

SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting held on 28th June 2010 at Waldringfield Golf Club at 10.30am

Present

Mrs Judy Hamshere	President
Mrs Mary Wilderspin	Captain
Mrs Sheila Jarvis	Vice Captain & 2 nd Team Captain
Miss Ann Graves	Chair & Handicap Adviser
Mrs Sue Cook	Acting Hon Secretary
Miss Hermione Scrope	Hon Treasurer
Mrs Kay Anderson	Junior Organiser
Mrs Jane Izod	Weston Organiser
Mrs Alison Nielsen	Cranworth Organiser
Mrs Cynthia Robinson	Haskell/Stearn Organiser
Mrs Tina Daubney	Divisional Meetings Organiser
Mrs Maggie Rudd	Minutes secretary

1. Apologies

Mrs Anne Archer, Mrs Maureen Lloyd, Mrs Sandra Ball, Mrs Cynthia Stewart

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th April were taken as a true record and signed.

3. Matters Arising

- (a) Some discussion took place concerning the use of Distance Measuring Devices (DMDs) in County competitions. There was a feeling that it was more a case of 'when' than 'whether' and it was agreed to place the matter on the agenda for September with a view to making a ruling for the 2011 season.
- (b) It was noted that the date for County Week in 2011 had been changed and that the 5 other counties concerned were in favour of the decision. As a result the GB meeting to be held in June 2011 was rescheduled for 20th June with County Week being the week commencing 27th June.

4. Correspondence:

There was none.

5. EWGA representative's report - Anne Archer

A meeting had been held at Bury St Edmunds GC on 21st June 2010. It had been well attended and various items had been discussed. It was agreed that delegates should have the GB minutes sent to them, via email. (minutes of meeting, see appendix 1)

6. County Competitions

- **Competition Dates for 2011**

Stroke & Matchplay Championship	6 th , 7 th and 8 th May	Woodbridge
EWGA Finals Silver & Bronze	14 th April 2011	Fynn Valley
Centenary Foursomes	6 th July 2011	The Suffolk
Coronation Foursomes	21 st July 2011	Bungay & Waveney
Division 4	18 th May 2011	Seckford
Division 3	7 th Sept 2011	Newton Green
Division 2	14 th Sept 2011	Halesworth
Division 1	21 st Sept 2011	Aldeburgh (to be confirmed)

- **County Championship**

Report unavailable at present.

- **Divisional meetings**

The Division 4 meeting had taken place at Haverhill GC on May 19th, results were

Winner:	Victoria Clarke	The Suffolk	39 points
2 nd	Janet Quinton	Stowmarket	32 points
3 rd	Karen Korzack	Fynn Valley	31 points
4 th	Joyce Sanders	Ipswich	30 points
Division 4 Shield:	The Suffolk	Victoria Clarke	39)
		Val Cunningham	27) 91
		Patricia Day	25)

- **Coronation & Centenary Foursomes**

The Centenary Foursomes will be held on 7th July with 56 ladies having entered. The Coronation Foursomes will be held on 29th July and 76 ladies have entered this competition.

- **Cranworth**

Both the preliminary and first rounds had been played. Results were available on the SLCGA website and had been published in the EADT. The semi-finals will be held at Gorleston and at Rushmere on the 26th August. The final will be held at Southwold on 23rd September. It was noted that unfortunately Bramford GC had had to withdraw from the competition this year.

- **Haskell & Stearn**

The question of whether it was permitted for ladies to play in both of these competitions was raised. It was noted that a decision had been taken in November 2004 to the effect that this was possible, albeit it that they would have to play off the correct handicap. It was further noted that where a lady belonged to more than one club, it was possible for her to play for say, the Haskell for one club and the Stearn for the other, but not to change from one to the other within the same year.

The question of the Stearn following the Haskell (for venue) was also discussed briefly and it was agreed that this needed to be looked into in more depth. There were issues concerning the different number of clubs who enter the two competitions and the misleading nature of the draw sheet, due to this.

It was agreed that the matter should be raised at the next delegates meeting and that it should be an agenda item for the next GB meeting.

- **Weston**

It was reported that matches were going well. There had been an issue in one instance of a club being unable to raise a team and a walkover having been given. It was agreed that this decision should stand but that the question should be revisited when the Weston review takes place in September. All members of SLCGA are advised that they may address any comments regarding the Weston to the GB for discussion at the next meeting.

7. Team Reports

- **1st Team report – Mary Wilderspin**

There had been one match prior to County Week, at Stowmarket against the Professionals, it had been an excellent practice match with the Professionals winning 2 ½ to 1 ½.

