



OSGC AGM Minutes 2024

Captain and Secretary: Steve Clarke

Minutes:

1. Handed over OSGC Captaincy to Steve Jennings for 2025 season
 - a. Steve passed on his apologies for absence at the Autumn meeting and the AGM .
2. Announced Karl Wingfield as Vice Captain for 2025 and Captain for 2026
3. Advised that this year, 2024, had been the best attended OSGC season for a few years, with a good number of returning and new members.
 - a. Advised that the longer term plan is to bring the age of the OSGC membership down and to increase membership numbers to ensure longevity of the society.
 - b. Initial steps are to:
 - i. Target more 40+ and 50+ Old Southendians as more likely to have older children and thus more holiday availability for Society days
 - ii. Target the sons and daughters of OSGC and OSA members to join and try and play at least 1 meeting a season
 1. To support this it was agreed at the AGM to set a smaller Membership fee of £5, and if they play more than 1 meeting to add £5 for each extra meeting as they play.
4. Advised that OSGC shirts will be made available to purchase next year.
 - a. These will be the Hembury shirts at £21.
 - b. The shirts can be purchased as Green with the Badge and OSGC in your house colour
 - c. A NEW option is to purchase the shirt in your House Colour ie RED, Purple, Yellow or light Blue - with the Badge and OSGC in black
5. Prizes were discussed and the key point made was that prizes were a minor consideration for members, as the taking part in each event was the real reason everyone attended. As such it was suggested and agreed to change the prizes in 2025 for the following:
 - a. OSGC marked golf balls to remain
 - b. Glass tumblers with Trophy won will remain
 - c. New for 2025 - Golf Towels with OSGC inscribed
 - d. New for 2025 - Cash prizes instead of Alcohol
6. 2025 Events as 18hole events or 27 hole events:

- a. It was agreed that the event at Brickendon was a more relaxed affair and more preferable.
 - b. As a result for 2025 there will be 3 events as 18 hole meetings with only the Summer meeting as a 27 hole event to cater for the Liberty Cup
 - c. This will help keep costs lower but also will allow selection from a better class of clubs.
7. 2025 events on weekdays Mon or Thurs:
- a. The consensus was that Mondays or Thursdays were acceptable as event days.
 - b. These days are easier to get for Societies and are cheaper as well
 - c. Agreed to use these days more in 2025 to reduce costs but also will allow selection from a better class of clubs.
8. Advised the OSGC that ALL the trophies are now accounted for.
- a. Graham Winckless and Steve Clarke have spent some considerable time and effort to track these down.
 - b. Also that several of the trophies have been upgraded this year with new plinths etc so good for many more years to come
 - c. Also, that Graham Winckless has again donated a new cup for 2025 - this will be played as a Vets cup for the Spring meeting
 - d. This means that we now have a trophy for every meeting and every category.
9. Advised that OSGC finances are in a reasonable position, given the outgoings for the Trophy refurbishments.
- a. Graham Winckless had started growing a small slush fund during his Secretarial tenancy, Steve Clarke is keeping this action ongoing.
 - b. The slush fund allows the OSGC to pay the deposits required to make the bookings, refurb cups etc.
10. OSGC subscriptions:
- a. Advised that prizes getting more expensive to purchase.
 - b. Advised that the current subscription of £25 has been in place for many, many years - 10+ at least - so not accounting for any inflation.
 - c. Agreed to raise the yearly OSGC subscription to £30 for 2025 onwards

Kind regards

Steve Clarke

OSGC Secretary