

HELSEBY GOLF CLUB POWERED WHEELCHAIR APPEAL (HGCPWA)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:30pm Thursday 5th March 2009

Minutes

1	Present: The President, the Captain, the Ladies' Captain, 33 other members and 2 guests attended the meeting. A special welcome was extended to Graeme Richards.
2	Apologies: 15 members sent their apologies
3	Minutes of last meeting The Chairman Alan Lee welcomed the President, the Captain, the Ladies' Captain and members and asked for approval of the minutes of the last meeting. The vote of approval was unanimous. There were no matters arising
4	Report and Accounts Alan Lee presented the report for the 12 months to 31 st January 2009. During our 25 th year, £40,000 has been raised and 17 wheelchairs have been presented bringing the total number of wheelchairs to 260. In December at the Black & White Night, we celebrated Bert Dyson's retirement as secretary of the Appeal. He was presented with a Baxter print of Royal Birkdale by Alan Lee on behalf of the members as a thank you for all the hard work and dedication that he has shown. When Graeme Baxter heard who the print was for, he donated it free of charge. Bert also received a celebratory cake made by Ann O'Neil and Alice was presented with a bouquet of flowers. Alan offered his congratulations to Bert and said that he would be a hard act to follow. Although Bert has retired as Secretary, he is still a very active member of the committee. The fundraising events over this period were as follows:- The Spring Dance was held in April 2008. Chairs were presented to James Millington and Bethany Stocker and a very special sports chair was presented to Brendan Farrell, who plays Boccia, a form of bowls. The evening raised £566. Alan read out a thank you letter from Bethany which explained the difference that it had made to her and her grandparents lives. They were able to spend days out walking as Bethany is now independent and her grandfather, who has recently had a heart attack, no longer has to push her. The 26 th Wheelchair Classic was held on 5 th June 2008. There were 212 competitors. The winners of the men's trophy were Norman Gray & Barry McCulloch, from Bastable & Co. The ladies' trophy was won by Jackie Eve & Ruth Metcalfe, members of Helsby Golf Club. Our thanks go to Ruth for the loan of the screen tonight which came from the charity that she works for 2 days a week. Over £20,000 was raised and 4 wheelchairs were presented. The presentation was attended by Mike Hall, our MP, Ken Woodward, who raised a lot of money for the Appeal as Captain of Helsby & Frodsham Golf Society, Kath Wilkinson, who was Ladies' Captain at the 1 st wheelchair presentation, Bert Dyson, Lucy Meacock from Granada TV, the Captain, Peter Hancock, the Ladies Captain, Teresa Mann and Roger Hunt MBE, the ex England International, 1966 World Cup Medal Winner and Liverpool footballer, who has supported us for a number of years. The 250 th chair was received by Jasmine Beadles who presented a bouquet to Lucy. Our thanks go to Ann O'Neil who made a beautiful cake to celebrate our 25 years and the 250 th wheelchair. Peter Alliss and his wife Jackie were joined by over 100 supporters at a Sportsmen's Evening on 14 th July 2008. Peter donated a trophy to Helsby Golf Club to celebrate 25 years of fund raising for the Powered Wheelchair Appeal. We need to decide on whether we are going to play a competition for this trophy. Wheelchairs were presented to Ben Moss and Adam Edge. Ben gave a lovely speech saying how the chair would change his life for the better. The supporting speaker was Andy Hayhurst, ex County Cricketer, who kindly donated his services for the evening. £1,858 was raised on the evening.

The MEGA Day was organised by the PWA Committee on 6th August 2008. £1,020 was donated to the Club towards the disabled access. So far in excess of £9,000 has been donated in 6 years. Wheelchairs were presented to Megan Orr and Chelsea Copeland. The supporters were well entertained in the evening by Kevin Jay, Billy Myers, Shaun Stiles and Joe Wall.

The Black & White Night was held on 6th December 2008. One chair was presented to Henry Robertson and the evening raised £549.

The Chinese Banquet was held at the Fortune Palace on 18th January 2009. This was the best supported ever with 105 people attending. Just prior to the evening we found out that Stacey, who was to receive a chair, had a twin sister with the same disability so it was decided that we would present Chloe with a chair as well. This was a very emotional evening for their Mum and the attendees. Alan read from a thank you card that had been received that afternoon from their Mum, where she thanked everyone and explained how much the chairs would affect their lives for the better.

Alan then thanked everyone for their support during the year as they make it possible for so many chairs to be presented.