There had been a training day at Aldeburgh on 23rd May which again had been useful preparation for County Week.

County Week took place at West Herts GC from Sunday June 13th, with 5 matches being played against Herts, Essex, Bedfordshire, Cambs & Hunts., and Norfolk.

The team comprised

Mrs. L. Laflin	Miss H. Fitzgerald	Miss. H. Bray
Miss S. Howe	Miss B. Esmond	Mrs. C. Damonsing
Miss. T. Read	Miss. J Oliver	Mrs L. Edmund
Miss C. Chisholm		

with 5 senior players being unavailable. Overall it was a thoroughly enjoyable week, with a very excited and enthusiastic team giving of their best. The course was in excellent condition and very beautiful. Many of the matches went to the 17th or 18th holes; results did not reflect the team's

actual performance.

Bedfordshire 8 – 1; Essex 5 ½ - 3 ½; Cambs & Hunts 6 ½ - 2 ½; Essex 7 – 2; Norfolk 5 – 4.

The whole team had known beforehand that it would be difficult to win but they never lost heart and tried their best in every match. They all played some excellent golf and everyone managed to score.

Thanks are also due to the President and to the 2nd team captain for their support during the week and to all caddies and supporters. Thanks were also expressed to Julie Latimer Jones, by the Governing Body, for her excellent coverage of County Week on the website.

Following on from the report, it was suggested that consideration should be given to ensuring that those girls/ladies who receive County training, should, in return, give a commitment to be available for County matches. It was agreed the sub-committee come up with recommendations for the next GB meeting.

ACTION Mary, Sheila, Judy, Kay & Hermione

- **2nd Team report – Sheila Jarvis**

Two matches have taken place since the last meeting. The first was at Rookery Park GC on the 4th June against the Norfolk 2nd team. The foursomes gave a result of 2 – 1 to Suffolk but despite some great games going to the 17th and 18th holes in the singles, Suffolk lost 6 – 3 overall.

The second match was at The Suffolk GC on 23rd June against the Essex 2nd team. This yielded one win in the foursomes and two in the singles, again an overall loss of 6 – 3 for Suffolk.

Sheila noted that because three members of the 2nd team had gone up to the first team, the 2nd team was now not so strong.

- **Senior organiser's report – Maureen Lloyd**

The Seniors have played 3 matches this year, the first being on 12th April against the Senior Men at Newton Green GC, played off scratch, no shots given, which was unfortunately lost. The next match was against Norfolk at Gorleston GC on 17th May, this time Suffolk won 3 – 1. The final match was played at Braintree GC against Essex Seniors, good golf was played all round but Suffolk were unable to beat the strong Essex side.

All courses are booked for 2011 and it appears unlikely that there will be any change to the present format.

- **Junior organiser's report – Kay Anderson**

The Suffolk Junior County Championships were held at Felixstowe Ferry GC on June 4th when 17 girls played in Medal and Stableford competitions, plus a putting competition. Heidi Baek successfully defended the Moss Blundell Trophy and again won the Daily Telegraph qualifier with a 6 under gross 66, reducing her handicap to +2.5; Eloise Aldous won the Handicap Plate with a net 72, and Melissa Schroeder won the Stableford competition. Conditions were quite difficult, with a stiff breeze.

The first round of the Junior Matchplay was held on June 19th, with the semi-final and final to come on July 17th.

This year the higher handicap girls and beginners will have competitions at St. Audrys on August 19th as numbers are now too great for the previous all-inclusive format.

Suffolk Juniors figured in the County Championship at Stowmarket in early May - Blaize Esmond won the Strokeplay with Sarah Howe second, and Jo-Jo Hamer-Philip very close behind them. We are delighted that Blaize and Sarah contributed well in County Week; Heidi and Jo-Jo had exam commitments.

Junior County matches against Essex 1st and 2nd teams were played at Brett Vale on June 6th, resulting in wins for the visitors by 5½ - ½ and 3-0 respectively. Suffolk were missing one or two key players, and the Essex strength in depth meant their 2nd team all had lower handicaps than two of our 1st team!

The next match is on June 26th v. Cambs. and Hunts. at Stowmarket.

The 2nd team match v. Haverhill Boys scheduled for June 13th clashed with Suffolk Academy training and has been rearranged for August 7th.

Junior County Training has continued with sessions each month at Bramford Golf Centre and Bungay Golf Club. Around 60 girls are involved in training this year. .

