

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE UNION OF GOLF CLUBS**  
**123<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD AT BEESTON FIELDS GOLF CLUB**  
**WEDNESDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH, 2022 AT 19.30 HOURS.**

**Present;**

Edgar Bramwell	NUGC President	Nottingham City GC
Richard Bonnelo	NUGC Deputy President	Hollinwell GC
Gordon Bruce	NUGC Hon. County Treasurer	Wollaton Park GC
Colin Bee	NUGC Hon. County Secretary	Coxmoor GC
Stan Yeomans	NUGC Past President	Beeston Fields GC
Bob Ward	NUGC Past President	Oakmere Park GC
Roger Poole	NUGC Past President	Rushcliffe GC
Peter Higgins	NUGC Vice President	ROT GC
Peter Trotter	NUGC Vice President	The Nottinghamshire
Joe Stocker	NUGC Vice President	SOTW GC
David Evans	NUGC Senior Secretary	Wollaton Park GC
Andrew Tuttey	NUGC Annual Dinner Secretary	SOTW GC
Gary Quibell	NUGC U14/16 Manager	Coxmoor GC
Malcolm Brown	NUGC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team Captain	Coxmoor GC
Mandy Bee	NUGC Assistant Secretary	
David Halstead		Beeston Fields GC
Roy Harris		Sherwood Forest GC
Norman Wells		Mapperley GC
Ian Robinson		Rufford Park GC
Lin Jenkins		Southwell GC
Paul Wilson		Southwell GC
Doug Black		Hollinwell
David Boulty		Beeston Fields GC
Ernie Chambers		Beeston Fields GC
Dave Rippin		Beeston Fields GC
Peter Benson		Beeston Fields GC
Graham Smith		Nottingham City GC
John Simpson		Mapperley GC
Anthony Wain		Sherwood Forest GC

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There were 25 No persons present (including 3 Past Presidents and 3 Vice President) representing 16 No Golf Clubs.

The President and Secretary welcomed everyone attending the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual General meeting,

The Secretary asked everyone for a minute's silence in memory of those colleagues and members of the Union who had passed away during the past year.

### **1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE;**

Apologies from absence were received from;

Martin Hathway	NUGC Past President	Stanton on the Wolds
Roy Sallis	NUGC Past President	Hollinwell GC
Alan Benson	NUGC Past President	Beeston Fields GC
Roy Case	NUGC Past President,	Radcliffe on Trent GC
Alec Shepperson	NUGC Past President,	Coxmoor GC
Mike Munby	NUGC Past President,	Beeston Fields GC
Trevor Coupe	NUGC Past President,	Hollinwell GC
Rob Sallis	NUGC Vice President	Hollinwell GC
Trevor Ryan	NUGC County Captain	Coxmoor GC

Alan Mansbridge	Worksop GC
Iain St John	Worksop GC
Steve Sayers	Wollaton Park GC
Phil Dobson	Bulwell Forest GC
Gary Oscroft	Oakmere Park GC
Paul Keeling	SOTW GC
Dianne Whitaker	Chilwell Manor GC

### **2.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS 122<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH, 2021.**

#### **2.01**

Minutes of the 122<sup>nd</sup> AGM held on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2021 at Beeston Fields Golf Club had been previously circulated and were taken as read.

**Proposed: Bob Ward, Past President, Oakmere Park GC**

**Seconded: Stan Yeomans, Past President, Beeston Fields GC**

Voted upon and passed unanimously.

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### **3.0 HON. TREASURER'S REPORT – Gordon Bruce (Wollaton Park GC)**

The County Treasurer Gordon Bruce explained to the Executive there was not much to report as the state of the accounts had been previously approved at the Executive meeting.

There has been a substantial increase in revenue as predicted numbers in membership exceeded expectations. Due to the increased revenue the affiliation fee would in all likelihood be kept at the same rate £9.40 for 2023, but may be reduced further if the numbers remain high.

**Passed unanimously.**

### **4.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Edgar Bramwell (Nottingham City GC)**

I start my report by first of all thanking Coxmoor GC for being County Course in 2021. They were superb hosts and the course was always well presented and a credit to the greenkeepers.

