

SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting held on Monday 8th April 2013 at Bury St. Edmunds Golf Club at 10 am

PRESENT:

Mrs. Pippa Beak	President
Mrs. Laura Lowe	Captain
Mrs. Sarah Siggers	Vice Captain/2 nd Team Captain
Ms. Ann Graves	Handicap Adviser
Miss Hermione Scrope	Treasurer
Mrs. Jeanette Longman	Hon Secretary
Mrs. Kay Hazell	Junior Representative
Mrs. Liz Robinson	Seniors Organiser
Mrs. Cynthia Stewart	Match & Comp. Venue Organiser
Mrs. Pat Kennedy	Coronation and Centenary Foursomes Organiser
Mrs. Cynthia Robinson	Past Haskell/Stearn Organiser
Mrs. Claudia Long	Weston Organiser
Mrs. Chris Lynch-Bates	Championship Organiser
Mrs. Angela Middleton	Cranworth Organiser
Mrs. June Stack	Minutes Secretary

1. Apologies.

Mary Wilderspin, Anne Archer, Jan Pattinson

2. Minutes of GB Meeting on 28th January 2013

Item missed in Minutes – Sarah (the incoming vice-captain) was also warmly welcomed by the President.

Subject to this the Minutes were taken as a true copy and signed.

3. Matters arising from GB Minutes

None

4. Amendments to AGM Minutes 7th January 2013

None

5. Correspondence

- a) Thanks from Suffolk Golf Partnership for the SLCGA donation of £500.
- b) Letter from Gorleston Golf Club in essence objecting to the travelling distances for the first round of the Stearn. This was sympathetically considered by the General Committee and it was agreed that a sub-committee be appointed to consider this point for future draws. A response has been forwarded stating that consideration would be given to their concerns but we would not interfere with the Draw for 2013.

6. Norfolk & Suffolk Golfer

Julie liaises with this magazine and enters articles on our behalf. However she is looking for ideas to submit on the occasions when there are no major competitions/meetings.

7. England Golf Representative's Report. – Anne Archer

Appendix 1. – England Golf AGM Minutes dated 13th February 2013. – together with Anne's written report.

Presidents Conference in May. Pippa has received the agenda. She advised the Committee of her concerns in attending the meeting, particularly in respect of the costs involved to the County. Full discussions and views, but ultimately the President decided that she could not justify her attendance. The Response Form will be completed with reasons for non-attendance and returned.

8. Handicap Adviser's Report.

Ann is to attend a seminar in Solihull this week for which England Golf pay her expenses. Although not on the Agenda, Ann will seek clarification on several matters raised by members, inter alia, 4 BBB handicap allowance, Exceptional scoring reduction (seek clarification as to whether this is optional or not), Central Database Handicapping System (CDH).

9. Competition Organisers' Reports

(a) County Championship – Chris Lynch-Bates.

Chris reported that everything was in hand for the Championships in May. She has 24 entries including 5 juniors. In the main it is the higher handicapped members who have not entered which is understandable as we now have the Seniors Championship at the same time. Ann Graves will ask Judi Walker to be the chief referee. The walkie-talkies will be used for communication. Detmar is to be asked to present the prizes. **ACTION JEANETTE**

b) Divisions – Jan Pattinson

Closing date for Division 4 is 15th April. 18 entries to date. Jeanette has sent out a reminder to all Club Captains.

c) Weston - Claudia Long.

Claudia has received a few results to date. Jeanette will contact Clubs asking for dates of any games.

d) Haskell & Stearn. No report.

e) Cranworth – Angela Middleton.

Angela reported that no cancellations have been received so competitions will go ahead as per the programme. Because of the change of date, Angela will be on holiday on 30th May ie. the preliminary round. However Cynthia Stewart has kindly agreed to cover for her.

f) Coronation & Centenary Foursomes - Pat Kennedy.

Although entries are not open until 17th April, Pat has received 2 entries.

g) Suffolk Seniors Shield - Liz Robinson

No dates yet received for first matches – therefore no results available.

10. Team Reports - Appendix 2

a) 1st Team – Laura Lowe. Report attached.