Special thanks were extended to a number of members who have been great supporters of the appeal.

Tim Carter and Chris Stott played 7 rounds of golf in 13 hours starting at 4.30am and finishing at 5.30pm. They raised over £3000. They are going to do the same again this year.

John McCusker and Nigel Garner of the Moore Foundation held their Charity Day at Helsby. They donated the proceeds to the PWA which enabled them to present a wheelchair to Ben Callender on the day.

Tom Stockton raised £1,855. This is the 3rd time that he has run the Capital Maintenance Charity Golf Day and donated the proceeds to the Appeal.

Roddy Snedden persuaded the Merseyside Electrical Traders Association to donate £1,500 of the money that they had raised to PWA. This year they are going to play at Helsby.

A summary of the accounts was presented

£9,166 was brought forward from last year

£39,189 was raised during the year

£395 was spent on general expenses

£42,760 was spent on wheelchairs

£5,200 is carried forward to next year

There was a unanimous vote for the adoption of the accounts.

A copy of the accounts will be posted on the notice board and on the Website.

Looking forward to 2009,

The Spring Dance is on Saturday 4th April

Wheelchair Classic is on Thursday 4th June

MEGA Day is on Wednesday 5th August

Black & White Night is on Saturday 5th December

Chinese Banquet is in January 2010

Alan concluded the presentation by offering his heartfelt thanks to the many who have continued to support us during the last year.

5	<p>Election and Appointment of Officers and Trustees</p> <p>In accordance with the Constitution of the Helsby Golf Club Powered Wheelchair Appeal</p> <p>Penny Ainsworth</p> <p>was unanimously elected as Secretary of the charity for a period of 3 years. She was proposed by Alan Lee and seconded by Bert Dyson</p> <p>In accordance with the Constitution of the Helsby Golf Club Powered Wheelchair Appeal</p> <p>Graeme Richards</p> <p>was unanimously elected as a new Trustee for a period of 1 year. He was proposed by Ray Feldwick and seconded by Penny Ainsworth.</p>
6	<p>Peter Alliss Masters Presentation (Ray Feldwick)</p> <p>Ray Feldwick gave a presentation about the national picture for the Peter Alliss Masters and how Helsby fits in during 2008.</p> <p>Between all the golf clubs associated with PAM, £203,595 was raised in 2008 and 61 wheelchairs were presented. Helsby was at the top of the list with 17 chairs, followed by the Turkey Federation with 15.</p> <p>The Golf House Club Elie and the Elie & Earlesferry Ladies GC presented their 1st chair ever.</p> <p>Ray is spreading the word wherever he is in the world and persuaded the Captain of Scarborough to support the cause when he was in Turkey.</p> <p>At the Open held at Royal Birkdale, 5 chairs were presented by PAM, 2 of which were donated by Helsby, and 5 were presented by the Keepers of the Greens in the presence of Peter Alliss and Peter Thompson.</p> <p>The 21st Peter Alliss Masters was held in October at Elie. Six chairs were presented to local children, one of which was donated by Helsby.</p> <p>At the Gala Dinner at the Craw's Nest, Peter Alliss was supported by Alex Hay and they combined to make a great double act. The 21st birthday was celebrated with a cake being presented to Peter Alliss.</p> <p>Helsby was well represented in the presentations to the winners. Penny Ainsworth was runner up to Sheila Fenwick on a card play off, with 31 points. Sheila claimed the trophy for the 3rd time. In the men's competition, Dave Owens came 3rd and Steve Cunniffe was 2nd. The winner was Alistair Knight from Kirby Muxloe.</p> <p>This year the event will take place on Tuesday 13th October.</p> <p>In 2009, PAM are hoping to beat the 61 chairs presented this year and are looking to bring on more clubs to support the cause.</p> <p>Ray finished his presentation by thanking Helsby for all their support over many years.</p>
7	<p>Any Other Business (Alan Lee)</p> <p>Alan emphasised that although Bert had retired as Secretary, he is still a very active member of the committee.</p> <p>He thanked Richard Johnson for his technical help and Phil Davies, a great supporter, for his back-up PC and all his work on the website. He also thanked John Butler, although he is in Australia, for auditing the accounts.</p> <p>He concluded the meeting by thanking all those present for their attendance at the AGM and for their generosity and support over the last year.</p>
8	<p>Franc Cunniffe thanked Alan for his excellent presentation on behalf of the members. He also thanked the committee for all their hard work.</p>
	<p>The Meeting closed at 8.35pm</p>