

Las Ramblas Golf Society Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 5th December 2023

Meeting Commence 10:30

Committee: Dave Pulling, Joyce McClusky, Olga Douglas and Andy Martin

Apologies for Absences: Ron Phipps, Yvonne Phipps, Annemarie Weisheit, Fredel Knebel, Nora Betts.

Present: 11 members

Proxy Votes – 0

Matters arising from February 2023 Minutes.

- 1) **New Albert card – Now in force**
- 2) **Distribution of Prize Money – Now in Force**
- 3) **Defibrillator – Now Installed by the Office**
- 4) **Thieves on the Course – For Now Eliminated**
- 5) **The Honours Board – No Sign Writers Available – Still Looking**

Presidents Report

The start of the year was a quiet one, with the AGM lasting just 1 hour – quietest on record.

The year progressed without many problems, with the exception of the greens. They were decimated. Fortunately, the management brought in changes to the staff to correct the problem. As you are aware, they are now re-seeding many of

the tees so we need to have a lot of patience whilst this work is being carried out.

I must remind you all that discussing problems with a committee member before they tee off in a morning is a big no no. Please wait until after the game to address your problem.

A huge thank you to our dinner ladies, Linda Price, Julia Dobson and Dee Biggerstaff for doing a fantastic job for us all and giving up their own free time.

A special thank you to Mike Mahony for the work he has done on our website over the years.

Also, I would like to thank the rest of my committee for their work throughout the year as they also give up a lot of their free time.

I would like to inform you that we have secured out tee times for 2024. The start time is 08:15 Monday, Wednesday and Friday. I know there is to be a discussion regarding the tee times later on.

Just to remind you all that it is polite to come upstairs after golf and socialise with those people you have played with whilst awaiting the days results. It also shows your appreciation to the committee for the hard work they put in so that you just have to turn up and play your golf.

All that is left for me to say is, go out there next year and enjoy yourselves. Don't forget you are here to play golf. We are very privileged. What could be better?

Treasurer & Social Secretary Report

BANK ACCOUNT. 1000 euros

PETTY CASH. 169.37

INCOME

Our income comes from our membership fees of 10 euros per person, 5 for social members and our lunches. We took 440 euros in total membership fees and we raised 976 euros at our events - these were 7 lunches from February to October and a Dinner Dance in November. The money raised has been spent on our special days like President's Day, the Biggerstaff Bash and Captain's Day to name but a few, on buying prizes, nearest the pin prizes, food and other extras to make those days special. Whenever we hold one of these special days, we subsidise the cost of the prizes bought, by not increasing the competition fees for that day and so benefiting everyone who takes part. The money collected from players goes towards the cost of prizes but the shortfall is covered by money we raise monthly. Without this money we could not provide all these extras which is what, I think, makes our society special. Members who attended 4 or more lunches / events continue to receive a subsidy on the price of the November Dinner Dance and Christmas lunch. We buy raffle prizes for both, we paid for two lots of entertainment at the Dinner Dance and the tip to the staff at the Dinner Dance. We also donated 30 euros to the Poppy Appeal,

As I say every year the money raised at our lunches goes into Petty Cash and is our life blood. It buys all the nice extras that playing members receive and benefit from over the year. For people sitting here today who do not attend any of the lunches I would urge you to please attend just a few to support this golf society. The lunches are enjoyable and we go to very nice restaurants. I would ask you to remember that we are, after all, golf and social society. This year the "attend 4 lunch rules" to get a subsidy on our major events will continue to apply to both full and social members as it has done for over 20 years.

Fully paid-up members of LRGCC this year will need to pay me 10 euros and social members 5 euros. We do not need to raise the fees.

Finally, we are open to any ideas that could be enjoyable and raise money for this society. If you have any then please come and speak to me or any committee member. We will listen.

Thank you, Joyce.

Secretary's and Competition Secretary's Report

Can I remind you I have to let the club know on a Friday afternoon name of members who are playing on any given day and how many tee times we need. If there are cancellations and we don't need the amount of tee times I have requested I have to let them know asap so that they can sell that tee time.

If you have to leave the course during play you still have to pay for that day's comp. So, if you haven't left the money with a fellow player please don't get upset when asked for it the next time you come to play.

It would also be appreciated if you could attend the presentations after the daily competitions in appreciation of the hard work the committee do to make these days happen.

We have discussed having more fun days next year. We are looking at a day of bowls at green lands and perhaps 10 pin bowling and crazy golf. Perhaps an away day??? Any other suggestions will be very welcome.

Competition Secretary Report

On the whole the competitions went very well.

I would like to remind everyone that you must be there 30 mins before your tee time.

The only thing left for me to say is enjoy what we have guys. We could be back in the UK where my family and friends have only played 3 times since Oct. Wishing you all a happy golfing year for 2024.

HCP Secretary's Report

2023 has hopefully seen members become more accustomed to the World Handicap System (WHS). Whether we like it or not it's here to stay!!!

The majority of members who chose to move from the yellow to blue tees, now have twenty rounds in from the blue tees.

Some tees have been moved forwards or backwards during the year due to competitions or maintenance. I personally don't think this has had a massive influence on scores (although I know some of our lady members may disagree!!) I have adjusted members handicaps by a further two shots if they have scored forty or more points on two successive occasions and monitored future rounds and adjusted where needed. I have also given members an extra shot or two if their scores or health merits it.

I have continued to record a No Return card with a five over score over the members playing handicap. A No Return card should only happen if a member is ill or injured during a round, not because they are playing badly!!!

Please endeavour to hand in every card as this gives a fairer reflection of the members scores and would assist with any future handicap review.

It would assist greatly with the accuracy of everyone's handicaps if everyone submitted as many cards as possible.

I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding whilst we all get used to WHS. If a member feels their handicap needs adjusting then please speak to me and I will review their handicap and adjust it where applicable.

Election Of Committee

President - Dave Pulling Re- Elected

Secretary – Olga Douglas Re -Elected

Treasurer – Joyce McClusky Re- Elected

HCP Secretary – Andy Martin Re - Elected

Coms Secretary – Olga Douglas Re – Elected

Proposals

Andrea Martin

Seconded Trevor Pulleyblank

Proposal to return to earlier tee times

As we have already secured the 8:15 tee times for all next year Andrea Martin withdrew the proposal.

AOB

A request was made to find a different venue for Christmas lunch next year as it entailed too much traveling. A suggestion was perhaps Darby's restaurant.

A request was made to arrange the raffle prizes at the lunches in a different manner.

It was also suggested that we look at the discounts given for the dinner dance etc

The committee will meet in the New Year to consider and discuss items raised in AOB.

The meeting closed at 11:15

