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**MINUTES OF THE AGA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) 2023 HELD AT SAUNTON GOLF CLUB ON WED 12 JUL 23**

Present:	Col K Sheldon Lt Col (Retd) KL Seddon MBE WO2 Z Burrell-Knipe Miss DM Walters Lt Col (Retd) SAJ Davis  and 90 members of the AGA	AGA Chair Tournament Director Lady Captain Assistant Operations Manager Operations Manager	Chair  Asst Sec  Secretary
Apologies:	Maj Gen M Pullan MBE Maj J Musgrove RA	President Men's Captain	

Item	Discussions and Decisions	Action
<b>1. Introduction</b>	<p>1. The Chair welcomed all to the Meeting. He apologised on behalf of the President for his absence due to work commitments. He spoke on the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. AGA was in rude health – there was a good buzz with the main Championships running to capacity.</li> <li>b. High Hcp Championships was another success with another steady increase in the field.</li> <li>c. Re-scheduled Inter Services Apr 23 – with the cancelation of the 2022 Inter Services, scheduled for the week the late Queen past, we have two Championships this year. At a wet and miserable Enville Golf Club the Army had mixed fortunes it has to be said, both teams winning and losing games, although neither was able to win sufficient games to be able to retain or regain the Inter Services Trophies. As a result, the RN won both the ladies and men's trophies for the first time since records began. I suspect the competition in Sep will be a close-run thing with added determination to succeed.</li> <li>d. The Development Inter Services took place at Thonock Park, home of Ping, in May, for the first time and was played in the same format as the main Inter Services.</li> </ul>	<b>All</b>

	<p>The Army fielded a strong team and batted hard reaping the rewards with a convincing victory. It is likely the success of this year will be mapped going forward in an effort to generate further sponsorships and great attendance from Serving Seniors across all three Services.</p> <p>Season 2023 so far:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Strokeplay Championship</b> – The Strokeplay, played at Belton Park for the first time proved a success, and congratulations to Spr Graeme Torrie (3 under gross) – the 2023 winner. For 2024 we will return to Belton Park albeit later in the year as the Matchplay and Strokeplay will swap months owing to a major event preventing our usual spot at Saunton in Jul. All details will be on the website.</li> <li>b. <b>The Inter Unit Championship</b> was held at Catterick GC, numbers were down slightly this year so please generate interest on your return to units. Whilst I would not expect to see you there, you might like to encourage others at unit level to attend. Next year we have yet to confirm the venue but will again publish this on the website once it is known.</li> <li>c. Next up will be the <b>Stableford Championship</b> on 31 Jul – 2 Aug 23, at Whittingham Heath Golf Club. It will be interesting to see the new course layout as it continues to develop year on year. <b>After Mtg Note:</b> At the time of drafting these RODs the competition list is full.</li> <li>d. We then have the <b>Inter Region Championship</b> at Worksop 5 - 6 Sep 23.</li> <li>e. <u>Finally, we have the Inter Services returning to Woodhall Spa Golf Club, later in September 18 – 22.</u></li> </ol>	
<p><b>2. The Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b></p>	<p>The Secretary advised that the Minutes of the previous Meeting had been read and that they were a true record with no outstanding issues.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>
<p><b>3. Finances</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Asst Sec provided a brief overview of the accounts, explaining that they had been audited with no adverse issues or concerns from the auditors. At Year End the account showed a slight surplus of income.</li> <li>2. The Secretary then provided a brief summary of the sponsorship situation, which was moving forward, albeit slower than he would like: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. MDBA – Work ongoing. They want to target ladies' development golf. The Ladies Development Team are currently co-ordinating UK wide training days to attract new players to golf and working very closely with the Corps.</li> <li>b. FORTINET – Work ongoing. This is currently being held up because the Coy already sponsor the DP Tour and they do not wish to follow further golfing activity. Work is in train to get them to sponsor Army Sport through Mongoose for the funds to be subsequently passaged to Army Golf.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p><b>All</b></p>