I would also like to thank every course, its members and committee for allowing the County to host events. Without their support the Union could not function.

There are individuals that help in running the Union, without going through each of them, I thank you all for your massive efforts throughout my tenure as President.

To the County Captains, I think all have done a magnificent job for the Union, I thank you all.

As this is my last speech as President, I reflect on what has been a great honour for me personally to be President of this great County. Whilst at times I wondered whether we would ever get back to some normality, I am thankful that I was bestowed with an extra year, due to 2020 being a washout. Great highlights for the English county finals in 2019. That great day when we qualified at Chesterfield will long live in my memory.

To the friendships I have made throughout the last 3 years is something I take forward with immense pride and satisfaction.

I believe I leave my role with the Union in fine shape, both financially and also on the golfing front, I am sure Richard will do an outstanding job.

I will still be around and am more than willing to offer my help wherever I can.

As I said earlier, I have enjoyed my time as your President and thank you for giving me the opportunity.

Edgar Bramwell  
NUGC President

**Passed Unanimously**

### **5.0 HON. COUNTY SECRETARY REPORT – Colin Bee (Coxmoor GC)**

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I start my report by saying what welcome return to normality in 2021, we managed to play all our events bar the Eddie Peters Trophy, and the 2 county match friendlies, once things opened up, we managed to field big numbers for the county events which took place at Coxmoor Gol Club, Coxmoor presented a fine course all season, along with a warm welcome the county were looked after very well, special thanks to Coxmoor and its members. As usual many thanks to all the clubs throughout the county who hosted events in 2021, it is the members of these clubs who deserve a special mention as it is their time golfing time which is affected, the continued support of these clubs ensures the union can fulfil its fixtures year on year.

It would be remiss of me not to thank the individuals who help run the union, in no particular order, Edgar Bramwell who has done a sterling job as president, Richard Bonello the deputy president who has ably assisted Edgar and been an avid supporter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> team, I wish Richard well in his tenure as President.

To the Junior officials, headed by the irrepressible Stanley Yeomans as chair of junior golf, a post he has done for 12 years, you will have heard that Stan is stepping back and retiring from the role, massive shoes to fill on a job so well done over the years, stepping up to the role will be Pete Trotter who has been a constant support and will take the role on, Pete will do a excellent job I am sure, especially with the support of team manager Gary Quibell, who has proved invaluable to the county since he became involved a few years ago.

Bob Ward, continues to be our Course Assessment officer, a role he performs to great effect, again ably assisted by Pete Trotter and Rob Sallis, to Roger Poole and his team of referees who do such sterling work at our championships, to Peter Higgins and Joe Stocker who continue to help run the union, your help is always very much appreciated.

Finally, to Mandy, who's work on the administration side is always first rate and I would not be able to fulfil the role of county secretary without her.

Colin Bee

County Secretary

**Passed Unanimously.**

### **6.0 COUNTY CAPTAIN'S REPORT –Trevor Ryan (Coxmoor GC)**

2021 saw a slightly delayed return to Midland league matches in June following the disrupted 2020 season due to Covid restrictions.

The Midland league campaign was a mixed affair winning 2 matches and losing 3. This season was a case of nearly but not quite in that that going into the last two matches there was a strong possibility of winning the league but with only 2 home fixtures and 3 away, including the last 2 fixtures away, results didn't play out as hoped and the end result was a 4th place league finish.

The standard of 1st team golf is incredibly high now and Nottinghamshire need to

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continue to adapt to maintain the standard needed if we are to succeed in winning the league title – it has been a while. To illustrate, we witnessed multiple birdies and eagles from both teams in the opening match against Warwickshire at Hollinwell and this high standard was a constant in each of the matches played this year. Our Achilles' heel has been the morning foursomes' format in which we failed to take a lead into any of the afternoon singles matches despite strong pairings, however, the singles format has generally been a success.

