



All-Party Parliamentary Group for Golf

Inaugural Meeting Minutes

1700, 12 July 2017, Thatcher Room

Meeting commenced 1703

Present

Stephen Gethins MP (in the Chair); Lord Wallace of Tankerness; Lord Maxton, Laurence Robertson MP; Lord Lennie; Gavin Newlands MP

In attendance

Mark Ramsdale; Jack Baker (Secretariat)

Apologies

Baroness Nye of Lambeth; Lord Butler of Brockwell; Eleanor Laing MP; Craig Tracey MP; Sir Jeffrey Donaldson MP; Rt Hon Lord Roberston of Port Ellen; Alan Brown MP; Dr Philippa Whitford MP; Ian Murray MP; Rt Hon Cheryl Gillan MP; Lord Moynihan; John Mann MP

Minutes of Previous AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM were considered an accurate account.

Election of Officers

The Chair thanked those Officers not returned at the general election for their work, particularly Karl M^cCartney.

The following were unanimously elected as Officers of the Group:

- Chair and Registered Contact: Stephen Gethins MP
- Vice-Chair: Baroness Nye of Lambeth
- Vice-Chair: Craig Tracey MP
- Vice-Chair: Laurence Robertson MP
- Vice-Chair: Lord Moynihan
- Vice-Chair: Cheryl Gillan MP
- Vice-Chair: John Mann MP
- Vice-Chair: Gavin Newlands MP

The Chair noted that he was happy to remain as interim Chair, but would be looking to stand down within a year due to other commitments.

Secretariat Support

It was agreed that MR Sport would be retained as Secretariat to the Group.

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Finance Statement

Members agreed the Income & Expenditure Statement, and agreed that the Group was happy to assume the assets of the previous Group from the last Parliament.

Relationship with Golf Bodies

The Secretariat raised comments from England Golf during the dissolution period, specifically greater direct dialogue between the Group and golf bodies.

There was a discussion of opportunities for private meetings, events and briefings as appropriate.

Action: Secretariat to draft letters to golf bodies, informing them that the Group had been reformed in the new Parliament.

Future Activities

There was a discussion of opportunities to hold playing events.

The Group's annual dinner on 4 December was discussed, as were the Group's awards.

Group Ties and Scarves

The Secretariat noted that these were available to purchase.

AOB

It was agreed that the Chair would write to those Officers not re-elected, thanking them for their hard work, and that Honorary Membership would be extended to Karl M^cCartney.

Meeting closed 1725

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