

Exmouth Town Golf Society  
Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
Held at the Cranford Club, Exmouth  
Tuesday 8th February 2005

Attendance

Paul Marshall Chairman	Graham Clarkson Captain
Phil Beynon Handicap Secretary	Roy Mitchell Treasurer
Paul Kelly Secretary	Mike Tufnell
Mark Reynolds	Phil Tavener
Ken Wicks	Stephen Latham
Dave Lawson	John Pierce
Graham Clay	Nic Paris

2. Apologies

Peter Bonnetta, Rob Cox, Jim Valentine, Wayne Taylor, Simon Jeans

3. Opening Address by Chairman

Paul Marshall welcomed and thanked the members for attending and supporting the fourth AGM of ETGS.

4. Minutes of 2004 AGM

Members approved the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2004 at The Bridge Inn, Topsham.

5. Chairman's Report

Taking time to reflect upon the year, Paul Marshall believed that 2004 had been a good year for the Society and that a great deal of work had been undertaken by the Officers' of the Society behind the scenes which meant that the Society had been run better. He particularly wished to thank Phil Beynon and Peter Bonnetta for producing the Society's Constitution, which he stated should be either given to all new joiners or by apprising them of its existence on the ETGS website (exmouthengineering.co.uk/). On a personal note, he was disappointed that he had not played more, but this was due to work commitments.

The highlight of the year for him was the winning of the Coaver Cup for the first time and one of the main objectives of 2005 was to retain that Cup. Graham Clarkson had become the first ETGS Captain to win the Trophy.

6. Treasurer's Report

Roy Mitchell informed attendees that the figures for the Society were as follows:

BAL B/fwd from 2003 Season	£123.52
Bal C/fwd at end of 2004	£173.70
Plus sponsorship receipts	£200.00
Bal B/Fwd for 2005 Season	£373.70
Deposits Paid for 2005 to-date:	
Taunton & Pickeridge	£31.00
Stover	£75.00
Teignmouth	£50.00
Honiton	£50.00

Exeter	£50.00
Balance to-date for 2005	£117.70

Other deposits to be made will include Oak Manor and Dainton Park, which highlighted the need to ensure that for 2006 a similar balance will need to be carried forward.

The issue of continued low attendance at meeting such as Teignmouth was a potential expensive threat to the Society as costs increased with fewer players.

7. Handicap Secretary's Report

Phil Beynon reported that the new computerised handicap system had worked very well in recording all the scores and statistics over the season. Marking of cards had improved with only 3 disqualifications for the whole year.

Members discussed new members' handicaps and it was agreed that rather than the responsibility falling on the discretion of the Handicap Secretary (Rule H, 2) a formal set process will be introduced. The process will be formulated by Steve Latham, Ken Wicks and Phil Beynon before being circulated to the members for comments and alterations. Once agreed it will be put into the Society's Constitution.

2004 handicaps would continue to rollover to 2005; (Rule H, 2)

Phil Beynon was to liaise with the Coaver Club after their proposal that all players were to play off scratch was overwhelmingly rejected by member of ETGS.

Nic Paris would continue to organize the GAG Cup after doing such a superb job at his first attempt last year.

Phil Beynon announced he would be stepping down as Handicap Secretary due to increased business commitments and proposed Ken Wicks to take over his roll.

Phil also thanked the Captain Graham Clarkson, Nick Paris, the committee members and all the members for the help and support he has received during his term.

Paul Marshall thanked Phil for all his work and effort over the last 4-5 years.

8. Secretary's Report

Paul Kelly circulated the 2005 fixtures secured to-date and thanked members for attending 2004 fixtures which had gone very well.

The following was agreed by members:

Weekend Away 10-12th June 2005 - Botley Park, Southampton

£196-00p: £50 deposit to be sent to Paul Kelly by end of February 2005.

£20 to be added to the trip to pay for prizes.

The Captain, Handicap Secretary and experienced players to meet one week prior to going to Botley Park to decide on the two teams.

Discussions generally centered on a Texas Scrabble Team Event for Friday, 4 Ball Better Ball Team Event for Saturday, and the singles Stableford event on Sunday.

Prizes for the weekend to be arranged by the secretary

This Year's fees would be £20 for membership and £20 to play which would include the 2's.

Guests would be allowed to play at the member's rate once only after which they must become fully paid up members to enjoy the reduced rate.

Members & Guests can win the 2's of the day. Only fully paid up members can win any rollover balls.

Prize money to remain at £5, £4 & £3 for the respective top 3 places.

Prizes at the Year end to be financed and arranged by the Secretary.

### Election of Officers

Ken Wicks was proposed and voted in as the new Handicap Secretary. All other officers were re-elected.

Election of Captain & Vice Captain

Paul Marshall thanked Graham Clarkson for his commitment as Club Captain for 2004. Graham stated that it had been a great honor and the highlight of the year was indeed the winning of the Coaver Cup.

Stephen Latham was elected as Club Captain and Mike Tufnell as the Vice-Captain.

### Proposals

Paul Kelly proposed that the highest handicap for the Society should reduce from 36 to 28 was approved (Phil Beynon to amend Constitution).

Nic Paris proposed that cash prizes be replaced by non-cash prizes, however due to the demand placed upon the officers of the Society this proposal was not carried. However a general discussion took place and it was agreed that the golf balls for the two's would be PRO V1's with Phil Tavener agreeing to purchase these at a lower rate on behalf of the society.

Nic Paris's proposed that only paid up members would be able to win prizes (excluding the weekend break) was approved (Phil Beynon to amend Constitution). Guests could still enter and win the 2's of the day but not the rollovers.

Steve Latham's proposal for a Captain's Charity donation was approved, which would operate at each meeting and subject to the day of playing, it would be linked to the National Lottery (Bonus Ball). If there were no winners, then the money would rollover. 25% of the money would be donated to the Captain's Charity; winners have the option of donating more than 25% to the Captain's Charity.