

Holt Shield

Annual General Meeting 2016

Minutes

Present

T. Campbell Fortwilliam, D. Flannagan Dunmurry, B. Hakin Clandeboye, R. Senior Holywood, P. Rowntree Rockmount, S. Braiden Carrickfergus, M. Marshall Mahee Island, C. McNeill Rockmount, L. Darragh Lisburn, K. Haslem Lisburn, R. Docherty Shandon Park, G. Petterson Knock, S. Gardiner City of Belfast.

Apologies

C. Crozier (Chairman) Carnalea, G. Stranahan Donaghadee, M. Surgenor Ballymena, P. Kearney Ballymena, J. Guest Shandon Park, J. Spiers Ormeau, G. McKinstry Cairndhu, Gregor Law Royal Belfast.

In the absence of the Chairman Colin Crozier the meeting was chaired by Darryl Flannagan.

Minutes of the 2015 Holt Shield A.G.M. held at Dunmurry on 13th January

Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Bryan Hakin and seconded by Darryl Flannagan. There were no points of accuracy and the minutes were unanimously adopted.

Matters arising from the minutes.

Bill Miscampbell's kind offer to help with the presentation of the accounts has yet to be approached regarding this matter.

It was made clear that although matches in the section stage have deadlines, within reason these do not have to be strictly adhered to. However all six match results must be posted by the deadline 30th June to allow the last 16 draw to proceed.

Minutes of the 2015 Holt Shield EGM held at Malone on 7th August.

Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Lewis Darragh and seconded by Robert Senior. There were no points of accuracy and the minutes were unanimously adopted.

Matters arising from the Minutes.

Motions 1 and 2 were unanimously adopted and have been implemented.

Motion 1: The Chairman's badge of office was presented to Colin Crozier during the 2015 Champions dinner at Massereene.

Motion 2: Four Past Chairman's badges were struck and three were presented to Darryl Flannagan (Dunmurry), Tony Campbell (Fortwilliam), and Mervyn Marshall (Mahee Island) during the 2016 AGM.

Changes to Rules.

Changes to three existing rules proposed by Darryl Flannagan and seconded by Tony Campbell were all unanimously adopted.

Rules 2, 7 and 8 will now read;

Rule2: Each team will consist of five male players.

Rule 7: In the event of unplayed matches the teams deemed responsible will forfeit all their results in that group and maximum points will be awarded to all the other teams in the group.

Rule8: Clubs are expected to fulfil fixtures. By entering the competition teams undertake a moral obligation to fulfil all fixtures and at all times display respect towards the clubs in their section.

Additional Rules.

Three additional rules proposed by Darryl Flannagan and seconded by Tony Campbell were all unanimously adopted. Several semantic amendments proposed by Mervyn Marshall and seconded by Tony Campbell were unanimously adopted and were included in the text.

1. Advice offered to Team Captains.

A team Captain is permitted to give advice to his team during the course of play, with the exception of giving advice on the putting green, or pointing out a line for putting. A Team Captain playing in the competition may not give advice to a team-mate until after completion of his own match.

Penalty: Loss of hole at which the infringement occurs, to a maximum of two holes. Any further breach will lead to the disqualification of the player.

N/B There was an amendment proposed regarding this rule from John Miskelly (Malone) but it was unanimously defeated.

2. Motorised Buggies.

Motorised buggies may be utilised only by a player or caddie in the possession of a valid medical certificate of disability. Only the person with the medical certificate is permitted to ride in the buggy. Non-playing Team Captains are permitted to use buggies without any restrictions.

Penalty: Disqualification of the offending person.

3. Team Sheet.

The respective Team Captains of the two teams about to engage in a match shall exchange, simultaneously their team sheets complete with the required details. Matches will start in the order stated on the team sheets unless the two Team Captains agree that the order should be changed due to extenuating circumstances.

Penalty: None shall occur. In the spirit of the Holt Shield tradition Team Captains are expected to behave with integrity and honesty.

Hon. Secretary's Report 2015/16.

The Honorary Secretary read aloud his annual report.

It was confirmed that Brett Borkorski was elected onto the Holt Shield committee.

Massereene Golf Club will host the 2016 George Stuart Memorial competition on Friday 29th July tee-off from 1.30pm.

Statement of Accounts for 2015/16.

The 2015/16 Statement of Accounts, proposed by Darryl Flannagan and seconded by Tony Campbell were unanimously adopted.

The Hon. Treasurer Darryl Flannagan went through the 2014/15 accounts. He confirmed that the balance is currently £1070.81cr.

Tony Campbell said that the silver past chairman's badge of office were expensive at £125 and that future badges will be ordered in bronze which will be much less expensive.

It was confirmed that a specially engraved Holt Shield silver medal ordered for Fortwilliam's President was paid for by Tony Campbell.

As 2016 winners, Massereene received £500 which is an increase of £200 from last year.

The George Stuart Memorial Shield was extended at a cost of £40.

2016 Holt Shield Draw.

Darryl Flannagan introduced and explained the 2016 draw.

It was confirmed that Ardglass and Loughgall have withdrawn from the 2016 competition. If there are any further withdrawals the draw will have to be done again. The deadline for the payment of entry fees is 31st January 2016. Other clubs will be invited to join the 2016 competition in an attempt to make up the 36 club quorum.

Holt Shield Website.

The work done by Colin Crozier in the past year updating and improving the website was acknowledged.

Darryl Flannagan requested that when match results are reported, if possible the date of the next match should also be given. Results can be emailed or texted to Darryl.

Ways the Holt Shield could promote golf in Ulster.

Following a discussion it was generally agreed that promoting and supporting the Special Olympics golf and/or disability in golf would be well worth pursuing. These suggestions will be further investigated by the committee.

Any Other Business

No further business was raised.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Tony Campbell

Hon. Secretary