

RIBBLE VALLEY SENIORS' LEAGUE

48th. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Shaw Hill Golf Club

Monday 9th. March 2026 at 10.00

Minutes

- 1 **Welcome:** The President welcomed members to Shaw Hill Golf Club for the 48th Annual General Meeting of the League. He paid tribute to Colin Davies of Fleetwood who had died recently. Colin was President of the League in 2021
- 2 **Apologies:** Steve Coulson (Penwortham) Steve Holbrook (Chorley)
- 3 **Attendance:** Andy Clark, Nigel Westgarth (Ashton & Lea) Keith Winrow (Chorley) John Kersey, Richard Crossley, David Eddington (Clitheroe) Nick Edmonds, Kev Dugdale (Fairhaven) Paul Metcalf, Stuart Monk (Fleetwood) Brian eagle, Kevin Scanlan (Leyland) Andy Morey, Bob Adams (Penwortham) Nigel Davey, Chris Sumner (Preston) Steve Richardson, Phil Lewis (Shaw Hill) John Dodgson, Simon Woodhead (SAOL) The secretary
- 4 **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th October 2025:** Agreed.
- 5 **Matters arising from that meeting.** None arising
- 6 **To Confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday February 25th 2025:** Agreed
- 7 **Matters Arising from that meeting.** Secretary asked If any clubs had trialled the proposed format change discussed in14c. No RVSL clubs have done so
- 8 **To Receive the Presidents Report for 2025.** The President thanked members for their support

- during the past year especially that of the Captain and Secretary of Clitheroe and the League Secretary
- 9 **To receive the Secretary's and Treasurer's Report for 2025.** The secretary referred to the report circulated earlier. He drew attention to the issues around President's Day and the current healthy financial position of the league.
- 10 **To confirm The League Budgets for 2026**
- a. **Subscriptions:** Agreed that the subscription to remain at £100 for the current year
- b. **President's Day: President's Day.** The president provided an update on the discussions held with the club to finalise details for the event. The details will be included with these minutes
- 11 **To Elect the President for 2026:** Phil Lewis of Shaw Hill Golf Club presented with the league Medallion
- 12 **To Elect the Vice President for 2026 -27:** Keith Winrow of Chorley GC proposed Steve Holbrook. Unanimously agreed by those present
- 13 **To Elect the Secretary/ Treasurer for 2026:** The past President nominated the current secretary. Agreed by all.
- 14 **Any Other Business**
- a. **AGM 2027:** The secretary proposed that the date of the next AGM should be brought forward to November 2026. This would allow clubs time to implement any changes to rules etc. after full discussion at the meeting. Agreed by all present. A second meeting to be held in the spring.
- b. **RVSL web page:** The secretary then explained that it was becoming difficult for Preston GC to maintain the league element of their web site. Proposed that a working party be established to explore the creation of a web site owned and managed by the league. Stuart Monk, David Eddington, Andy Morey and Chris Sumner agreed to contribute. Additionally, clubs are asked to see

if they can identify expertise within their membership to support the process. Ideally the site will be launched as part of the Anniversary celebrations in 2027

- c. **50th Anniversary of the League:** Members invited to suggest ideas for the 50th Anniversary of the League in 2027
- d. Changes to item 7 of the constitution. Both proposals put forward by Fairhaven on behalf of Fleetwood received considerable discussion before moving to a vote. The first proposal was accepted by 6 votes to 5. The second proposal was agreed by 8 votes to 2 with 1 abstention. Both to be implemented with immediate effect.

Richard Crossley agreed to provide wording to replace item 7 of the constitution as follows:

All players in the league must have attained the age of 55 and possess a World Handicap System (WHS) handicap index. A player's handicap record must include a minimum of five scores achieved during the 12-month period prior to the date of participation in a Ribble Valley League match, except that any player having so qualified and participated is deemed to be qualified to play in any subsequent match for the duration of that season without further reference to the 12-month qualifying period. General Play scores do not count towards the minimum five scores. A maximum WHS handicap index of 25.0 is allowed in matches, whilst not precluding the participation of players with a higher handicap index. In accordance with WHS provisions, stroke allowances for all players in a match will be allocated on the basis of 90% of the difference of playing handicaps based from the low handicap player, with the low player receiving no strokes.

Future Dates: Captains/Secretaries Day will be on Thursday 11th June at Shaw Hill.

President's Day will be held at Shaw Hill Golf Club on Thursday September 24th

The 49th. AGM will be held at 10am on Tuesday November 17th 2026 at Chorley Golf Club