ELGA Trust Training Grant money has been received, but again the Trust is not in a position to consider any applications for funding from individuals. We have been notified that our bid for 2010 EWGA funding has been accepted, including the new item for encouraging Women aged 18 - 40; thanks go to Sue Cook, Marion Pulford at Felixstowe and Sarah Wilson at Bramford for setting up this development.

It was also noted that Heidi Baek would be playing in the European Girls' Team Championship in Denmark in July and would also be in the team for the Girls' Home Internationals in Bangor in August.

8. Treasurer's report – Hermione Scrope

The Treasurer's report is attached as Appendix 2.

The question of expenses was revisited. A decision had been made in June 2009 concerning what could and could not be claimed for but it appeared that this was not working very satisfactorily. It was agreed that the GB should strive to get some consistency into allowances whilst at the same time respecting conventions already in place. The working party already set up to look into County training was asked to take this on board and report back.

It was also noted that gratuities/facility fees paid to clubs had not been increased since 2006 however it was decided to leave this the same.

DECISION

9. Golf Development Partnership

The minutes of the recent meeting held on 9th June are attached as Appendix 3.

The GB expressed their thanks to Marion Pulford (Felixstowe Ferry GC) and Sarah Wilson (Bramford GC) for their hard work in setting up coaching sessions for 18 – 40 year old ladies. Ladies had mostly been recruited by word of mouth and by press coverage and the website.

A level 1 coaching course is to be held in Suffolk, those interested should contact Alistair Spink. A successful golf promotion had been held at the Suffolk Show, with many people taking advantage of the fun activities on offer.

A pop-up-net is being bought by the SGP to be available for use at shopping centres, sports halls etc, all with a view to promoting golf within the community.

10. Suffolk Golf Day

21 teams have entered so far with several others expected. Meetings are in place to sort out prizes etc and Ann will be seeing Henry at Hintlesham Hall GC to finalise details there.

11. Website

Due to various commitments, no meeting had taken place so far with the website designer but one was scheduled for July 2nd, involving Hermione, Julie Latimer-Jones and George Hazell.

12. Use of Buggies

A request for the use of buggies in County competitions had been received from Vivienne Cullen and from Margaret Collier (Thorpeness GC). These were granted. It was decided that in future a certificate should be renewed on an annual basis for 3 years, thereafter being subject to a 5 yearly review. Any such request should come from the individual concerned rather than through the Lady Captain.

DECISION

13. Any Other Business

- (a) The Secretary confirmed that clubs were given considerable advance notice concerning their responsibility to provide a representative to the GB. Currently notice has been given to clubs who will be called upon in 2012.
- (b) Start sheets are circulated to all club captains, via email, it is important to have correct email addresses.
- (c) The Secretary reported that EWGA had asked for feedback regarding the new County Week format. The only county within East Region who had been aware of this was Cambs & Hunts who had produced a document outlining their views. Members of the GB were asked to come forward with their views in order that we might have a voice.
- (d) The Secretary reported that she had had informal talks with a lady who had previously expressed an interest in taking over as Secretary in 2011. This had not been very

productive and the Secretary wished it to be noted that she had undertaken to be Acting Secretary for one year only (2010). Active steps needed to be taken to recruit somebody.

14. Appointment of County Welfare Officer

Detective Chief Inspector Stuart McCallum was welcomed to the meeting. He spoke to the members, emphasising how he was available to help and advise on any matter concerning children in golf. He is contactable on stuart.mccallum@suffolk.pnn.police.uk or via the SLCGA website.

Date of next meeting

Monday September 27th 2010, 10.30 at Waldringfield Golf Club.

Chair**Date.....**

Appendix 1

ENGLISH WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION Suffolk Delegates Meeting held at Bury St Edmunds Golf Club on Monday, 21st June 2010

