

**Swanston Swingers 2024 AGM: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024, Swanston Templar Bar 6pm**

**MINUTES**

**Present: BSW (Captain), IT (Treasurer), WJF (Secretary/Minutes taker):**

**Nick Armstrong, Martin Baker, Bob Steele, Stephen Tse**

**Apologies: all other members**

**AGENDA**

**1. Chairman's Introduction:**

Welcome: noting that the Swingers now have 18 playing members, the AGM quorum is six. With seven members present, including the required two Committee Members, the meeting is quorate. Joe Murray, now an Honorary Member, will join us for dinner afterwards.

It was sad to see the passing of Ian Cowe, who had been an extremely long –standing Member, later Honorary, of the Swingers, and indeed of the Club and the Seniors. Brian had written to his wife expressing the condolences of the Swingers, and appreciating Ian's years with us. This message was warmly appreciated.

It was a pleasure to see Martin Baker at the meeting, and thanks to those in the NHS who had done so much to treat him and restore him to health. (Martin replied, thanking all the Swingers who had kept in touch during his illness, especially Brian.)

Thanks to Don Forrester, and others, for early booking of Seniors times on a Saturday, and to others who have helped keep the Swingers going, and going well.

Particular thanks to Willie Firth for taking over as Captain when Jerry Marshall left and latterly for his efforts as Secretary. Willie is stepping down. Mike Bates has offered to take on the Secretary role in the Summer and hoped to do so remotely in the Winter. Given the desire to pay Sweep prizes on the Saturday of play and complications in remote access, Brian will take over Saturday administration & web-posting during most of the Winter (unless an able volunteer emerges), assisted by Ian as required.

**2. Minutes of AGM September 2023 (circulated) and Matters Arising**

Acceptance proposed by NA, seconded MB, passed nem con.

No Matters Arising.

**3. Election of Office-Bearers for 2023-24**

**Captain: B.Wherrett Proposer WF, Seconder IT**

**Secretary: M.Bates P BW; S IT**

**Treasurer: I.Tennant P BW; S WF**

**Approved** nem con

**4. Membership Issues**

**PROPOSAL:** To ratify Peter Belcher as a Full Member.

**PROPOSAL:** To ratify Brian Robertson as an Outing Member.

Both **accepted** nem con.

**5. Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports (circulated)**

WJF presented the Secretary's report, with minor updates, in particular correcting the season's second outing: it was at Kings Acre on 14 July, with Mike Bates winning the Captain's Prize. There were 20 Winter and 18 Summer Stablefords, with nine winners in each season, Nick Armstrong winning a notable four times in the winter. WJF was pleased to be passing the Secretary position on to Mike Bates and would be happy to assist with the transition.

The Treasurer's Report (IT and BSW) was presented by BSW. There was a healthy balance of several hundred pounds, helped significantly by the profit on the Goswick Outing.  
**Acceptance** of the Reports was proposed by MB and seconded by NA and accepted nem con.

#### 6. 2024-25 Subscription.

**PROPOSAL:** that the 2024-25 Subscription should remain at £20.

**PROPOSAL:** that the Outing Members fee for 2024-25 remain at £10.

**Accepted** nem con

#### 7. QUESTIONS regarding Swingers Rules and Regulations

8 Saturday gross Stableford scores are based on current WHS handicaps ( $HI \times \text{relative slope-index} \times 0.95$ , then rounded):

Becomes:

8 Saturday gross Stableford scores are based on current WHS handicaps  $[(HI + CR - Par) \times \text{relative slope-index} \times 0.95]$ , then rounded]: **Approved**

**Following recent practice, it is suggested that Rule 8.6 be modified:**

- On Saturdays in the Summer season and on any other "counting" Saturdays: only those players submitting WHS scores may take part in the Swingers sweep.

To become:

- On Saturdays in the Summer season and on any other "counting" Saturdays Swingers Sweep contenders must adhere to club rules. Players are encouraged to submit WHS scores on such days.

**Approved**

13 Swingers Rules for Swingers-only Competitions

- Ball hit out-of-bounds. Option of (i) replay or (ii) placing a ball within one club's length of nearest in-bounds point. Two penalty strokes in either event.

- Lost ball. Replay or one club's length from nearest perceived point of relief. Two penalty strokes.

- Gimmes in ties for distances to the nearest point of the hole which are shorter than a standard club-grip.

To become:

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- Ball thought to be playable but then determined to be out-of-bounds or lost: From perceived point of entry, play from nearest point of relief not nearer the hole and not in heavy rough [three-stroke penalty].

- Gimmes for distances to the nearest point of the hole which are shorter than a standard club-grip.

After some discussion: **Approved**, with the three-stroke penalty option subject to agreement of playing partners, and in particular should not apply when the "rules of golf" penalty can be applied without causing significant delay, e.g. when playing a provisional ball is indicated and, say, suggested by a playing partner.

**No other changes to the R&R have been proposed.**

#### 8. Winter 4-ball

12 members have indicated that they would like to play, giving 6 pairs.

The **Proposal** is to schedule tie dates that would enable a round-robin, as traditional.

26 Oct. 9 Nov. 14 Dec. 11 Jan. 8 Feb.

**Proposed** to use 15 Mar and 29 Mar as back-stops. A cancelled round would move to the next scheduled date, eventually requiring March date(s) to complete the round robin.

The above proposals were **approved**, and the Draw was made as follows:

1. BSW&PB; 2. GC&NA; 3. MBkr&NH; 4. DF&WF; 5. Alj&IT; 6. BS&CS.
- First round of ties on 26 Oct to be 1v2, 3v4, 5v6.

## 9. Outings

**Proposed 2025 outings**, following canvassing:

**Muckhart** (18 holes (£62) or 27 holes (£85)), **Harburn** (£63), **Torwoodlee** (£65)

Lesser support for **Duns**, **Roxburghe**, **Auchterarder**. Surprisingly, none for Craighielaw.

After some discussion, the following schedule was **approved**, subject to negotiation:

**Muckhart** and **Auchterarder** (Spring), **Harburn** (Autumn). Schedules and prizes to be based on 18 holes in each case, with further information and discussion to proceed on the issue of playing the additional 9 holes at Muckhart.

**Proposed dates, following Saturday Greensomes & the Lady Captains Day,} are:**

May 6<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> & August 31<sup>st</sup> – subject to availability.

*(Auchterarder & Muckhart have already replied positively.)*

## 9. AOCB

**No AOCB was tabled.**

*Followed by: Dinner and Prize-giving in the Brasserie at 7.30 pm (est)*

W.Firth

Swingers Secretary

23/10/2024