

MINUTES OF PERIVALE PARK GOLF CLUB AGM HELD AT BRENT VALLEY GOLF COURSE ON THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2024 AT 18.45.

IN ATTENDANCE: Leslie Glancy, Bhupinder Kohli, Dave Chapman, Joe Jadavjee, Marie O’Gorman, Lakhvir Rai, Satish Kohli, Dominic Kelly, Santa Gurung, Tamang Pech, Pat O’Neill, Colin Lynch, Alan Hirth, Alison Sands, Helen Atkinson, Barbara Rayment, Rashid Randeree, Suleman Deedat.

APOLOGIES: Harvindar Joshi, Malcolm Bowey, Joanne Yeung, Neil Parsons, David Soares, William Parasulham, Wagner Mendez, Jeremy Tew, Hussain Shah, Terry Marston, Cesare Angelini.

MINUTES OF THE AGM 2023. Approved.

MATTERS ARISING. There were no matters arising.

OFFICER’S REPORTS

Captain’s Report. HJ. Unfortunately, the Club Captain was unable to attend and sent his apologies. He sent some amendments to the Secretary, but these were not able to be addressed as they were only seen as the meeting was due to start.

Secretary’s Report. LG. The start of the year involved a flurry of letters and emails to Ealing Council and various councillors before and after the final decision to close. As well as visits with Marie to the London Metropolitan Archives, to source documents relating to PPGC, I visited the Church Commission searching for a caveat or loophole in the sale of the land or the covenants. Unfortunately to no avail.

We sourced a legal company Bates and Wells who gave us pro bona advice and they suggested that our fight against Ealing Council was very weak as they had no legal obligation towards us.

This meant that once the results of the very one-sided consultation were released and the decision to close the course at the end of June was taken, we had to change our focus and think about moving to Brent Valley and liaise with the Brent Valley Golf Club.

To all intents and purposes, the move went as well as we could have hoped. Of course, there have been problems These have mainly involved implementing our 9 hole loop. Communication to some non-club players was poor and there was the added problem of the pay as you go players. However there has been constructive dialogue between the two clubs since the early weeks.

Other than that I have forwarded information from England Golf and Middlesex Golf to the relevant people and with Marie we have met with Helen Tartelin our England

Golf Support Officer with regards to amending our Rules and Constitution and Policies.

I have generally organised the Executive Committee meetings and have forwarded the approved minutes to the members attempting to keep them abreast of what is happening on the Let's Play Golf group. I hope this has been helpful.

This will be my last stint as the eponymous "interim secretary" and as I pass the baton to Marie, I know that she will be a more than worthy successor.

COMPETITION SECRETARY. BK

Considering that the first 6 months of the year was difficult due to the closure of our precious course, we picked ourselves up and moved to Brent Valley. This meant we were still able to play in the NAPGC – Clapham Common which allowed members the opportunity to qualify to play in the UKPCC & Championship of England. Our Bourne Vanneck gross team uniquely won the gross and net qualifiers to reach the National Finals. We will be holding qualifiers for both men and women for all these events again in 2025

Congratulations to Pat O'Neill who won the gross Club Championship, with Pech Tamang winning the Club Handicap Championship. We also need to congratulate Pat again and his Brent Valley team for winning the Bourne Vanneck outright.

Our event days have been as popular as ever with huge turnout for our Charity Day in May which raise £1800 for our two charities. Brent Valley GC are keen to have some joint events and as you know are hosting us for their Turkey Trot Texas Scramble. They were surprised when we had 42 members sign up within a few days. We have reciprocated by inviting them to play in the George Kolorz 3 Club and Putter Challenge, to be held on December 30th as guests. Both Clubs hope to continue hosting joint events in 2025.

Due to winter course conditions at Brent Valley, we will have to accept there will be fewer members playing handicap qualifiers at this time of year. It is intended that more match play competitions can be arranged between March and October.

We must again thank Malcolm Bowey for all his hard work inputting the handicap figures into the system. We are very grateful for his continued support.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY DC

I am pleased to report that of today we have 155 members – 4 more than this time last year. Of those 20 are newly recruited this year. So that's fantastic news and a very big thank you to all members who helped with the recruitment. I'd also like to say a big thank you to Satish and Pawel for the work they have done on our website. It has created quite a bit of membership interest from the public.

So, considering what we have been through over the last year we're in good shape but mustn't be complacent. Come January we know of 10 members who will be moving to other clubs. We wish them all the very best. We'll probably have our usual fall out rate of 20%.

In addition to this we have a new challenge. We are pretty sure that winter course conditions at Brent Valley may be a factor in some members deciding not to carry on with us. So come the end of January we might be down to 90 to 100 members.

What worries me about these conditions is that we may particularly lose older members. Already we lost some when we moved but we don't want members to give up playing golf before they should. Personally, I love playing Brent Valley in the summer but in the winter it is tricky.

