ENGLISH GOLF UNION LIMITED (Trading as ENGLAND GOLF)
Company Number 05564018 (“the Company”)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY HELD AT THE NATIONAL
GOLF CENTRE, WOODHALL SPA, LINCOLNSHIRE ON WEDNESDAY 12th APRIL 2017 AT 10 AM

PRESENT:

MR G A YATES  CHAIRMAN
MR N PINK     CHIEF EXECUTIVE
MR S WILSON   FINANCE DIRECTOR
MRS C ALFORD  BOARD MEMBER
MRS P CROWSON BOARD MEMBER
MRS J DEAN    BOARD MEMBER
MR R HARRISON BOARD MEMBER
MR J PETERS   BOARD MEMBER
MRS C WAIGHTS BOARD MEMBER
MR I J WATKINS BOARD MEMBER
MR J WEIR     BOARD MEMBER
MR L WILSON  BOARD MEMBER

MR R FINDLAY  COMPANY SECRETARY

MRS M J RAE DL PRESIDENT
MR J WILLIAMS PRESIDENT ELECT

MR A ABRAHAM  PAST PRESIDENT
MR P M BAXTER PAST PRESIDENT
MRS P BENKA-SIMPSON PAST PRESIDENT
MR R CASE      PAST PRESIDENT
MRS E D EARNSHAW OBE PAST PRESIDENT
MR E H ELLIS  PAST PRESIDENT
MR N EVANS OBE PAST PRESIDENT
MR P H FISHER  PAST PRESIDENT
MR N FORREST  PAST PRESIDENT
MR A J HILL    PAST PRESIDENT
MISS B JACKSON MBE Hon. D.Sc PAST PRESIDENT
MRS S JOHNSON OBE PAST PRESIDENT
MRS M A LOCKETT PAST PRESIDENT
DR D M MARSH MBE PAST PRESIDENT
MR R H PALMER  PAST PRESIDENT

ARTISANS GOLFERS’ ASSOCIATION MR P J CUNNINGHAM
BEDFORDSHIRE          MRS E BAGSHAW, MR J JONES (Proxy)
BERKS, BUCKS & OXON   MR J KENNEDY
BERKSHIRE             MRS N JONES
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE       MRS P COOK
CAMBRIDGESHIRE        MS DR S WITHAMS, MR A DUGGINS
CHESHIRE              MRS J PAYNE, MR R SCROWCROFT
CORNWALL             MRS S ROWORTH (Proxy), MR C POUNTNEY
CUMBRIA              MRS J BLAND, MR C HEATH
DERBYSHIRE           MRS S ELLIOTT, MR P McGRATH
DEVON  MRS Y ALFORD, MR J HIRST
DORSET  MISS J SOUTHCOMBE
DURHAM  MRS C PASCALL, MR J F SANDESON
ESSEX  MRS P DEMAN, MR R WALMSLEY
GLOUCESTERSHIRE  MRS D CASLING (Proxy), MR J MACPHERSON
HAMPshire  MISS K WALSH
HAMPshire, IoW & CI  MR D WHEELER
HERTFORDSHIRE  MRS L HALL, DR A THOMSON
ISLE OF MAN  MR G JAKEMAN
KENT  MRS M BROWN, MR J E POCKNELL
Lancashire  MR J FISHER
Leicestershire & Rutland  MRS P REMINGTON, MR G WEBB & MR K WHITFIELD-GREEN
Lincolnshire  MRS S BORTHWICK, MR D F PRICE
Middlesex  NO ATTENDEES
NAPGC  MR E J MITCHELL
NORFOLK  MRS H McALLISTER, MR M DEVLIN
Northamptonshire  MR M READ
Northumberland  MRS L HAMLIN, MR J FLETCHER
Nottinghamshire  MRS C JONES, MR R BONNELLO (Proxy)
Oxfordshire  MRS M QUINSAC
Shropshire  MRS S HOLLIDAY
Shropshire & Herefordshire  MR R ELSTON
Somerset  MRS C PATERSON, MR N LONG
Staffordshire  MRS L MANNING, MR M EUSTACE
Suffolk  MRS R EVANS, MR T RUBIN
Surrey  MRS S PARRISH, MR J DAVIES
Sussex  MRS S SMITH, MR R L SMITH
Warwickshire  MRS I BARTRAM, MR J DUNCOMBE
Wiltshire  MRS S DIX, MR R SMITH
Worcestershire  MR S PRITCHARD
Worcestershire & Herefordshire  MS J KERR
Yorkshire  MRS S MILNER, MR D P SMITH

IN ATTENDANCE

MR N COWARD  INCOMING CHAIRMAN
MR A BOOTH  INCOMING BOARD MEMBER
MR D DUFFY  INCOMING PRESIDENT ELECT
MR D TRICKETT  CHAIRMAN, NORTHERN COUNTIES GOLF UNION
MRS T ALLEN  MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR
MR J CRAMPTON  CHAMPIONSHIPS DIRECTOR

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

MR C LEGG  BOARD MEMBER
MRS E S AYLWIN  PAST PRESIDENT
MRS D J BAILEY MBE  PAST PRESIDENT
MR J C BENNETT  PAST PRESIDENT
MRS S M BENNETT  PAST PRESIDENT
MRS E A BOATMAN OBE  PAST PRESIDENT
SIR M BONALLACK OBE  PAST PRESIDENT
MR D M A STEEL  PAST PRESIDENT
2. **PROXY ATTENDEES**

