

Holt Shield

Annual General Meeting 2018

Minutes

Present

P. Kearney Ballymena, T. Campbell Fortwilliam, D. Flannagan Dunmurry, C. Crozier, Carnalea, B. Borkowski Donaghadee/Kirkistown, B. Hakin Clandeboye, F. Williams Rockmount, S. Braiden Carrickfergus, M. Suggars City of Belfast, L. Perrott Blackwood, A. Hynds Greenacres, T. McKeown Cliftonville, I. McNaught Bangor, R. Brown Scrabo, J. Taylor Galgorm Castle, P. Daly Galgorm Castle, A. McMillen Belvoir Park, S. Moore Lisburn, P. Dean Malone.

Apologies

M. Surgenor Ballymena, J. Guest Shandon Park, G. Law Royal Belfast, J. Greer Greenisland, M. Perry Knock, P. Douglas Temple, M. Doran Kirkistown, K. Craig Rockmount.

Minutes of the 2017 Holt Shield A.G.M. held at Dunmurry on 10th 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.

There were no matters arising.

Hon. Secretary's Report 2017.

The Honorary Secretary read aloud his annual report. The full report can be accessed on the Holt Shield website. Confirmed in the report is that Rockmount Golf Club will host the 2018 George Stuart Memorial competition on Friday 17th August, tee-off from 2.00pm.

Statement of Accounts for 2017.

The 2017 Statement of Accounts were proposed by Bryan Hakin and seconded by Aaran Hynds and were unanimously adopted. The Accounts can be accessed on the Holt Shield website.

The Hon. Treasurer Darryl Flannagan explained the 2017 accounts and confirmed that the final 2017 balance is currently £3565.98cr.

The Hon. Treasurer served notice that it is likely a new replacement computer will be purchased in the coming year. The current one being used, which is the Hon Treasurer's property is no longer efficient and a replacement will be necessary.

Proposed New Rule

Whilst the players on each team may be changed, no player shall play for more than one club during the season.

Penalty for breach of Rule

Disqualification of the ineligible player and the 2 points for that match be awarded to the opposing team.

The new rule was proposed by Tony Campbell and seconded by Sam Braiden.

The adoption of the new rule was carried unanimously.

Proposed Amendment to Rule 21

Current Rule 21 (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.

Proposed Amendment to Rule 21

Competitors

Motorised buggies may be utilised only by the person named on the medical certificate of disability and may carry his equipment and caddie. Where the disability prevents the player from driving the buggy, he may nominate a third party to drive the buggy for them who must be approved by the Committee.

Penalty for breach of Rule

Disqualification of the offending player.

Caddies

A person in the possession of a valid medical certificate of disability who intends to caddie for an able-bodied competitor may utilise a golf bubby. The able-bodied competitor-in such circumstances- may not use the buggy.

Penalty for breach of Rule

Disqualification of the offending player.

The amendment to rule 21 was proposed by Brett Borkowski and seconded by Terry McKeown.

The adoption of the amendment to Rule 21 was carried unanimously.

Handicap eligibility changes to the GUI Junior Cup and Jimmy Bruen

Motions 5 and 6 carried at the 2018 Annual Delegates' Meeting of the Provincial Branches of the GUI were discussed.

The Holt Shield committee's recommendation was to keep the current lower limit of a 6 handicap on 1st January. The general feeling was that these GUI changes would not affect the Holt Shield competition. However it was suggested that raising the lower limit to 7 would be worth considering. This would bring a new sector of golfer into the competition making it more inclusive.

Agreed to keep it the way it is and revisit the issue next year. If the handicap lower limit is to be raised to 7, a motion would have to be submitted at the 2019 AGM.

2018 Holt Shield Entries

It was confirmed that Castlereagh have resigned. There were also concerns regarding Mahee Island's future commitment in the competition.

The 2018 entry forms have been sent out and the closing date is 31st January. A decision regarding what clubs will be approached to maintain the 36 club quota will be made towards the end of the month.

Holt Shield Website

Colin said he was in the process of making improvements to sections of the website. A new section he intends to include is 'Photo Archive'. He hopes this section will eventually have a photographic record of all the winning clubs since 1963. He requested if clubs could send him photographs of their respective winning teams he could then post them onto the website.

Following the discussion regarding the Holt Shield making a donation to a charity, a new website section 'Charity Support' would be created to keep a record of all future donations.

2018 Holt Shield Charity Donation

Darryl introduced the idea of the Holt Shield making an annual donation to a charity. He suggested Tiny Life Charity NI via Michael Addley, Carrickfergus Golf Club who is organising a charity golf day at Carrickfergus on the 6th July 2018.

The value of the contribution and how the charity would be selected each year was discussed.

It was agreed that the amount to be donated would be 10% of the final balance of the Holt Shield accounts and the recipient charity would be selected annually by the current Chairman.

If a golf day is associated with the charity the Holt Shield would request to sponsor a hole and would accept a complementary 4-ball if offered.

An advertisement board displaying the Holt Shield logo will be purchased for use in any future promotional events.

It was unanimously agreed that the charity selected for 2018 will be Tiny Life Charity NI.

10% of the 2017 final balance of £3566 is £357 which rounded up is £360. This figure is to be confirmed.

Any Other Business

Maurice Doran, Kirkistown via Darryl Flannagan requested for consideration that matches at the section stages revert back to playing the same club each month. He felt it was easier to organise the matches and that it was more convenient to play the same club each month.

After debate it was agreed to leave it the way it is currently as this helps maintain interest right up to the end of June.

Tony Campbell

Hon. Secretary