

LAS RAMBLAS GOLF & SOCIAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 5/12/19
AT LAS RAMBLAS GOLF RESTAURANT

COMMITTEE: DAVE PULLING, JOYCE MCCLUSKY,
LINDSAY FORBES, DEE BIGGERSTAFF
APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: BRYAN NEAL

PRESENT: 36 MEMBERS
11 PROXY VOTES WERE HANDED TO THE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dave welcomed everyone to the meeting and also thanked Julia Dobson and Linda Price their help when we had our foodie days and for distributing food and beer to the members.

Peter Reffell has resigned from the committee but will still do the Weekly report which is enjoyed by the members. All waiting to see who is being targeted. Great work Peter, keep it up.

He also thanked Olga Douglas and Joyce McClusky for volunteering to learn the new computer system for handicaps.

He then thanked the Committee for their hard work and support during the year.

With reference to the Handbook this has been a very complex matter and thanks go to Bryan Neal for his time and effort in producing this with the help of Lindsay Forbes, Peter Reffells wife Jenny who also spent a great deal of time on this. It has now gone from War & Peace to a more readable Penguin version.

$\frac{3}{4}$ of the year was very good but the last few months were not. A few disagreements but that is par for the course at Ramblas.

Presentation to Dee

Dee B has put in over 20 years at Ramblas as Secretary and had a

thankless task. During this time she has raised over 25,000 euros for the club. On behalf of all the members Dave presented her with a bracelet, a necklace and a voucher for all her hard work. Joyce McC read out an 'Ode to Dee'. It was a very emotional time and Dee thanked everyone for giving her the presents. She immediately put on the necklace and bracelet and said these will not come off unless admitted to hospital, everyone laughed.

Dave said he will not mention several other contentions as these will be brought up later.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We have had a very successful year financially. We have 204.78 in the bank (we are charged 60 euros a year bank charges) and 404.42 in petty cash. Dee is willing to leave her name as the main person in the bank for a while until things get sorted.

The profit from 8 lunches and 2 Dinner Dances was 1399 euros. We actually collected 1665 euros. The difference of 266 euros is money given as tips on behalf of attending members. So it is rare that members pay a tip themselves at the functions - normally 1 euro per person.

2 important points to raise.

Firstly we have a healthy bank balance, slightly more than last year. Therefore we do not need an increase in fees.

Secondly it is the raffle at these functions which keeps the society functioning. We do not make a profit. This year the money raised has paid for some competition prizes, good quality prizes for the 2 D/D's and Xmas lunch, entertainment at the D/D, tips at a lot of the functions, 5 euros subsidy for members who attend the D/D and Xmas lunch. So we ask members, even the ones that think they are boring, to support us and attend at least 4 functions to qualify for the subsidy at the D/D and Xmas lunch.

We also have funded the printing of menus, start sheets, raffle books, printing cartridge and paper. Handicap Master was 250 euros including stationery and a further sum to make it secure.

The Honours Board was 90 euros.

Before I conclude I would like to ask Nick Lee how can someone who has been a member for a few months and never once asked me as Treasurer about our funds decide to put forward a proposal to increase membership fees.

I am happy to continue as Treasurer and to say it has been a pleasure working with Dee over the years.

So in conclusion, I again say that we do not need to raise fees and can I ask permission to throw away receipts for 2013 – 2017.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dee thanked the members for their support during the year and also stated that in all the years that she has done the job there has never been a Social Secretary. I have done the job of organising lunches and D/D with the help of Joyce as well as attending 3 mornings a week in the clubhouse sorting out the start sheets and taking money from the members and then again later in the morning helping with the draw for the following week.

The only other people who have organised a function was a few years ago when Roy and Barbara Hitchin organised ten pin bowling night and another which involved mini golf and darts. No one has attempted to organise an event and then a couple of months ago Peter Dunn organised a bowls afternoon. Unfortunately he was taken ill and could not attend so i took over. It was a success with a lunch after but no raffle so no money was raised for the society. So on reflection if any ideas are put forward please remember that they should involve a raffle. The evening quizzes have been well attended but perhaps we could arrange with Richard to have a raffle on those evenings.

As you know I am retiring from being Secretary and have enjoyed the job (sometimes) and although I shall be sorry to leave it is time for someone else to take the reins. I was very surprised and emotional when I was presented with 2 beautiful presents and a voucher for my favourite place Vanilla where i go to get my nails done. So once again thank you all so very much and also the Ode to Dee written by Joyce.

HANDICAP SECRETARY REPORT

Unfortunately Bryan Neal could not attend the meeting. Dave mentioned that the new computer system for handicaps is up and running and Bryan has emailed to members a report. Dave asked the meeting if they wanted him to read the report but the offer was declined as members can read the report at their leisure.

COMPETITION SECRETARY

Lindsay F pointed out that things have not been going well with the Committee. He has been out of action because of an injury but has been at committee meetings and working on the Handbook. Peter Reffell resigned from the committee because of the situation. Dave Pulling hospitalised because of the stress of what has been going on in the society. This cannot be allowed to continue.

Regarding the Handbook it was written for the information of members. It is not legally binding. Some parts were voted and agreed at AGMs and can only be changed at AGM. If any part is wrong or needs changing then that member can discuss the matter with a committee member.

It was agreed to have a secret ballots for election of committee. 2 tellers should be appointed to count the votes. This was agreed and at this AGM John Shervell and John Drakesmith were asked to be the tellers

Lindsay asked the meeting if they wanted more or less medal competitions.

MEMBERSHIP

In the past, full membership was only confirmed at the AGM. This year the time limit was reduced to 3 months and instead of approval by an AGM it was agreed that this would be done by the Committee. For whatever reason this has not been done for any new members this year. Committee now has a proposal (by majority) for the approval of new members.

