

## **Delegates Meeting Minutes 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

The chair welcomed all delegates old and new to the meeting.

### **Matters Arising**

The chair offered her apologies to Barbara Curran of Hintlesham GC and the ladies section as at the August meeting held at Southwold she incorrectly advised that they had raised an AOB question in respect of A & B teams for the Weston. This was in fact the delegate for Bungay. No other matters arose.

### **Inter Club & County Competition**

Congratulations to all the clubs and players who took part in the various county competitions this year. This year's winners are;

Haskell – Newton Green

Stearn – Haverhill

Cranworth – Halesworth

Jubilee Shield – Felixstowe

Weston – Ipswich, Felixstowe & Rookery Park

Special mention to Haverhill & Halesworth who were both first time winners in their respective competitions.

Update on the Weston; The Governing Body had a discussion regarding two questions which have been posed about the competition. 1; the possibility for clubs to enter A & B teams. 2; Home & Away fixtures. The GB had lengthy discussions at the September meeting and the response is that the GB felt that to allow A & B teams could potentially enable the larger/ stronger clubs to have an unfair advantage over smaller clubs and this went against the ethos of the competition. Regarding home & away, the overriding feeling was that clubs already have full diary commitments and to add home and away could add additional diary issues.

Handicap Certificates for County Competitions; The chair apologised that she had not raised this at the last GB meeting but assured the delegates that this would be discussed/ debated at our December meeting.

Coronation Medal; The closing date for this is the 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. Please send either a hard copy or scanned to Di Cunningham (details on the website) signed by both your captain and handicap sec.

### **Blue Book**

Delegates had been asked to discuss the use of the blue book with their committee's and ladies prior to the meeting with the aim being to see what the county would need to do to

the website to enable them to retire the blue book and move things online. The chair reminded the delegates that the blue book was fundamentally a communication tool.

Concerns were raised by delegates regarding the ease of accessing information like telephone numbers and diary dates. A concern was raised by one club in that they felt this was the only tangible thing they received from the county. The collective had a discussion as to what the blue book was used for;

- Fixture list
- Telephone numbers
- Entry forms for competitions i.e. Divisional meetings
- County officials

What did transpire from the discussion was that the blue book was primarily used as a telephone book and diary.

An issue which was presented was the technological divide and that some of our members are simply happier referring to a hard copy/ printed version. This is an issue that the collective felt we could assist with by producing the information as a hard version that the clubs could distribute to their members as they deemed fit.

To resolve this concern to the delegates satisfaction it was agreed information regarding fixtures, telephone numbers & entry forms will be emailed as a PDF to all lady's captains, Hon Secretary and club managers in the New Year.

A delegate raised the concern about the lack of communication from the county, England Golf to its members. Sarah Saggars explained that this was the reason why the delegates meeting had been set up, to give the county and England Golf a direct line of communication to its members. It was then up to the delegate/ladies' committee how they used this information. Delegates agreed that the quarterly meetings are useful and of great benefit. Several delegates gave examples of "Best Practise" in their clubs, the use of email style newsletters was a very common and popular method. It was agreed by all that this was a positive step forward and that whilst some of our ladies may not be comfortable accessing information online they are happy with emails. Diane Cunningham suggested that she could send out an email reminder for up and coming county competitions. It was agreed this email would contain the entry forms and closing dates. It was agreed by a unanimous vote that we would retire the blue book with effect January 2017 and to replace it the county would provide;

- Email notification/ reminder of competitions along with entry forms & dates
- Fixture List (PDF)
- County Officials (PDF)
- Entry Forms (PDF)

### **100 Club**

A decision had not been reach as to how to spent the 100 club funds. The chair had received a suggestion from one club that the money could be spent of junior training. It was

proposed by the County Captain that with the donation from The Suffolk Vets for the juniors had along with the funding from Sport England & England Golf benefitted from a generous contribution to training. The chair requested that delegates go back to their committee and ask how best this money could be spent? And we could discuss/debate this at the March meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.58am.

**Date of next meeting; 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at Bury St Edmunds for 10.30am**