

Holt Shield

Annual General Meeting 2015

Minutes

Present

T. Campbell, C. Crozier, D. Flannagan, A. Andrews, S. Halliday, S. Jenkins,

T. McKeown, B. Hakin, W.Boal, B. Miscampbell, G. McClory, R. Senior.

Apologies

G. Patterson (Knock), P. Wimpress (Bangor), C. O'Neill (Fortwilliam)

Minutes of the 2014 Holt Shield A.G.M. held at Carnalea G.C. 16th January

Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Colin Crozier and seconded by Warren Boal. There were no points of accuracy and the minutes were unanimously adopted.

Matters arising from the minutes.

The meeting gave its approval to continue the decision taken last year to play tie holes in the event of a tie during the match play stages. This format replaced holes up to decide the winner.

Secretary's Report 2014/15.

The acting Honorary Secretary read aloud the report.

Matters Arising.

Darryl Flannagan confirmed he is in the latter stages of setting up a bank account with the Ulster Bank under the name 'Holt Shield'. The account balance of £533 will be transferred into this account together with the 2015 entry fees as they come in over the next few weeks.

Darryl confirmed that Malone Golf Club will host the 2015 George Stuart Memorial competition. The date is to be confirmed.

Statement of Accounts for 2014/15.

The acting Honorary Secretary went through the 2014/15 accounts.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Gerry McClory and seconded by Bill Miscampbell.

Points of Accuracy.

Only 35 clubs entered the 2014 Holt Shield making the intake from entry fees £3150 and not £3240.

The differential of £840 between the income from entry fees and the sum lodged in June 2014 was accounted for by Bobby Conroy's honorarium and expenses.

Opening a 'Holt Shield' bank account will ensure total transparency of expenditure.

The accounts were unanimously adopted.

Bill Miscampbell kindly offered to assist with the presentation/layout of the 2015/16 accounts if he is supplied with the end of year figures. The offer was gratefully accepted.

2015 Holt Shield draw.

The Chairman introduced and explained the 2015 draw.

Adoption of the draw was proposed by Colin Crozier and seconded by Brian Hakin. The draw was unanimously adopted.

The match play last 16 is made up by the 9 group winners and the 7 runners up. Ties will be decided on away points.

Extensions during the match play stages will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and will be at the discretion of the Holt Shield committee.

There will be a certain amount of flexibility allowed for the sectional matches. However it is expected that all matches will be completed by the last week in June. Clubs are encouraged not to leave final matches to the last weekend in June as it is hoped to publish the match play draw by 1st July.

If any teams pull out late a redraw may be necessary.

Other aspects of the draw were discussed such as the seeding and rules regarding the groups containing 3 clubs.

Holt Shield website update.

The website www.holtshield.com was recently stolen by a hacker. A new website has been established www.holtshield.co.uk. It is hoped that all the information from the old site can be transferred over to the new site. The new site will be fully operational shortly.

Notice of Motions.

There were two motions debated and voted on. The chairman reminded the meeting that any motions to be debated during future A.G.M's must be submitted, in writing to the Honorary Secretary one month before the meeting.

Motion 1

Should players who are cut to a handicap of 4 or less be allowed to continue competing in the competition during that current year?

The motion was proposed by Tony Campbell and seconded by Darryl Flannagan.

After debate the motion was defeated.

Motion 2

Should players with lapsed handicaps be allowed to compete in the Holt Shield on their return to competitive golf?

The motion was proposed by Darryl Flannagan and seconded by Arnold Andrews.

Following an amendment the motion was unanimously carried.

It was agreed that if a player's handicap is lapsed he may compete in the Holt Shield on his return to competitive golf as long as he was not a category one player when his handicap lapsed. It will be the responsibility of the player or the team manager to provide proof to the Holt Shield Committee that he was not a category one player when his handicap lapsed.

Election of office bearers.

The Chairman confirmed that officers of the Holt Shield can serve up to two years in office and would be eligible for re-election thereafter.

The outgoing Chairman, Darryl Flannagan made a farewell speech to the meeting. He said how he valued his two years as Holt Shield Chairman although at times it was difficult especially with the death of Bobby Conroy last June. Although busy and at times challenging, over viewing the 50th anniversary of the Holt Shield was the highlight of his time in office. He thanked his committee for all their hard work and dedication and looks forward to his continued involvement with the Holt Shield.

The following were unanimously elected.

Chairman 2015/17 Colin Crozier (Carnalea)

Hon. Secretary 2015/17 Tony Campbell (Fortwilliam)

Hon. Treasurer 2015/17 Darryl Flannagan (Dunmurry)

Colin Crozier accepted his nomination to become the 28th Chairman of the Holt Shield and thanked Darryl Flannagan for proposing him. He said one of his goals during his term in office was to visit all participating clubs. He was very proud to be chairman and is fully aware of his role and responsibilities. He was particularly proud to follow in the footsteps of Bobby Conroy who was his friend and fellow member of Carnalea Golf Club. He is aware of the history of the Holt Shield and how it is respected as a premier team competition on the Ulster golfing calendar. He is looking forward to his term in office and thanked his committee for their continued support.

Tony Campbell said that becoming Hon. Secretary was truly an honour and he would serve the office to the best of his ability.

Darryl Flannagan said he is dedicated to the Holt Shield and welcomes his role as Hon. Treasurer.

Those present were invited to consider becoming a committee member but there were no interest shown. If anyone reconsiders they can contact a Holt Shield officer regarding their intent. Darryl Flannagan said that Brett Borkowski, Kirkistown who is a past Chairman is due back this year from working aboard would be interested in becoming a committee member. Brett's particular interest and knowledge in twitter would be an asset to the Holt Shield website.

Any Other Business

The Chairman gave notice of a new shared email address,

holtshield@gmail.com

The meeting closed at 9.05pm and the Chairman invited all present to join him for a drink.

Tony Campbell

Hon. Secretary