Thursday 26th November, 2020.

Present – I Scott(Lauder GC), S Irvine (Torwoodlee GC), G Carruthers (Peebles GC), G Clark (Duns GC) and C Archibald (Langholm GC).

BGA Council members in attendance: A Christie (President), R Thomson (Hon. Secretary), B Currie (Hon. Treasurer), D Little, R Brydon and K McIntosh.

Minutes of AGM held on 26th November , 2019 - were approved, proposed by D Little, and seconded by G Carruthers.

President's address – BGA President Alastair Christie welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reminded the meeting that it had been a difficult and truncated season for all clubs due to Coronavirus restrictions, but his hope was that that life in Clubs would return to some sort of normality if the vaccines being heralded would come onstream in the near future. He praised the oft maligned Scottish Golf for the way they had supported clubs and kept them informed throughout the pandemic. He was pleased that the BGA had managed to hold 3 competitions during the summer, when many areas had not held any. He also explained that during this difficult time, the new World Handicapping System had been introduced, adding to the pressures on both themselves and clubs. Finally, he thanked the members of the BGA Committee for their hard work during the year, and in particular welcomed Scott Nightingale onto the Committee as Junior Convener, and wished his successor all the best for the next 2 seasons.

Accounts – The Treasurer, reported on the audited accounts for year ended 30th September, 2020 which had been circulated to clubs prior to the meeting. It was noted that due to the restrictions imposed during the COVID pandemic, club affiliation fees had been waived and that otherwise there had been minimal expenditure and income during the year. It was agreed that BGA affiliation fees for the coming season would be unchanged as had been agreed at the 2018 AGM, and that no increase would be considered until Scottish Golf affiliation fees were increased, but that the levy would be reviewed if the financial situation arising from the pandemic worsened. The accounts were unanimously approved.

Competitions – R Brydon explained that despite the lockdown in the early part of the season, the BGA Championships held at Galashiels Golf Club had been successful with a good turnout of players. It was noted however that no decisions had been made with regard to matches and competitions in 2020 as pandemic restrictions were still affecting travel, etc., except that the BGA Championships would be held at Peebles Golf Club on 29th August 2021. It was noted that the BGA Council would be reviewing the situation in the New Year when hopefully some form of normality would be returning.

Junior Golf – It was noted that no coaching had been possible during the year due to the pandemic, but that a coaching grant of £1,500 had been received from Scottish Golf to be used for any purpose. Coaching in the Central Borders with Frank Scott at Ashkirk was being planned, and Daniel Wood was preparing a paper on coaching for the Eastern Borders. Clubs were being invited to nominate players who would benefit from coaching, and further details would be circulated.

Election of Office Bearers – Office Bearers for 2020/21 were unanimously elected as follows:-

President -	Dennis Little, proposed by Alastair Christie, seconded by G Clark.
Hon. Secretary -	Roy Thomson
Hon. Treasurer -	Bruce Currie
Competition Secretary –	Robin Brydon
Team Captain -	David Gillie
Junior Convener -	Scott Nightingale
Auditor -	Sheila Robertson (Gall Robertson CA)
Solicitor -	Morris Anderson
Council Members -	Ian Ford, Ian Jones, Keith McIntosh and Dennis Little.

The President asked that clubs actively encourage any member with an interest in serving on the BGA Committee to contact the Secretary (especially members from clubs in the Eastern Borders which was not represented on the BGA Council). G Clark agreed to canvass members in the area in this regard.

The President closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.