16 players have represented the County 1st team in 2021 which highlights a degree of depth in the squad. We have benefitted from having access to our US College based players as well as a good mix of experience and youth. Another bonus this year has been the return to county golf from a few players after a few years away. The team spirit throughout and has been excellent and a real pleasure to be involved with. The following is a list of players to represent the county 1st team in 2021 -

Jake Benson, Jordan Boulton, Adam Dorricott, Jamie Farnsworth, Jack Giles, Darren Kirton, Ash Norwood, Ross Overton, Lewis Parker, Mark Porter, Killian Ryan, Jack Sallis, Jacob Smith, Liam Taylor, Fred Tindale, Mike White.  
Clubs represented include - Beeston Fields, Chilwell Manor, College Pines, Coxmoor, Hollinwell, Sherwood Forest and Wollaton Park.

There have been several highlights this year but arguably the standout was in the farcical match against S&H at Church Stretton golf club in July.

- Heavy rain had caused delays and ongoing debates over whether the course was playable, combined with our opponents not wanting to play any singles matches at all, was then brought to a head on being advised that league rules dictate that games cannot start after 4pm despite many hours of daylight left (it was mid- summer!).
- So, a significant match came down to just 3 singles matches getting on the course before the 4pm curfew.
- A win for each team in the first two games meant that we had to win the last game.

Jake

Benson was 3 down with 5 to play but then proceeded to play the next 5 holes in level 3's, four of which were birdies to win on the last and secure the match for Nottinghamshire.

- Very impressive and exciting too but we would have much preferred to have had all 10 singles matches play to decide the match.
- The 4pm rule needs reviewing and changing to vary based on hours of daylight available at the time of year and not have a fixed cut off time – One to be raised with the Midland league.

As defending Midland region champions Nottinghamshire acquitted themselves well at Birstall golf club

in July, finishing in a very creditable 3rd place as a team. Jordan Boulton and Killian Ryan were the joint leading individual scorers for Nottinghamshire and finished tied 10th. Having now tasted success in this event after nearly 40 years since the last win it would be great for the union to focus efforts on developing a strategy for

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winning the Midland qualifier again sooner rather than later, in line with how Northumberland have done in the Northern region qualifier.

Some of our players have achieved individual success in Midland and National events too with wins by:

- Ross Overton – Midland Mid- Amateur @ Coventry golf club
- Killian Ryan – Kedleston Goose @ Kedleston Park golf club

There was also success in the English Amateur championship @ Headingley golf club.

- Jake Benson, Jordan Boulton, Mark Porter, Jack Sallis, and Fred Tindale all qualified from the stroke play to play in the title deciding match play event with Jake and Fred making it through to the last 32.

Special mention should go to Finn Nelson who has had a great season and won the Midland Youths championship @ Stoke Rochford golf club. We hope Finn will feature in the 1st team when he is back from US college each year.

I would also like to congratulate Malcolm Brown and all who have played for the county 2nd team in 2021 for their Midland league win. A tremendous achievement and great to see more success for Nottinghamshire golf.

The challenge for Nottinghamshire (and other counties) men's county golf continues to be fixture conflicts with World ranking, England and National amateur events attracting the better players and therefore compromising county matches in terms of quality and availability. It is imperative to ensure a continual development of U18 players to be able to move into men's county golf, but it is equally important that the men's squad is developed too if Nottinghamshire golf is to continue to compete at Midland and National levels.

I would like to thank the players, the union and executive, and all involved in Nottinghamshire County golf. It has been an honour to captain the county for a second time and to have contributed to a bit of history making in winning the Midland Qualifier in 2019.

I handover a strong squad of players to the next county captain and wish him and the squad the very best of success in 2022 and 2023.

County Captain  
Trevor Ryan  
Coxmoor GC

**Passed Unanimously.**

### **7.0 RESOLUTIONS TO CHANGE CONSTITUTION- NEW CLAUSE PROPOSALS- Peter Trotter, Vice President**

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Peter Trotter, Vice President explained there had been a few anomalies with the constitution and he had made a few changes. The main points being reference to CONGU this has been updated to WHS, those officers who should be elected and a proposal to allow the Council to nominate a Vice President to a Lifetime Vice President.