1. **Apologies:** Received from Brett Vale, Cretingham, Gorleston, Hintlesham, St. Audreys, St. Clements, Seckford, Waldringfield & Woodbridge.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** Agreed.
3. **Matters arising:**
Blue Books: BSE will require more Blue Books for 2011. Flempton had some to spare so covered this year's shortfall.
18 to 40-year old Lady Players: Marion Pulford from Felixstowe reported the success of 5 x 1-hour tuition sessions for beginners undertaken by the Felixstowe Professional. The take-up had been good with 14-players taking part. The event was advertised using flyers in shops, by word of mouth and there was also coverage through Tony Garnett in the EADT. A good cross-section of ages was seen for the event, which was run on a Saturday. Bungay also have 6-Ladies attending a Tuesday Morning session with their Professional & Bramford will be charging £10-per player for a course of evening sessions. Rookery Park's Pro is also offering a course of lessons for Ladies. Gorleston has set up a couple of fun-days. Many of these initiatives were made possible by the Pros' obtaining grants from the Suffolk Golf Partnership. It appears all these Pros are part of the Golf Mark scheme and are thus well informed. The Meeting thought this was overall a very encouraging start. The EWGA Grant for Ladies & Juniors is "in the post!!"
9-hole Medal Competitions: These have to be Stableford Competitions.
4. **100-Club:** Costs incurred for the first year were c£40, which included the licence and paper. Costs will be less in future years. The "tickets" were distributed to Delegates who are now requested to maintain a list and the money of those taking part. Participants can purchase more than one "ticket" and they do not have to be a member of Suffolk Ladies Golf. List and money to be brought to the next meeting please. The £5 entry entitles participants to enter 4-quarterly draws and there will be a minimum first prize of £100 and other prizes amounting to a total of 50% of the amount raised. Prize information will be published on the website. If any additional information is required please contact me.
5. **Weston Trophy:** Reference was made to Thorpeness giving Bury a walk-over. Delegates were asked to seek their Club's views on how this competition should be run in the future. Thoughts to the County Secretary please by September 2010.
6. **Merger:** Agreed there would be some worries about proportional representation on the Main Board. However the Delegates unanimously felt the Merger should proceed and had few concerns at the national level though at County Level co-operation and goodwill on all sides will be required.
7. **DMD's:** Many of the Delegates felt DMD's should be allowed immediately in all competitions. It appears only Diss does not allow their members to use DMD's. This issue may be resolved come the Merger but it will be kept under review by the Governing Body.
8. **Cranworth – Neutral Courses:** 2011 will see a trial. It is understood long distance travelling may be required by both teams. It would be appropriate if the

host club could welcome the Teams but “halfway house” refreshments will not be required.

9. **Suffolk Golf Day:** All Clubs have been advised of the date – Monday 9th August 2010 – and Players should be reminded to bring their handicap certificates with them on the day.

10. **AOB:**

The Suffolk Club Delegate asked for clarification of how and why the Stearn Draw followed the Haskell. This was clarified.

The GB Minutes will be circulated to Delegates in future.

Date and Venue of Next Meeting – T.B.A.

Appendix 2

SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION BUDGET YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2010

	2,010 £	2,009 £
INCOME		
Members Subscriptions	13,438	10,900
County Cards	2,500	2,760
Golf Day	750	1,583
Surplus on InterClub Knock Out matches	100	129
Surplus from Competitions	1,200	1,425
Sponsorship and Donations	700	1,010
Bank Interest	70	97
Sundry	150	235
	<u>18,908</u>	<u>18,139</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Administration	6,250	4,907
Teams and Matches	10,319	10,152
Donations	300	311
Juniors	1,000	1,000
	<u>(17,869)</u>	<u>(16,370)</u>
	1,039	1,769
Income Tax	(30)	(29)
	<u>1,009</u>	<u>1,740</u>
ADMINISTRATION		
	Actual	
Committee Allowances	550	550
Travel	400	77
Stationary, postage and telephone	500	59
Meeting expenses	500	320
Insurance	1,370	1,370
Accountancy	150	96
Handbooks	920	911
Sundry	360	296
Computer	1,500	57
	<u>6,250</u>	<u>2,300</u>
		<u>4,907</u>

**SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION
BUDGET
YEAR TO 31 OCTOBER 2010**

Team Expenses

		Total	1st	Actual	2nd	Actual	Seniors	Actual
		£	Team	£	Team	£	£	£
			£		£			
Travel		1,060	300		660	13	200	33
Food	Away Matches	800			700	164		
	Practice matches	480	200	67	280	15		
	Training							
Accommodation		400			400			
Coaching		2,000	2,000	1,910				
Gratuities		515	240	120	185	30	90	30
Balls		64	64					
Tees								
County Week		4,000	4,000	2,375				
Postage						19		20
Uniforms		1,000	1,000	931				
		<u>10,319</u>	<u>7,804</u>	<u>5,403</u>	<u>2,225</u>	<u>241</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>83</u>

Appendix 3

SUFFOLK GOLF PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting held at Woodbridge Golf Club on
Tuesday 9th June, 2010

Present: Colin Firmin (Chair), Sue Cook, Katie Cooper, Charlie Damonsing, Bill Darling, Tony Garnett, Terry McEntee, Steven Peet, Alastair Spink, Wendy Wootton

Apologies: Lorna Burroughes, Tony Dobson, Judy Hamshere, Kelvin Vince

Minutes: of the meeting held on the 26th April, 2010 were approved.

