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The Forty Club Golfing Society 2022 AGM

Minutes of the 65th Annual General meeting held at New Zealand Golf Club on the 27th September 2022 at approximately 6.30pm: after the presentation of the prizes for the Autumn Meeting.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Michael Estorick and Richard Freedman.

2. The minutes of the 64th AGM held on 11th October 2021 at West Sussex GC were approved.

3. Hon. Secretary's Report – Peter Crowcroft thanked Bill John as Website Manager for making his work as Hon. Secretary much easier through the management of the society website. He also paid tribute to the work of Membership Secretary and Treasurer, David Lancaster, and also the work of the Match Managers without whom the society could not provide the excellent itinerary we continue to enjoy.

4. Hon. Treasurer & Membership Report – David Lancaster reported that this was the first year for some while where we have had more new members than those leaving and he encouraged Match Managers to include new members into teams and get them to meet other members. On the finances David reported that our bank balance was in good shape and he had no concerns at this time.

5. Hon. Fixture Secretary's Report – Stuart Bowden, in his last address to Members as Fixture Secretary, reported that we had incurred some loss of venues in the forthcoming schedule citing Hankley Common GC as an example where the lack of a reciprocal venue had caused the club to reconsider the match despite its long-standing history. Again he thanked Match Managers for their fine work and gave a message to Members when electing to play in a match that should they need to withdraw for any reason that the onus of responsibility to find a replacement should lie with them in the first instance.

6. Outgoing Fixture Secretary - Peter Crowcroft proposed that Stuart Bowden be made an Honorary Life Member in recognition of the work on fixtures over many years. The proposal was unanimously supported by members present. Stuart was presented with a fine bottle of Armagnac as a small gesture of thanks.

7. Captain for 2022/2023 – David Lancaster presented Peter Crowcroft a commemorative crystal decanter for his year of service. Peter then nominated his Vice-Captain, Steve Barton as Captain he was duly seconded and elected.

8. Vice-Captain for– 2022/2023 – Steve Barton proposed Chris Greet and he was duly seconded and elected.

9. Hon. Secretary for 2022/2023 - Peter Crowcroft had previously remarked on the affinity that the administrative role of Webmaster had with that of the Honorary Secretary and thus Steve Barton proposed that Bill John as Hon.Sec and he was duly seconded and elected.

10. Hon. Treasurer/Membership Secretary for 2022/2023- David Lancaster was re-elected.

11. Hon. Fixture Secretary for 2022/2023 - Peter Crowcroft was proposed by Steve Barton and he was duly elected.

12. To elect a Member of the Committee for 2022/2023 - Seamus Meyer was elected and thanks were given to Finbarr O'Connor for his time on the committee and who was standing down due to personal commitments.

13. Any Other Business - Alan Ewart said that the Xmas Meeting at Cuddington on December 8th had plenty of spaces and encouraged Members to sign up. David Lancaster advised that he has good stock of good quality shirts and jumpers should Members wish to purchase.

The meeting closed at 6:50pm.

Bill John, Hon. Secretary
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