**Passed Unanimously.**

### **8.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2022**

#### **8.01 To Elect the President to serve for 2022**

**President     Richard Bonnelo (Hollinwell)**

**Proposer:**     Edgar Bramwell             NUGC Past President (Nottingham City GC)

**Secunder:**     Colin Bee                         NUGC Hon. County Secretary (Coxmoor GC)

Edgar Bramwell , Past President, Nottingham City GC, told the Executive that he had first met Richard when he was Senior Secretary. He wished him every success as President and hopes he enjoys the role as much as he did.

Colin Bee, County Secretary confirmed he thought Richard Bonnelo will do an excellent job as president for the Union.

**The proposal was voted upon and carried unanimously and Richard Bonnelo was duly elected.**

**The Past President Edgar Bramwell presented Richard Bonnelo with the NUGC President's badge of office.**

#### **President 2022- Richard Bonnelo**

Ladies and gentlemen,

Thank you.

It is a great honour to have been elected to serve as your President. Edgar you will be a hard act to follow, and I would like to place on record our thanks for a job extremely well done. You have supported the county wonderfully well over more than just the last 3 years. Edgar has been involved with the county nippers for many years becoming one of the first vice presidents when that role was first instigated. During his extended time as President, he has been ever present supporting everything.

My golf started as a teenager at Mapperley Golf Club where Roger Hastings was the professional. He ensured that the juniors got onto the course every Saturday morning and he provided Dunlop Warwick golf balls as prizes. My first handicap was 5 and before you are too impressed let me add that the maximum handicap was 5 and that

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was for someone who had never broken or looked like breaking 50 for 9 holes – Mapperley being a 9-hole golf course in those days.

I then progressed to 6 lessons in the basement of the YMCA on Shakespeare Street from Maurice Youngs (the professional at Wollaton Park where my parents played)

At that time Wollaton Park Golf Club, being owned by the council, had rules where for membership there was preference to people living in the city of Nottingham and I lived in Woodthorpe, which, being in the county, meant that despite my father being on the committee I had to join the waiting list. Whilst waiting it was suggested that I joined Hollinwell which I did in 1968 for an annual subscription of just £4 despite being at work I was a junior - junior membership went to age 30!

This is one of the reasons that I strongly support junior golf and I commend the hard work of Stan Yeomans and his team who have done so much over such a long time. For many years our juniors have competed with much larger counties and it takes a lot of hard work to do that. The juniors of today are not only the county players of tomorrow but also the members and administrators of tomorrow.

Ladies and gentlemen thank you very much indeed I shall do my best to uphold the traditions of our county.

### 8.02 To Re-elect the Vice Presidents for 2022

<b>Peter Trotter</b>	<b>NUGC Vice President</b>	<b>The Nottinghamshire GC</b>
<b>Peter Higgins</b>	<b>NUGC Vice President</b>	<b>ROT GC</b>
<b>Rob Sallis</b>	<b>NUGC Vice President</b>	<b>Hollinwell</b>

**Proposer:** Richard Bonello NUGC President (Hollinwell)

**Seconder:** Roger Poole NUGC Past President (Rushcliffe GC)

Richard Bonello, President said that he had no hesitation in proposing the re-election of all three Vice Presidents; they all worked hard for the Union.

Roger Poole, Past President also endorsed all the Vice Presidents to be re-elected.

**The proposal was voted upon and carried unanimously and Peter Trotter, Peter Higgins and Rob Sallis were duly elected.**



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### **8.03 To elect new Vice President for 2022**

#### **Nominations for Vice President**

##### **David Halstead (Beeston Fields GC)**

**Proposer:** Stan Yeomans                      Past President (Beeston Fields GC)  
**Seconder:** Peter Trotter                      Past President (The Nottinghamshire GC)

Stan Yeomans, Past President said he has known David Halstead for a while and he had no hesitation in proposing him, he will be an asset to the Union as a Vice President.

Peter Trotter, Vice President said he was looking forward to working with David and endorsed the proposal.

**The proposal was voted upon and carried unanimously and David Halstead was duly elected.**

New Vice President David Halstead confirmed it was a surprise to be asked but now he has retired from Nottingham Trent University he was looking forward in helping the Union and giving something back.

