



All-Party Parliamentary Group for Golf

Inaugural Meeting

1630, 20 July 2015, Committee Room 15

Meeting commenced 1640

Present

Karl M^cCartney MP (in the Chair); Stephen Gethins MP; Rt. Hon. Lord Davies of Oldham; John Howell MP; Alberto Costa MP

In attendance

Jack Baker

Introduction

Karl M^cCartney MP called the meeting to order at 1640hrs, to create an All-Party Parliamentary Group for Golf.

Purpose

It was agreed that the purpose of the Group be: "To support the sport of golf"

Election of Officers

The following officers were elected:

- Chairman: Karl M^cCartney MP (Conservative, Lincoln)
- Vice Chairman: Stephen Gethins MP (Scottish National Party, North East Fife)
- Vice-Chairman: Lord Davies of Oldham (Labour)
- Vice-Chairman: Jason M^cCartney MP (Conservative, Colne Valley)

Appointment of Hon. Secretary / Secretariat

Mark Ramsdale (MR Sport) was appointed as Hon. Secretary, supported by Jack Baker.

Activity

It was proposed that the Hon. Secretary, working closely with the Chairman and other Officers, use the summer period to put the foundations of the Group in place.

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Vice-Chairman Lord Davies commented that he had previously been involved in the Parliamentary Golf Society, and hoped that this Group would tie this in to its work. The Chairman welcomed this comment and fully accorded with the sentiment, and agreed that the only way to happily proceed would be to work together.

Vice-Chairman Gethins' constituency is home to St Andrews, and he has been in recent contact with the R&A, who are keen to hold commemorative events in Westminster. **Action: Hon. Secretary to liaise with Stephen Gethins' office.**

There being no other business, the Chairman brought the meeting to a close, with the advice that the next meeting would be either in December or very early January.

The meeting concluded 1650hrs.

Hon. Secretary to circulate dates of future meetings.