Regarding new members the following was agreed.

Willie Thorne can play as a guest.

Trevor Pulleybank, Pat Cassidy, Paul Brown, Richard Connock, Graham & Petina Murray were approved by Committee.

Linda Frankish application withdrawn.

Dean Tracey provisional member.

Nick & Rachel Lee rejected.

Returning members Phil Herrington, Mick Brentnall were agreed.

Hans Van Loon can play as a ratified guest.

The committee had a meeting with the Caddymaster who informed the committee that from the new year we would be allocated tee times; Monday 7 tee times and 8 tee times on Wednesday and Friday. Because of the new tee times we are of course restricted to how many members can play.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

President Dave Pulling was unanimously re-elected.

Secretary Olga Douglas was unanimously elected.

Social Secretary Joyce McClusky and Olga Douglas were unanimously elected. (Peter Dunn withdrew)

Treasurer Joyce McClusky unanimously re-elected.

Press, Publicity & Membership Sec Peter Reffell has resigned from the Committee and stated that he is prepared to carry on as Press officer

which was carried by the meeting adding that Peter does a fine job writing the reports each week which appear in 3 local papers and the society website. This position is no longer part of Committee.

Competition Secretary this was done by secret ballot. The result was Terry Field 6 votes Lindsay Forbes 41 votes therefore Lindsay Forbes was voted in.

Handicap Secretary again this was put to secret ballot. The result was Alan Douglas 39 votes Bryan Neal 8 votes therefore Alan Douglas was voted in.

Dave P thanked the meeting for their votes.

PROPOSALS

From the committee none

From individual members

1. That the new Medal format maximum scores of 6(par3), 8(par 4), and 10(par 5) introduced in 2019 be cancelled it should be replaced with 8,9,10 if a revised medal format is deemed necessary this time saving initiative is unrealistic and unfair when a 54 handicap receives 3 shots on the par 3's

Proposed by Bryan Neal seconded by John Drakesmith

Proposal withdrawn 27/11 in favour of an alternative proposal from Olga Douglas seconded by Bryan Neal be replaced with the traditional way of recording medal scores of exact gross score on each hole this was accepted by a clear majority.

2. That Dee Biggerstaff for all the work she has contributed to the society and Geoff Biggerstaff also Ron Percival for their long service should be made Honorary Social Members

Proposed Tom Hardie seconded Dave Pulling

This was unanimously carried.

3. That the annual membership fee be increased to 10 euros for full membership and 5 euros for social

Proposed Nick lee seconded Peter Refell

This was unanimously outvoted the meeting agreed to leave it at 5 euros membership and 5 euros social.

4. That an Extraordinary Meeting can be called when deemed necessary by the Committee or upon receipt by the Secretary of a request signed by a minimum of 12 full members of the Society. The 51% of the membership is too high, especially when compared with the 25% quorum requirement for an AGM.

Proposed by Peter Dunn, seconded by Marleen Billen. The vote was 4 for and 32 against therefore the proposal was denied.

5. That the Two's pot be restricted to hole 6 on the front nine and hole 14 on the back nine and be compulsory for all members to be in the pot on Wednesdays.

Proposed by Terry Field, seconded by Bryan Neal this was unanimously rejected.

6. Members who do not wish to enter in a Medal completion can opt to play stableford instead. The decision as to which competition to play must be decided before the commencement of play.

Proposed by John Dobson seconded by Richard Connock

This was unanimously rejected by the meeting.

7. There to be more medal competitions per year than at present perhaps one per month also could more than one be played off the white tees. In order to put anyone off playing it is proposed that this runs in conjunction with John Dobson's

proposal. If accepted an additional consideration is that members could opt to play in both formats simultaneously provided they decide before commencement of play.

Proposed by Richard Connock seconded by John Dobson
This was rejected by the meeting.

8. The role of Secretary and Competition secretary in the Handbook does not reflect the organisation over the last 20 years. I propose this amendment -

The Secretary will manage the draw and starting sheets for all competitions and will keep minutes of Committee and Annual General meetings and will circulate and offer them for approval at subsequent meetings. Agendas for AGM and EGM will be compiled and circulated to the members. The Competition Secretary will manage the annual calendar of competitions and will also manage the Annual Trophy and Prize presentation at the end of the season.

Proposed Lindsay Forbes seconded Dave pulling this was unanimously carried by the meeting.

9. In view of the recent clarification of the number of tee times that will be available for use during 2020 I propose that the society should put a temporary halt to the acceptance of new members for the foreseeable future. I recognise that it is a good if not vital thing for the Society to have new members joining us. However with the current number of members who are eligible to play on any given day we are in danger of telling new members that they cannot play also that the existing members may not get a game. I propose that the Committee should meet and agree a maximum target for membership numbers and then new members admitted if and

when the membership numbers drop below that maximum level perhaps a waiting list be created and maintained
Proposed by Nigel Price seconded by John Dobson
This was carried by the members.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was said from the floor that there is no need to be a member of LRGC to play with us but must be a member of our Society. Regarding the Tick list which is filled in by members make sure that when filling in the list that you are available for those days unless unforeseen circumstances arise because of the restricted tee times when a flight is not used it must be given back to the Caddymaster failing to do this will result in the loss of that tee time so please try and think ahead. Olga Douglas suggested posting the tick list on the Website

There being no other business Dave Pulling closed the meeting at 1-15pm and thanked everyone for participating in this meeting

Dee B also thanked the committee and Dave P for their work in keeping the Society running smoothly and a round of applause was generated.