English Golf Union Limited (Trading as England Golf)
Company Number 05564018 ("the Company")

Minutes of the meeting of the Annual General Meeting of The Company held on Thursday 25 April 2019 at 9:45 a.m. at the National Golf Centre, The Broadway, Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, LN10 6PU

Present
MR N COWARD               CHAIRMAN
MR N PINK                 CHIEF EXECUTIVE
MS M BRASS                SENIOR INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR
MR M PASK                 INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR
MRS C ALFORD              ELECTED DIRECTOR
MR A BOOTH                ELECTED DIRECTOR
MRS J DEAN                ELECTED DIRECTOR
MR J PETERS               ELECTED DIRECTOR
MR D POOLE                ELECTED DIRECTOR
MR I J WATKINS            ELECTED DIRECTOR
MR L WILSON               ELECTED DIRECTOR
MRS E GREEN               HEAD OF LEGAL & COMPANY SECRETARY

MR D J DUFFY              PRESIDENT
MRS I J CLINK             PRESIDENT ELECT
MR G YATES                NOMINATED PRESIDENT ELECT
MR J WILLIAMS             IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

MR A F P ABRAHAM          PAST PRESIDENT
MRS D J BAILEY MBE        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 N EVANS OBE            PAST PRESIDENT
MR P H FISHER             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
MRS M J RAE DL            PAST PRESIDENT
MR D M STEEL              PAST PRESIDENT
ARTISANS GOLFERS’ ASSOCIATION
BERKS, BUCKS & OXON
BEDFORDSHIRE
BERKSHIRE
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
CAMBRIDGESHIRE
CHESHIRE
CORNWALL
CUMBRIA
DERBYSHIRE
DEVON
DORSET
DURHAM
ESSEX
GLOUCESTERSHIRE
HAMPShIRE, IoW & CI
HERTFORDSHIRE
ISLE OF MAN
KENT
LANCASHIRE
LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND
LINCOLNSHIRE
MIDDLESEX
NAPGC
NORFOLK
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
NORTHUMBRIAN
NORTHUMBERLAND
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
OXFORDSHIRE
SHROPSHIRE
SHROPSHIRE & HEREFORDSHIRE
SOMERSET
STAFFORDSHIRE
SUFFOLK
SURREY
SUSSEX
WARWICKSHIRE
WILTSHIRE
WORCESTERSHIRE
WORCESTERSHIRE & HEREFORDSHIRE
YORKSHIRE

MR D SWIFT
MR J KENNEDY
MRS K BURNAGE, MR D HAWKINS
MRS I GREGORY (Proxy)
MRS P COOK
DR S WITHEMS, MR A DUGGINS
MRS J PAYNE, MR R SCOWCROFT
MR C POUNTNEY
MRS J BLAND, MR C HEATH
MR R WHEELDON
MRS Y ALFORD
MISS J SOUTHCUMBE, MR I HULSE
MRS S WRIGHT, MR J F SANDERSON
MRS N THOMAS, MR B COLLINS
MRS J ROSE, MR J MACPHERSON
MR D WHEELER
MR R COLBOURNE
MR G VOYSEY
MRS C POWER, MR P LONG (Proxy)
MISS B WHITING, MR A BARR
MRS P REMINGTON, MR R BARKER
MRS A SCURR, MR D F PRICE
MRS D ROWLANDS
MR P CUNNINGHAM
MRS A MOURNIAN, MR M DEVLIN
MR M READ
MRS L HAMLIN, MR J FLETCHER
MRS C JONES, MR C BEE
MRS M QUINSAC
MRS S HOLLIDAY
MR G PALMER
MISS J SOUTHCUMBE (Proxy), MR R W DAVIS
MRS L MANNING, MR M EUSTACE
MRS L JOHNSON, MR T RUBIN
MRS L ROBEY, MR J BUCHANAN
MRS S SMITH, MR R L SMITH
MRS I BARTRAM, MR M NIXON (Proxy)
MR R SMITH
MR S PRITCHARD
MS L ROBINSON
MRS S MILNER, MR D P SMITH

In Attendance
MR D TRICKETT
THE GERALD MICKLEM AWARD 2019 WINNER
MR J BEARD
HAYSMACINTYRE
EXECUTIVES
MR R FLINT     PARTICIPATION & CLUB SUPPORT DIRECTOR
MRS M-A PRICE    HEAD OF HR
MRS T L ALLEN    MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR
MR S WILSON     FINANCE DIRECTOR

1. Apologies for Absence

MRS P CROWSON    ELECTED DIRECTOR
MRS E S AYLWIN    PAST PRESIDENT
MRS S M BENNETT FCA   PAST PRESIDENT
MR J C BENNETT    PAST PRESIDENT
MRS E A BOATMAN OBE    PAST PRESIDENT
SIR M F BONALLACK OBE    PAST PRESIDENT
MR W BRYCE     PAST PRESIDENT
MR M.N. DOYLE    PAST PRESIDENT
MR E H ELLIS    PAST PRESIDENT
MR J B FLANDERS    PAST PRESIDENT
MR N FORREST    PAST PRESIDENT
MR D HARRISON OBE    PAST PRESIDENT
MRS A IRVIN MBE    PAST PRESIDENT
MR G W LOGAN    PAST PRESIDENT
MR R SAUNDERS    PAST PRESIDENT
MRS G WILKINSON    PAST PRESIDENT
MR P H WILSON    PAST PRESIDENT
MRS N JONES     BERKSHIRE
MRS S ROWORTH    CORNWALL
MRS D TAPPLY    HAMPSHIRE
MRS J GREEN     KENT
MR J E POCKNELL    KENT
MRS P S FORD     SOMERSET
MR J DUNCOMBE    WARWICKSHIRE