BEDFORDSHIRE    Proxy    MR J JONES
CHESHIRE        Proxy    MRS J WAINWRIGHT
CORNWALL        Proxy    MRS S ROWORTH
DORSET          Proxy    MRS J SOUTHCOMBE
GLOUCESTERSHIRE Proxy    MRS D CASLING
LANCASHIRE      Proxy    NONE
LANCASHIRE      Proxy    MR J FISHER
MIDDLESEX       Proxy    NONE
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE Proxy    NONE
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE Proxy    MR R BONNELLO
WILTSHIRE       Proxy    NONE

3. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 14th APRIL 2016**

These had been previously circulated. The Minutes were proposed by Mr Hirst and seconded by Mr Smith and were duly approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

5. **TO RECEIVE THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE COMPANY FOR THE YEAR PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016.**
The Audited Financial Statements additional financial information and the report of Mr Wagstaff, the former Finance Director, had been circulated with the agenda. The report was taken as read but the recently appointed Finance Director proceeded to highlight a few areas of note from the accounts and other areas of interest.

Mr Wilson passed on his thanks to Mr Wagstaff for preparing the accounts; for the comprehensive handover Mr Wagstaff had provided; and the healthy financial legacy left after 18 years’ service. Mr Wilson also passed on his thanks to haysmacintyre and Mr Beard in particular for preparing the accounts so promptly.

The Statement of Comprehensive Income shows a higher surplus for the year which is largely attributed to movement in stocks and shares. This might increase or decrease in future years depending on the stock market. Woodhall Spa made a surplus of £100,000. Removing each of these items from the group’s figures demonstrates that the England Golf budgetary surplus was relatively small.

Mr Wilson also drew the meeting’s attention to the future minimum lease payments for Woodhall Spa in Note 26. These are internal obligations and are not as alarming as might first appear.

The meeting unanimously received the Accounts.

6. **ANNUAL REVIEW 2016**

Mr Pink introduced the Annual Review and the meeting unanimously received the Annual Review.

7. **PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS**

The meeting received an address from The President, Mrs Marian J Rae DL which highlighted her experiences during her year of office. She also outlined the many England player successes and thanked the Past Presidents and the England Golf Board for their support and all of the counties, clubs, officials and staff who had made the year so memorable.

8. **PRESENTATION OF THE GERALD MICKLEM AWARD**

The Gerald Micklem Award is presented each year to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to further the interests of amateur golf in England.

The President announced that Mrs Ruth Whitehead was the recipient of the award for 2017 and outlined to the meeting a brief history of Mrs Whitehead’s contribution to England Golf, her county of Cheshire and golf in England over many years.

The President commended Mrs Whitehead on the prominent role she had played in unifying men’s and women’s golf. Mrs Whitehead is the first woman to receive the award and has been a member of Delamere Forest Golf Club for almost 40 years, where she was its first woman director and is now is its first female chairman.

Mrs Whitehead in receipt of the award thanked everyone within England Golf and the sport who had supported her over the years.

9. **ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT: MR JOHN WILLIAMS**
Mr Ray Saunders proposed Mr John Williams as the England Golf President for 2017. Mr Saunders had sent his apologies for the meeting. On his behalf, the Chairman read Mr Saunders’ proposal speech which outlined to the meeting the professional and golfing history of Mr John Williams and the strong qualities to make him President.

Mr Graham Webb seconded the proposal and stressed Mr John William’s qualities and experience in the sport.

The meeting unanimously endorsed the nomination.

10. **VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING PRESIDENT**

Mr John Williams thanked and congratulated Mrs Rae for her term of office as part of his incoming speech and presented her with the Past President Badge together with a plaque and photographic album of her year in office.

11. **ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT ELECT: MR DESMOND DUFFY**

Mr Paul Fisher outlined to the meeting his own history of working with Mr Desmond Duffy as a stalwart of the game and as a friend and went on to stress the strong attributes that made him well suited to be President Elect. It gave him great pleasure to propose Mr Desmond Duffy as the England Golf President Elect for 2017.

Mr Dennis Trickett expressed the Northern Counties pride in everything that Mr Desmond Duffy had contributed to the game and seconded the proposal.

The meeting unanimously endorsed the nomination.

Mr Desmond Duffy accepted the nomination and expressed his thanks to the proposer, seconder, the Past Presidents for their recommendation and the England Golf Board for the nomination.

The meeting unanimously endorsed the nomination.

12. **APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman thanked the Nominations Committee for their work in recruiting the new Chairman and set out the extensive search process that had led to the appointment of Mr Nic Coward

The meeting unanimously ratified the Board’s appointment of Mr Nic Coward.

13. **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The Company Secretary announced to the meeting that a postal ballot had taken place to elect four new men to serve as Directors of the England Golf Board. He outlined the election process and voting numbers. Only 66 of the 71 eligible Voting Members had cast a vote.

The Company Secretary announced the four successful candidates in the election and thanked the remaining candidates for their candidacy. Mr Ian Watkins and Mr Les Wilson were each elected for three years. Mr Alistair Booth and Mr Douglas Poole were each elected for two years.
The Chairman also thanked Mr John Weir and Mr Colin Legg for their contribution and support during their time as Directors of the England Golf Board.

14. **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

The Board proposed that haysmacintyre be reappointed as auditors.

The nomination was proposed and seconded by the meeting and haysmacintyre were duly elected to serve as auditors until the next AGM.

15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no other business the Chairman on behalf of all of the Board thanked the Voting Members for the opportunity to serve.

Mr Watkins, on behalf of the Board and everyone in England Golf, thanked the outgoing Chairman for everything he had done for England Golf over a long period of time.

16. **DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Date, time and venue to be confirmed at a later date.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 11am.

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Chairman

19th April 2018

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