	<p>c. Holts – On going. Currently with Mongoose.</p> <p>Christopher Ward (Watches) – work in progress, they just have not been able to attend any events this year.</p>	
<b>4. AGA Appointments for 2023</b>	<p>1. The Secretary went through the appointments for the 2023 Season and advised that the current Men’s Captain had intimated his intention to step down at the end of the current season following the Inter Service Championships. His replacement will be Capt Scot Dickinson INF.</p> <p>2. All other appointment remained extant.</p>	<b>All</b>
<b>5. AGA Calendars 2023 and 2024</b>	<p>1. The Secretary advised the events for the remainder of the season as being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Stableford Championship at Whittington Heath GC 31 Jul – 2 Aug</li> <li>b. Inter Regional Championship at Worksop GC 5 – 6 Sep</li> <li>c. Inter Service Championships at Woodhall Spa 18 – 22 Sep</li> </ul> <p>2. Looking ahead to the 2024 season, there was to be a change of timing of the Strokeplay and Matchplay, although the locations would remain the same:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Army Matchplay and Inter Corps Championships at Saunton GC 12 – 17 May</li> <li>b. Army Ladies Championship at Saunton GC 14 – 15 May</li> <li>c. High Handicap Championship at Test Valley GC – 22 May 24</li> <li>d. Inter Unit Championship location TBC 18 – 20 Jun</li> <li>e. Strokeplay Championship at Belton Park GC 8 10 Jul</li> <li>f. Stableford at Whittington Heath GC 5 -7 Aug</li> <li>g. Inter Regional Championship at Worksop GC 3 – 4 Sep</li> <li>h. Inter Service Championship at Formby GC 9 - 12 Sep (Army Lead)</li> </ul>	<b>All</b>
<b>6. Lessons Learned (L2) 2023/24</b>	<p>1. The Secretary explained that there would be two key changes to be implemented for the Matchplay Championships for 2024. Neither would impact the format of the competitions to be played, but they were designed to enhance the flow of the competition and alleviate some of the late evening finishes.</p> <p>2. Given the change in the time of year that the Matchplay will be played in 2024 it was imperative that matches are concluded without rolling over to the following day. Therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. On the Tue, the Ladies Championship will tee off first at 0730 on the West Course and then delay the start of the Stableford competition until 0930. This would also ensure that the Stableford competition rolled later into the day.</li> <li>b. Other changes would see the Fri Semi-final and Finals of the Main and Plate Inter Corps Championships taking place on both the East and the West Course simultaneously. This would enable both matches to conclude at similar times and reduce the length of the day at the end of a long week.</li> </ul>	<b>All</b>

	c. On both counts Saunton GC are content with the changes.	
<b>. Army Team Matters and Reports 2023/24</b>	<p>1. The Army Team Manager announced the Army Team for the Inter Service Championships in Sep on behalf of the Army Men's Captain.</p> <p>2. The Lady Captain wished to delay the Ladies announcement until later in the year as player availability is still to be confirmed.</p>	<b>All</b>
<b>. Any Other Business</b>	There being no further business the AGM was concluded by the Chair. He once again thanked everyone concerned with Saunton Golf Club for their kind hospitality and friendship and making us all feel so welcome. He thanked the officials for giving up their time to travel and officiate at the event. He thanked Di and Jan for all they do behind the scenes, and he thanked all the players for their continued support to the AGA.	<b>All</b>
<b>. Date of next mtg</b>	The Secretary advised that the 2024 AGM would take place at the usual place during the Matchplay Championships but next year it would be in May.	<b>All</b>

*SAJ Davis*

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Lt Col (Retd)  
Secretary AGA

Annexes:

- A. 2023/24 Appointments.
- B. 2024 Key Events.

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**ANNEX A TO  
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**AGA COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2023**

<b>Post</b>	<b>Incumbent</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
President	Maj Gen M Pullan MBE	
Hon Life President	Gen The Lord Houghton of Richmond	
Chairman	Col K Sheldon	
Vice Chairman	Lt Col (Retd) B Gamble OBE	
Tournament Director	Lt Col (Retd) K Seddon MBE	
Operations Manager	Lt Col (Retd) SAJ Davis	Permanent Post
Assistant Operations Manager	Miss D Walters	Permanent Post
Media Manager	Mrs J Daniel	Permanent Post
Captain	Maj J Musgrove RA	Capt S Dickinson Des
Vice Captain	Sgt R Over RE	
Team Manager	WO2 K Roberts RA	
Lady Captain	WO2 Z Burrell-Knipe RLC	
Lady Vice Captain	Lt Col A O'Brien RLC	
Ladies Team Manager	Maj K Eastman AMS	
Assistant Team Manager	Cpl Kirsty Kennedy RE	
Development Officer Female	Maj GA Smith REME	
Assistant Development Officer	SSgt K Glynn-Galbraith AGC	

**ANNEX B TO  
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**ARMY GOLF ASSOCIATION 2023 MAJOR EVENTS**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
12 – 17 May 24	Army Matchplay and Inter Corps Championships	Saunton GC
14 – 15 May 24	Army Ladies Matchplay Championships	Saunton GC
22 May 22	High Handicap Championship	Test Valley GC
18 - 20 Jun 24	Inter Unit Championship	TBC
8 – 10 Jul 24	Strokeplay Championship	Belton Park GC
5 - 7 Aug 24	Stableford Championship	Whittington Heath GC
3 – 4 Sep 24	Inter Regional Championship	Worksop GC
TBC	Development Inter Service Championships	Thonock Park GC
9 – 12 Sep 24	Inter Service Championships (Army lead)	Formby GC
TBC	Quill and Club Tournament	TBC