Matters arising:

- Alastair is organising help for the Suffolk Youth Games on the 11th July and will speak with Simon Byford and some of the Level 1 coaches.
- The Suffolk Ladies Golf Day – it was agreed that the Partnership will give golf balls with the Partnership's logo. Sue is to check with the organiser on how many prizes are required.
Colin and Steven will obtain quotes for these golf balls
- Alastair will arrange for the England Golf SGP Equity Certificate to go on the web.

S.C.
C.F./S.P.
A.S.

4. REPORTS

a) Treasurer – Charlie will arrange for the new Signatories to be sent to the bank. These are Wendy, Alastair, Bill and Charlie. Once these have been accepted we will go on to electronic banking.

Academy - Colin informed the meeting that the Academy is running a year behind (a 4 year period) and, therefore, a large sum of money will be carried forward.

The Level 1 grant is estimated at £1,800 and it was agreed to organise a Level 1 course later in the year. Alastair was confident that there are at least 8 people in the county who would attend the course.

Inflatable Net - it was agreed by the Partnership to purchase an Inflatable net and a sum of £3,000 will be set aside to cover the net, mat and generator. It was felt that the net could be used at shopping centres, sports halls etc., and would be an excellent asset for the partnership.

Marketing - the sum of £2,500 was agreed for Marketing. This will cover the purchase of polo shirts (with the SGP logo), and would allow for us to produce a brochure which would be sent out to all Clubs. Colin will speak with Tony Dobson and Steven will send him a copy of the brochure produced by Norfolk.

C.F./S.P.

It was also agreed that SGP need 2 Pop-up Banners and again Colin will discuss this with Tony. The person to contact is Stewart Fitzpatrick.

C.F.

Recruitment Projects – these are being planned by Alastair and Steven (men) and Charlie and Wendy (ladies/girls). A sum of £6,000 was agreed for Events/Projects.

Alastair asked how we should distribute the Recruitment Retention Tool Kit (costing £15 each) and it was agreed that he would write to all Clubs offering them the booklet. Wendy will order 30 of these booklets. A.S./W.W.

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4b. C.D.O. – the report was circulated.

4c. R.D.O. – the report was circulated. Steven explained that with the resignation of the East Midlands RDO the remaining officers are very stretched.

4d. Golf Foundation – Katie informed the meeting that the Girls Aloud project had won an Award and on the back of this the Women's Union will be running a case study.

4e. Suffolk Sport – Terry told the meeting that the Disability Golf project is going ahead. Alastair has a meeting next week.

5. Bi-Annual Review

The Review was well received by the Golf Development Manager, Richard Flint. We will be required to do another review in October. The 5 priorities that we are expected to fulfil are ones that we are already working towards.

6. Sub-committee Reports

i) County Academy Programme – this must now be the title we use at all times.

ii) Marketing – Colin will contact Tony Dobson with regard to:-

- Data collection and Steven will look into the Data Protection Licence. S.P.
- Brochure
- Pop-up banners

iii) Club and Community – Bill has contacted all Club Liaison officers to inform them of our plans regarding the Volunteer Awards and the planned Partnership Forum. To help Bill with the recruitment and retention of Volunteers, Steven will send out the relevant paper. S.P.

Steven also informed the meeting that a Course could be arranged to learn how to manage your volunteers. He also asked all committee members to register their hours on the Golf Volunteer website. ALL COMMITTEE

iv) Events/Projects – Colin went through the draft plans for the Suffolk Golf Partnership Development Conference to be held on the 9th November at Fynn Valley. Each Club will be asked to send 2/3 delegates.

7. Any Other Business

EWGA – Sue asked the Partnership to agree to pay a further £135 to pay for a second group of ladies attending the free coaching sessions at Felixstowe. This extra number was due to the excellent publicity given by Tony Garnett. This was agreed and Sue will complete the Application form for Steven. S.C.

Colin has asked Lorna to come up with ideas for a Sponsorship package.

Steven explained that the EGU will be involved with the Challenge Tour at Stoke by Nayland (22nd/25th July) and told the meeting that there was an opportunity for SGP to have a stall.

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Alastair announced that Tommy Hunt had gained his Level 1 accreditation.

He will also be working with Lynsey Bennett from Town & Bridge on a project to encourage men to eat healthily.

It was agreed that Alastair would obtain the four free County Academy Coaching Kits to be given to the Level 1 coaches.

8. Date of next meeting – TUESDAY 24TH AUGUST, 2010 AT 2.00 PM AT PURDIS GOLF CLUB.