### **8.04 To elect the County Captain for 2022**

#### **Nomination for County Captain    Malcolm Brown (Coxmoor GC)**

**Proposer:** Colin Bee                              NUGC County Secretary (Coxmoor GC)  
**Seconder:** Peter Trotter                      NUGC Vice President (The Nottinghamshire)

**The President, Richard Bonello presented Malcolm Brown with the NUGC County Captains badge of office.**

Malcolm said he would like to thank the council for the fantastic opportunity to work and guide again a group of fantastic players.

I hope as a group we will bring success if not in the shape of trophies, but instilling the way teams should be picked and put together.

Now with Anthony accepting the second team Captains job, I feel we have the chemistry to make the right decisions for the teams and Notts golf union.

**The proposal was voted upon and carried unanimously and Malcolm Brown was duly elected.**

### **8.05 To re-elect as a group the following positions:**

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### **Lead Course Assessment official**

Bob Ward Past President Oakmere Park GC

### **County Seniors Secretary**

David Evans Senior Secretary Wollaton Park GC

### **Lead Tournament Panel Official**

Roger Poole Past President Rushcliffe GC

Proposer: Peter Higgins

NUGC Vice President (ROT GC)

Seconder: Rob Sallis

NUGC Vice President (Hollinwell)

Peter Higgins, Vice President proposed they had all done an excellent job all year and long may it carry on.

Colin Bee, County Secretary confirmed he was looking forward to working with them again this year.

**The proposals were voted upon and carried unanimously.**

### **8.06 To elect the Chair of Junior Golf 2022**

#### **Nomination for Chairman of Junior Golf**

**Peter Trotter (The Nottinghamshire GC)**

**Proposer:** Stan Yeomans, NUGC Past President (Beeston Fields GC)

**Seconder:** Colin Bee, County Secretary (Coxmoor GC)

Stan Yeomans, Past President, said Peter Trotter has been a great help with the setup of Junior golf and he always gives 100% in whatever task he has had to do. He knows he will do a great job as Chair of Junior golf in all aspects of administration and organising the teams, congratulations.

Colin Bee, County Secretary, confirmed that Peter Trotter will do a great job and is the right man taking over from Stan Yeomans who had done an excellent job over the last 12 years. He thanked Stan Yeomans for all his hard work and commitment over the years and hope he enjoys his retirement.

Peter Trotter, Chair of Junior Golf said he has been involved in Junior golf over the last three years being Nipper's manager and U12 Manager and was delighted to take the role on. He thanked Gary Quibell and Peter Lockley in helping with the U12, U14, U16 and Nippers teams and was looking forward to year ahead. He thanked Stan Yeomans for all his support and would certainly need him from time to time.

**The proposal was voted upon and carried unanimously and Peter Trotter was duly elected.**

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### **8.07 To re-elect the Hon. County Secretary 2022.**

**Nomination for Hon. County Secretary                      Colin Bee (Coxmoor GC)**

**Proposer:** Richard Bonnelo    NUGC President (Hollinwell)

**Secunder:** Stan Yeomans    NUGC Past President (Beeston Fields GC)

The President confirmed Colin does a great job for the Union and long may it last. Stan Yeomans seconded what the President said and confirmed both himself and Mandy make a great team.

**The proposal was voted upon and carried unanimously and Colin Bee was duly elected.**

### **8.08 To elect the Hon. County Treasurer for 2022.**

**Nomination for Hon. County Treasurer    Gordon Bruce (Wollaton Park GC)**

**Proposer:**    Colin Bee                      NUGC County Secretary (Coxmoor GC)

**Secunder:**    Bob Ward                      NUGC Past President (Oakmere Park GC)

Colin Bee, County Secretary said it was a pleasure to propose Gordon Bruce seeing he has done the job for over 35 years. He has known Gordon since being in the Junior squads and was a very reliable treasurer.

Bob Ward, Past President confirmed Gordon does an excellent job.

