



SWSC AGM 2019

*Held at THE Grove Golf club, Porthcawl.
Friday 1st November 2018 at 11.00 am.*

Present: Ray Morgan - Chairman, John Davies Vice chairman, Howel Craven Secretary, , Chris Bailey Treasurer, Brian Price, Tony Key & Peter Watkins plus club members as per the attendance sheet.

The Chairman requested the meeting to observe a minutes silence for those players who had departed during the season.

1. The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.
2. **Apologies** were received from many clubs including Cradoc, Newport Links, GlynHir, St Pierre, Wenvoe & Gower.
3. **The minutes** from the 2018 AGM were taken as read having been published on the web site. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Brian B Price and seconded by Jim Loft. They were unanimously approved by the members present.
4. **Matters arising:** there were no matters arising.
5. **Treasurer's Report.** Copies of the balance sheet were distributed to the members present and explained by the Treasurer. He went through the figures and explained the differences between last year's sheet and this years. He thanked Ron Holloway for auditing the accounts. Acceptance of the balance sheet was Proposed by Brian B Price and seconded by Rhidian Lewis. The proposal was carried unanimously.
6. **Chairman's Report.** The chairman elaborated on the Treasurers report where the web site was concerned explaining that the cost of web site security was increasing due to the many hackers and criminals now searching the internet for some flaw to exploit. He also stated a number of reasons why the web site would not be altered to accommodate phone and tablets and that the site would remain as the main communication centre for the SWSC. He touched upon his continuing ill health and the necessity for a volunteer to take over the web site maintenance from him and finished by thanking the committee members for all their support and hard work.
7. **Secretaries Report:** The Secretary delivered a comprehensive report on this past season and informed the meeting of the various venues for 2020. He indicated that the majority of venues had been secured for the 2021 season.(The full report can be obtained by e- mailing the secretary).
8. **Election of Officers**
9. There were no proposals so the committee were automatically re-elected by default.
10. **Proposal #1:** *"The maximum handicap for the Claret Jug pairs be reduced from 24 to 20"*
11. *Proposed by G James and seconded by P Williams (Morrison GC).*

President Max Boyce MBE F.R.W.C.M.D.

Secretary Howel Craven

Treasurer Chris Bailey

Chairman Ray Morgan

12. The proposal was carried unanimously. The Chairman requested that in the light of the proposal that the wording of the Claret Jug rules (3b) be changed to *"The maximum number of strokes received will be 18"*. In the general discussion that preceded the vote it was suggested and agreed that this rule would be reviewed at the next AGM in the light of potential changes in the 2020 season to the CONGU handicap system. The meeting approved this change.
13. **Proposal #2:** *"The Claret Jug competition be made an Open competition across South Wales golf clubs". Proposed by G James and seconded by P Williams (Morriston GC).* After some discussion the proposal was defeated.
14. Proposal #3: *"Home players cannot play a qualifier for the Claret Jug when held at their own club. The rule does not apply to the final". proposed by R Samuel Gower Golf Club.*
15. The Chairman stated that this basically was a clarification of rule #3 and suggested to the meeting that the rule change should now read: *"In the qualifying round only a player cannot play at his home club but will be given the opportunity of qualifying on one of the other designated courses."* The meeting approved the change of wording.
16. Further to these changes the Chairman suggested that rule 3c: could now be removed in order to maintain the committee policy of keeping the rules as simple and unambiguous as possible. He explained that as we had always abided by the R&A and CONGU rules rule 3c was covered by the latest CONGU implementation. The meeting approved this change.
17. The Secretary reported that he had received a complaint that the tee placing at Cradoc this year had been done to assist the higher handicap entrants. He explained that the tee positions were determined by the Cradoc ground staff and that the committee had no input to how this or any other course was arranged.

The meeting was closed at 12:15.