2. Proxy Attendees

BERKSHIRE     Proxy   MRS I GREGORY
CORNWALL     Proxy   MR C POUNTNEY
HAMPSHIRE    Proxy   MR D WHEELER
KENT        Proxy   MRS C POWER
KENT        Proxy   MR P LONG
SOMERSET    Proxy   MISS J SOUTHCOMBE
WARWICKSHIRE  Proxy  MR M NIXON
3. Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on 19 April 2018

These had been previously circulated. The Minutes were approved save that Mr Nigel Evans & Mrs Marian J Rae DL were present. The Company Secretary would amend the Minutes and they would then be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting. **ACTION: CS**

4. Matters Arising from the minutes

None

5. To receive the Audited Financial Statements of The Company for the year ended 31 December 2019

The Audited Financial Statements, additional financial information and the report of Mr S Wilson, Finance Director, had been circulated with the agenda. Mr S Wilson summarised the financial performance for the year stating that the operating deficit was within the budget set for the year with income being below budget but expenditure being cut accordingly to still make the overall deficit target. Actual total expenditure was reduced by 168K from 2017. Mr Wilson highlighted that the management and Board of WSGM (2005) Ltd had worked hard over a number of years to improve the profitability of the golf course to the extent that, for the first time, WSGM (2005) Ltd was now able to contribute back to coaching programmes run by England Golf, which Mr S Wilson described as a landmark for England Golf and WSGM (2005) Ltd. Mr S Wilson also explained that until April 2017 15 employed staff roles were classed as self-employed and this is the reason for the increase in average staff numbers and costs compared to 2017. Mr S Wilson explained that the current staffing numbers were 84.

The meeting unanimously received the Accounts.

6. Annual Review

The Chairman introduced the Annual Review and the meeting unanimously received the Annual Review.

7. President’s Address

The Chairman invited the President, Mr Desmond J Duffy, to address the meeting.
Mr Duffy highlighted his experiences during his year of office. He outlined the many aspects of the game in England of which all involved should take great pride, and in particular noted the high quality of England Golf Championships and many England player successes during the year. He 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.

He expressed particular thanks to Mrs Egan-Wyer for her support throughout the year.

8. Presentation of the Gerald Micklem Award

The Chairman introduced the presentation of the Gerald Micklem Award, an annual recognition of a person who has made an outstanding contribution to further the interests of amateur golf in England.

The President announced that Mr Dennis Trickett, was the recipient of the award for 2019.

Mr David P Smith outlined to the meeting a brief history of Mr Trickett’s contribution to golf in Yorkshire, England and within England Golf over many years. Mr Smith also commended Mr Trickett on the prominent role he had played in golf.

Mr Trickett, in receipt of the award, thanked everyone within England Golf and the sport who had supported him over the years.

9. Election of the President: Mrs Jenny Clink

Mrs Marian J Rae DL proposed Mrs Jenny Clink as the England Golf President for 2019 and outlined to the meeting the professional and golfing history of Mrs Clink and the strong qualities to make her ideal to be President.

Mr Ian Watkins seconded the proposal and stressed Mrs Clink’s qualities and experience in the sport.

The nomination was unanimously endorsed.

After formal welcome by Mr Duffy to the office of president, Mrs Clink thanked the Board for the nomination and the Past Presidents for their recommendation. She set out her great enjoyment serving golf in England to date and how proud she was to have the opportunity of continuing to serve England Golf as President.
10. Vote of Thanks to the Retiring President

Mrs Clink thanked and congratulated Mr Duffy for his term of office and presented him with the Past President Badge, together with a plaque and photographic album of his year in office.

11. Election of the President Elect: Mr Graham Yates

Mr Nigel Evans OBE outlined to the meeting his long history of working with Mr Graham Yates. Mr Evans stressed the strong attributes that made Mr Yates well suited to be President Elect, including serving as the Chairman of England Golf. It gave Mr Evans great pleasure to propose Mr Graham Yates as the England Golf President Elect for 2019.

Mr Robert Davis expressed his delight in seconding Mr Yates. He outlined Mr Yates’ contribution to golf in general and in particular to the county of Somerset.

Mr Yates 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.

The Chairman thanked all involved in the nomination process for President.

12. Election of Directors

Completed ballot papers were collected and the Returning Officer, Mrs E Green, Deputy Returning Officer, Mrs Egan-Wyer, counted the votes under the supervision of Mrs Brass acting as scrutineer.

The Chairman announced that the first elected director was Mrs P Cook, and the second elected director was Mr K Tucker.

The Chairman also gave thanks to the outgoing England Golf directors, Mrs P Crowson and Mr J Peters, for their contribution to the Company.

13. Appointment of Independent Director

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Board had unanimously resolved to appoint Michael Pask as independent director for a further term, which was unanimously ratified by the meeting.
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 appointed to serve as auditors until the next Annual General Meeting.

15. Any Other Business

There were no other matters arising.

16. Closing Remarks from the Chairman

The Chairman applauded all of those who had received honours and been elected during the meeting.

17. Date and Time of Next Annual General Meeting

Date and time will be confirmed in due course.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 10:45 a.m.