

Holt Shield  
Annual General Meeting  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022  
Via Zoom

Minutes

Present

Ian McNaught (Chairman), Robert Brown (Chairman-Elect & Scrabo), T. Campbell (Committee), D. Flannagan (Committee & Dunmurry), C. Crozier (Committee), P. Kearney (Committee), B. Borkowski (Committee), M. Perry (Knock), K. Sproule (Cliftonville), J. Henry (Cliftonville), K. Haslam (Lisburn), A. Shaw (Clandeboye), C. McNicholl (Ormeau), S. Baine (Edenmore), J. McDowell (City of Belfast) & R. Greer (Carnalea). (Attendance: 16)

Apologies

Gerry Rafferty (Ballymena), Stefan Pawlak (Bangor).

Housekeeping

The Chairman highlighted Zoom protocol and it was unanimously agreed that the meeting could be recorded.

Matters arising regarding the temporary rules introduced in 2021.

It was agreed that the temporary rules were necessary and they worked well particularly the 3 away and 3 home match format.

An addition to the team sheet this year is the inclusion of players' Golf Ireland membership numbers for clarity of handicap purposes.

Hon. Secretary's 2021 Annual Report

The Hon. Secretary read aloud his annual report. The report is posted on the Holt Shield website. Cairndhu beat Bangor to win their third Holt Shield. Cairndhu's Jonathon Anderson won the Bobby Conroy Award and Robert Brown, Scrabo won the George Stuart Memorial. The Chairman's 2022 charity is Air Ambulance NI and received £436.00. The Holt Shield committee generally received praise for running the 2021 Holt Shield safely in what was a difficult year.

Statement of Accounts for 2021

The 2021 Statement of Accounts was proposed by Darryl Flannagan and seconded by Tony Campbell and they were unanimously adopted. The Hon. Treasurer presented the accounts and confirmed a closing balance of £4,587.81. He stated that the balance was healthy and

expenditure celebrating the Holt Shield's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023 will be considered among other possible proposals.

### 2022 George Stuart Memorial

Confirmation that the 2022 George Stuart Memorial will be hosted by Shandon Park on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August teeing off at 1.30 pm. Managers were encouraged to sign up for the event and full details can be located on the Holt Shield website.

### 2022 Holt Shield Provisional Draw

Darryl introduced the draw but explained it was provisional until the 28<sup>th</sup> of February, the closing date for entries. It was confirmed that Fortwilliam and Colin Valley were on the reserve list should there be any withdrawals. The 2022 draw will be confirmed on the 1<sup>st</sup> March and the competition is scheduled to start on 1<sup>st</sup> May. Clubs will have ten weeks to play three group stage matches with the group stages ending Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July. The full provisional draw is currently posted on the website.

### Continuation of the temporary rules introduced in 2021

It was unanimously agreed that it was prudent to keep the temporary rules in place for 2022. These rules can be accessed on the website. It was clarified that if a player's handicap is reduced below 4.0 (3.9 or below) he is out of the competition for the season.

Group stages and match play deadlines will be posted on the website as will the manager's contact numbers. The managers 'group chat' will be in operation again this year

### Proposed Amendments to Rules 16 and 7.

- Amendment to Rule 16 proposed by Andrew Macauley (Whitehead GC)  
... 'If travel time between clubs is 60 mins or more then at least one weekend date must be offered.'

After debating this proposed amendment, it was unanimously agreed that the amendment should read,

... 'At least one weekend date must be offered.'

### Amended Rule 16.

Home team captains should offer the away team captain two timely and legitimate dates on which the match can be played. At least one weekend date must be offered. No extensions shall be given to matches not played for this reason.

- Amendment to Rule 7 proposed by the Holt Shield Committee.

After debating the proposed amendment, it was unanimously adopted.

### Amended Rule 7.

In the event of unplayed matches, the teams deemed responsible will forfeit all their results in that group. No points shall be awarded to the remaining teams. The results of the group shall be determined by the results between the remaining participants in the group. In the event of any ties, the head-to-head result shall determine who proceeds. If this result is tied then the team with the higher ranking at the beginning of the year will proceed.

### Election of Officers for 2022/23

Robert Brown Chairman, Tony Campbell Hon. Secretary and Darryl Flannagan Hon. Treasurer were all unanimously elected to their relevant posts.

Committee members for 2022/23 remain unchanged.

As there may be some long-standing committee members considering retiring in the future new members were encouraged to join the committee.

### Installation of the 2022/23 Chairman

As outgoing Chairman Ian McNaught thanked the Holt Shield committee for their support. He said although it was a difficult three years, he enjoyed the honour and it was to the credit to the determination of the committee that only one year of the Holt Shield was lost. Due to him representing Bangor as a player somewhat curtailed his visiting and supporting other clubs but he managed to meet many new acquaintances during his time as Chairman. He wished Robert the best for his chairmanship and encouraged new members to join the committee as new blood will be healthy.

Robert Brown in his acceptance speech spoke of his affiliation with the Holt Shield. Ten to twelve years as a player and four years as team manager. He was shocked to be asked to be Chairman but considers it an honour not only for himself but for Scrabo Golf Club. As Chairman he looked forward to visiting and offering his support to other clubs. He finished by thanking the Holt Shield committee for the work they do and for their continued support. He wished everyone a successful 2022 campaign.

### Any Other Business.

Chris McNicholl praised the Holt Shield committee for the professional job they do running the competition and that their efforts are appreciated by the participating clubs.

Andrew Shaw congratulated Robert on becoming Chairman and praised the Holt Shield committee for their excellent choice.

Darryl in response said it was the dedication of the participating clubs that made the Holt Shield a success.

Tony Campbell (Hon. Secretary)