



All-Party Parliamentary Group for Golf

Annual General Meeting

1800, 19 July 2016, Committee Room Five

Meeting commenced 1803

Present

Karl M^cCartney MP; Lord Lennie; Laurence Robertson MP; Baroness Nye of Lambeth; Jason McCartney MP

In attendance

Mark Ramsdale; Jack Baker (secretariat)

Apologies

Stephen Gethins MP; Alan Brown MP; Chris Evans MP; Baroness Heyhoe-Flint; Philippa Whitford MP; Lord Butler of Brockwell; Andrew Bingham MP; Eleanor Laing MP; Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale; Corri Wilson MP; Craig Tracey MP; Baroness Barker; Gavin Newlands MP

Minutes of Inaugural Meeting

The minutes of the Inaugural Group meeting were previously agreed.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

Finance report

Was agreed unanimously.

The Chairman thanked supporters of the Group, The R&A, Sky, England Golf, The PGA and Golf Publications for their support.

Election of Officers

The following Officers were elected:

- Chairman & Registered Contact: Karl M^cCartney MP
- Co-Chairman: Stephen Gethins MP
- Vice-Chairman: Jason McCartney MP
- Vice-Chairman: Baroness Nye of Lambeth
- Vice-Chairman: Corri Wilson

Secretariat Support

It was agreed unanimously that MR Sport would remain as the Group's Secretariat.

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Concern was raised about The Parliamentary Golf Society using the term “Parliamentary” without appropriate registration with, and oversight from, the House of Commons. It was felt use of the term had potential to bring Parliament to disrepute as its focus appeared to be based solely on members playing golf at august grounds; it is not transparent about its activities, nor membership; and did not seek to support the sport.

Requests from this Group to work with this Society have been rebuffed, no details have so far been made available regarding the membership of the Society and permission to promulgate to APPG Members the dates when fixtures were played were unfortunately rejected. The Chairman had written previously to Members from both the Lords and Commons known to be involved, copying in the Speaker.

Relatedly, the Group has been informed there was a “Parliamentary Women’s Golf team that has an upcoming fixture but has no more information.

Members considered correspondence directly with the Commons Speaker would now be more appropriate, from the Group or otherwise.

There being no other business, the Chairman brought the main business of the meeting to a close.

Meeting closed at 1808

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