**The proposal was voted upon and carried unanimously and Gordon Bruce was duly elected.**

### **8.09 To elect any new Lifetime Vice Presidents**

**Nomination for Lifetime Vice President    Joseph Stocker (SOTW GC)**

**Proposer:** Stan Yeomans                      NUGC Past President (Beeston Fields GC)

**Secunder:** Peter Trotter                      NUGC Chair of Junior Golf (The Nottinghamshire GC)

Stan Yeomans, Past President said that Joe and himself go back along way and he has been a great asset to junior golf at all events, matches and coaching. He will continue to help with the starting at Junior events and the Nippers Tour over the next year which we are very grateful for.

Peter Trotter, Chair of Junior Golf confirmed Joe has been a great supporter to the Union and to Junior golf.

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The President added Joe was the junior organiser at his home club Stanton for many years and he was very successful in running the juniors. These talents were recognised by the county and Joe was asked to get involved with the union, he took on the role of the under 16/14 manager, a position he held for many a year, he also went on to manage the under 18s, was involved in the Nippers tour, probably Joe will always be remembered for his unique starting repertoire in starting junior events, a role he will continue to do, wey hay, such was Joe's contribution to the county junior golf scene that in 2015 he was asked to become a Vice President, Joe has now stepped back from that role but has been elected as a life time Vice President of the union, we thank Joe for his enormous contribution over the years.

Joseph Stocker thanks everyone for their kind words.

**The proposal was voted upon and carried unanimously and Joseph Stocker was duly elected as a Lifetime Vice President**

**9.0** To confirm as a group the following positions:

**Competitions Secretary**

Colin Bee (Coxmoor GC)

**Inter-Club Secretary**

Colin Bee (Coxmoor GC)

**County Seniors Captain**

Maurice Hume (SOTW GC)

**Dinner Secretary**

Andrew Tuttey (SOTW GC)

**England Golf Voting member**

Colin Bee (Coxmoor GC)

**Midland Golf Union Voting member**

Paul Keeling (SOTW GC)

**County Second Team Captain**

Anthony Wain (Sherwood Forest GC)

Anthony Wain (Sherwood Forest GC) confirmed he was looking forward to the season ahead. He thanked Malcolm Brown who has created a great squad through hard work and dedication to the role. He went on to say he has been playing County golf for a long time and was very proud and honoured to become 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain in Nottinghamshire. He said he would endeavour to do the best job he possibly can.

The President wanted to thank Trevor Ryan who became involved in the union as a player back in the 80s and 90s, he was first elected County Captain in 2005.2006 where the team was successful in winning the midland league, after some years out the scene Trevor was asked to step into the breach to become county captain again in 2019, and what a year despite a modest campaign in the league matches, the

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team triumphed in the Midland Qualifier at Chesterfield Golf Club, a feat not achieved since 1981, the county went on to represent the midlands at the English County Finals at Huddersfield Golf Club, Trevor has always applied himself to everything he does, he can look back on a great second term in office and we wish him well for the future.

**The group were voted upon and carried unanimously and were duly elected.**

### **10.0 To elect the Hon. County Auditor for 2022**

**Nomination for Hon. County Auditor Ken Kirk**

**Proposer:** Gordon Bruce NUGC Hon. County Treasurer (Wollaton Park GC)  
**Seconder:** Colin Bee NUGC Hon. County Secretary (Coxmoor GC)

Gordon Bruce, County Treasurer was happy to elect Ken Kirk as County auditor. Colin Bee, County Secretary also confirmed this.

**The proposal was voted upon and carried unanimously and Ken Kirk was duly elected.**

The President presented Stan Yeomans with a small gift as a thank you from the Union for his hard work over the years and how much we have appreciated his input to Junior golf. He should be very proud of what he has achieved over the last 12 years as Chair of Junior Golf. Thank you.

### **11.0 RESOLUTIONS**

The County Secretary confirmed there were no resolutions.

### **12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None to report

The President thanked Beeston Fields GC in allowing us to host the meeting there and asked if the Executive would like to join him for a drink at the bar.

The meeting closed at 20.05 hours.

**13.0 Date of next 124<sup>th</sup> Annual general Meeting – Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Beeston Fields Golf Club at 7.30pm prompt.**