



**La Grande Mare Golf Club**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held at**  
**La Grande Mare Hotel – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Present	Mr David Jeffrey	President
	Mr Tim Halden	Captain
	Mr Steve Lansdown	Owner
	Mrs Sacha Cauwels-Wigan	Resort General Manager
	Mr John Dent	Director of Golf
	Mr Nick Graham	Golf Manager
	Mr Carl Hammond	Treasurer
	+ 42 Members	
Apologies	There were no apologies for absence.	
Minutes	The President welcomed the Members to the 24 <sup>th</sup> AGM of La Grande Mare Golf Club and the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2018 were approved and signed.	
Matters Arising	<b>Constitution</b>	
	A change to Article IV 17 to:	
	<b>The Captain, Vice-Captain, Lady Captain, and Lady Vice-Captain</b> The Men's Captain and Vice-Captain and the Ladies Captain and Vice-Captain shall be proposed, seconded and elected by a ballot at each Annual Meeting. They are not eligible for re-election in the following year for the same post, apart from in exceptional circumstances. The ballot for the Men's Captain and Men's Vice-Captain shall be open to all voting gentlemen Members. The ballot for the Ladies' Captain and Ladies' Vice-Captain shall be open to all voting lady Members.	
Captain's Report	To follow	
Accounts/Treasurers Report	The Treasurer presented the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2019, comprising a profit and loss account, balance sheet and notes.	

## Nomination of Officers

<b>Committee</b>		
<b>Nominations</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
Andrew Boyd	Richard Hamilton	Zak Cronje
Richard Hamilton	Tim Halden	Ross Bateman
Clint McGrath	Dale Wilcock	C Hammond

Members were asked accept the proposals for the three Committee members  
All were in favour and none against.

## Director's Report

I would like to start by welcoming everyone to the AGM here at La Grande Mare 2019.

First and foremost, a big thank you must go to Richard and his team for preparing the course to the fantastic standard we have all enjoyed this year. Even in the very trying recent conditions the course, and in particular the greens have been exceptional, thank you.

It has been a very busy year for Richard and his team starting with the drainage on the course, drainage has been put in on fairways and around several greens. The quality of this work is evident for all to see with the water draining away much quicker as a result.

The Air 2G2 was purchased during the year and made an immediate impact on the condition of the greens. This machine forces oxygen into the green to a depth of 30cm and allows co2 to escape. This helps with compaction and allows the green to breathe and recover faster and stronger.

Thanks also to our Tree Surgeon Charles Vaudin. Charles has made the golf course more playable and enjoyable with a higher shot value through his work. This has helped reduce playing time per round also.

Plans are in place for the douits to be cleared as soon as the weather lets the course to dry up, to allow the heavy machinery to get out.

Investments have been made in the Ladies and Gents locker room with new flooring throughout.

A new shoe cleaning machine is now in and fully operational so no more excuses for dirty shoes!!

We have installed a new trolley shed which is long overdue. This has helped with the storage and transportation of the members trolleys. Due to its popularity there are only a few spaces left. Please come and find Nick or myself in the golf office to arrange your space.

New tees have been built for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> holes adding some much needed yardage to the golf course, and increasing the difficulty on those holes. The new 4<sup>th</sup> tee takes the hole to a par 5 with a 50yd increase. The 7<sup>th</sup> has seen 60 extra

yards added. Both tee boxes were built up and turfed under Richards's guidance. I am sure you are all excited to play from these.

Foremost are now partnered with the store to guarantee the latest golfing equipment at the most competitive prices. I would urge members to opt into a weekly email to see all the latest offers from the golf shop. This will also have offers from the gym, restaurant and hotel, information on the club and coaching videos.

We have been very fortunate in recruiting 60 new members here at LGM this year, which must be seen as a real testament to the golf course and the club as a whole, in a time when other golf clubs are losing members LGM seems to be bucking the trend.

I would like to welcome Alex Murrell to Guernsey and La Grande Mare Golf Club. Alex will teach here and also be on hand to offer guidance and advice on all aspects of golf and equipment. Perhaps not on football though as he does follow Tottenham Hotspur!!

Thanks must go to Geoff Troop for his work in conjunction with the Ray Lowe foundation and his organisation of junior matters. We now have 2 of the juniors representing Hampshire, congratulations to them. We are working together very closely to develop the current crop and to further attract junior golfers, this year we have added 20 juniors to the club. They are, after all, the future of the game.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who help the club run smoothly as a result of your time, so thank you.

A final thanks to Tim and Shelley and we look forward to welcoming Bobbie.

Any Other Business  
and Q & A

Steve Lansdown thanked David Jeffery for his time & efforts as President over the last three years.

The 19 original Founder Members would in future be called Ambassadors and would be entitled to a 10% discount on membership, a locker and 14 days advance booking rights.

David Jeffery was questioned about the Committee's decision not to stand for re-election. He explained that the committee had come to the end of their elected term in office and after correspondence back and forth about future roles and responsibilities they had taken the decision to not stand for re-election. Steve Lansdown expressed his support for the management team in their vision for the way forward and accepted the Committee's decision and declared it time to move on.

Asked about any planned changes to the course, Steve Lansdown informed the meeting that there would be no major changes before the Island Games in 2021. Jeremy Slessor, European Golf Design Ltd., has been appointed as the golf course architect. He has been involved in the golf course business since 1976. In that

time, he has worked throughout Europe, the United States and Africa. His plans for La Grande Mare have been approved by the proprietor and would likely to be presented as a pre-planning application in the first quarter of next year.

Asked if EGD had experience of the conditions that La Grande Mare faced, Sacha Cauwels-Wigan explained that they had designed, with Colin Montgomerie, 'The Dutch' in Amsterdam. A course that is several metres below sea level.

Negotiations were taking place with local landowners and, if successful, would lead to potential expansions and developments, hopefully with minimal disruption to the course.

Other golf developments considered are a new driving range, with different possibilities as to where this could be sited. A new clubhouse with pro-shop and its own car park, which would be tarmac.

Asked about the new measurements for the 4<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> holes, Nick Graham said that the certification had arrived and the course would be in use from January. The slope rating would not be available before next February, in time for the change to the World Handicapping System in November.

John Dent said that the ditch on the left hand side of the fairway on the 7<sup>th</sup> would be piped and covered over to make the hole more playable. New signage would also be added to entrance back onto the course from the path from the 6<sup>th</sup>. A bell would also be added to the 4<sup>th</sup> where otherwise it would be a blind tee shot.

Membership fees would remain similar, with possibly a small increase based around inflation.

Membership cards will be introduced when the opportunity to integrate them across all departments is finalised.

The tennis court will remain as they are for the time being.

Finally, Steve Lansdown said that it had been a challenging year and with continued investment and new machinery, the course will go from strength to strength.

Meeting Closed

The meeting was closed at 20:37