We have had some discussions within the committee and our feeling is we should look at all options, including working with the Council/Everyone Active, to improve the course, its facilities and trying to get improved winter discounts.

WEBSITE MANAGER SK.

The focus of the last few months has been to ensure that the Rules and Constitution and all the Policies were accessible on our website, which has been achieved. An online application form was also established.

I am standing down this year and will be moving to another club but will be available to help Marie should it be necessary.

MEMBERS' LIAISON OFFICER JJ.

In spite of some difficulties with regard to the playing procedure of our 9-hole course, there was no real need to become involved in disputes. It was suggested that players just needed to be better informed as to the way the system worked. This has generally helped the situation.

WOMEN'S Ambassador M O'G.

What a year it has been for the Women's Section with many great activities to embed and to continue to grow the women's game despite the challenges we faced as a club.

Membership of the women's section continues to grow with 4 new members, 2 who have played before and 2 new players. Thanks to those who helped with handicap rounds as this encourages women to play golf.

Women's participation in the competitions continues to grow, whether the 9-hole competition, Texas Scrambles with mixed teams, event days and the 3 Club and Putter Challenge. On 8th March we held our International Women's Day competition won by Madge although only 2 points separated the top three players. The weather was kinder to us this year. However, mark your diaries for 2025.

In April we held another Open Day, but this was not too well attended possibly impacted by some poor weather. Thanks to the members who joined us that day.

We continue with our rollups which are held every 2nd Monday in the month, overall, the attendance is good. We also had an overnight golfing trip to Wokefield Park near Reading. Good fun was had by all, and it gave players the chance to experience a different course.

As I step down as the women's representative on the committee, I reflect on some great golf we have played and more importantly the friendships we have made through our many social events.

GREENS BK.

Due to winter conditions at Brent Valley, there is a consensus that golfers find it difficult to play between November and February. The course can often be unplayable and periodically closed. There has also been a Health and Safety issue where due to very slippery conditions members have fallen over and injured themselves. The Executive Committee, hopefully along with BVGC's support, will ask Ealing Council/Everyone Active if they would review and take in to account that members are not getting value for money. We would ask them if they would consider offering a 9-hole rate for PPGC and BVGC members on competition and events days. There was also a commitment to seek a reduction in the cost of hiring buggies for disabled/less abled golfers. Currently the cost is £25 for 9 or 18 holes.

The committee would also seek more favourable rates from other courses over the winter period.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCOUTS JJ.

A copy of the report was handed to all members. It showed the income and expenditure for the financial year. The bank balance at 31/10/2024 was £11,423.53. However this included £4,300.00 that was still owing to our charities. This meant there was still a reasonable sum of £7123.53 available in the account.

There was less expenditure from NAPGC competitions and Event Days but added costs for our fight to keep our course open.

AUDITORS'REPORT. ALAN HIRTH, BHUPINDER KOHLI.

The auditors stated that they had checked the treasurer's report and were satisfied it was an accurate reflection of the account.

THE ELECTION OF AUDITORS

The auditors agreed to stand again and were duly elected.

THE APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED RULES AND CONSTITUTION AND CLUB POLICIES.

These were unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN PPGC MEMBERSHIP FEES FROM £30 to £40 AND £50 to £60.

There was an increase in the fees to England Golf, Middlesex Golf and the NAPGC which precipitated this action. This increase was unanimously approved.

THE ELECTION OF THE 2025 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Club Captain [Lakhvir Rai, Vice-Captain; Neil Parsons, Secretary; Marie O’Gorman, Treasurer; Joe Jadavjee, Membership Secretary; David Chapman, Competition Committee; Bhupinder Kohli & David Chapman, Handicap Secretary; Malcolm Bowey, Members’ Liaison Officers; Joe Jadavjee & Lakhvir Rai, Ladies’ Representative; Joanne Yeung, Voucher Manager B Kohli, Social Media/Website Co-ordinator; M O’Gorman, Greens; B Kohli & J Jadavjee, Club Welfare Officer; Leslie Glancy (non-Executive role.)

AOB.

Colin Lynch noted that previously members had the opportunity to sign up on a board for positions on the Committee. Joe replied that this was not available, but members as in previous years, can approach any committee member to express interest in joining the committee.

There was a general discussion about the condition of the course and what could be done to improve it. BK mentioned that there was still an ongoing conversation with Ealing Council to try and implement improvements at Brent Valley. It was suggested that someone from the Council should actually come and see the course for themselves.

JJ and LG recently spoke to James Murray the MP who was previously onsite, and he continued to offer his support to achieve our aims.

LG mentioned the Farewell/Christmas function at Perivale Park Cafe on Tuesday 17th December from 12 o’clock – 2.30pm. Sandwiches, snacks, mince pies and mulled wine would be provided. Members could bring any other drinks they preferred.

The meeting closed at 20.25.