- b) **2nd Team** – Sarah Sagers
- Laura commenced discussions concerning the viability of continuing to have a second team following the sub-committee meeting. Laura stated that most of the players last year were older players. It is not bringing players through and the expense is not justified.
 - Sarah's view also is that the second team is not delivering to bring people into the first team. The junior have lots of matches, although they are not played at the beginning of the year. She suggested that the money could be better utilised to extend the first team squad. They need more match play between the Championships and County Week. The Juniors are being integrated already.
 - Sarah suggests we ask Club Professionals to let us know of any talented players. Sarah is interested in working more with the juniors.
 - Sarah will also study the Weston results which may reveal any potential talent.

Following these views, it was decided that Suffolk will no longer have a second team. The ladies who have shown interest in playing will be individually notified of this decision. All courses booked will be cancelled.

c) **Seniors Report** – Liz Robinson

Liz reported that she has 17 entries for the Senior Championship, plus one late entry.

The Seniors first match against the Senior Men is to be at Royal Worlington on Monday 15th April.

d) **Junior Report** – Kay Hazell. – Report attached.

Kay ran through her written report. There is a shortfall in the Junior budget and the GB were asked to consider offering further financial support. Kay further explained that the Academy was set up by the Golf Partnership/Suffolk Golf Union/SLCGA who are supporting the 10-14 year olds.

The funding by Sport England this year is for 14-18 year olds.

11. Suffolk Golf Day – Chris Lynch-Bates.

Chris has had a meeting with Hintlesham Golf Course and all arrangements are in hand. She has received entries from 21 teams the date. The limit is to be 31 teams, with a shotgun start.

12. Treasurers Report - Hermione Scropes – **Appendix 3**

The Treasurer has now received all affiliation fees. Membership is down by 150, which is reflected in the accounts. All England Golf fees have been received and the last cheque is to be dispatched.

However a problem has again been encountered in respect of payment from Seckford Golf Club. Hermione has had to chase for payment and has now received two post dated cheques, the last one to be paid in May.

Hermione confirmed the Seniors Match/Stroke Play prize monies namely Stroke play 1st £50, 2nd £30, Nett Winner £20. – Match Play Winner £50, Runner-up £30, Two Semi finalists £15 each.

13. Suffolk Golf Partnership – Minutes 26th February – Appendix 4

Discussions to take place following GB meeting re. level of SLCGA involvement. Agreed that Sarah Sagers would attend the AGM and Committee Meeting on 17th April.

14. Joy Winn Trophy

Joy Winn Salver brought to the meeting. Discussions re. plaques to be affixed.
Draft Rules discussed. Further input to be sought from Julie at Championship meeting.
Meanwhile all Championship entrants to be given a brief outline of the competition and their eligibility to compete in same.

15. County Fixtures for 2014/5.

List of dates and venues supplied to the Committee members.

16. Suggested Dates for GB Meetings 2014.

AGM – Saturday 11th January 2014 at 10.30 – Kesgrave Memorial.
Monday 20th January 2014
Monday 14th April 2014
Monday 23rd June 2014 (Date to be confirmed by Laura (to ensure that there is no conflict with County Match Week)
Monday 22nd September 2014
Monday 17th November 2014.
Agreed to alternate venues between Waldringfield and Bury St. Edmunds.
AGM – 17th or 24th January 2015.

17. Any Other Business.

Kay Hazell extended invitation to Sarah to the next junior meeting on 17th May, which Sarah was happy to accept.

Liz Robinson produced a doctors certificate with a request to use a buggy, if necessary, during the Seniors Championship. Permission was granted for 2013.

Sarah agreed to advise all Regions that Suffolk County will not be entering a 2nd Team.

Laura and Liz will do the Championship draw after the meeting.

18. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 10th June at 10 am at Waldringfield Golf Club.

Meeting ended 12.15 p.m.

Chairman

Date

APPENDIX 1 – England Golf Representative's Report

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY HELD AT THE NATIONAL GOLF CENTRE, WOODHALL SPA, LINCOLNSHIRE, ON WEDNESDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2013 AT 10.00 HOURS

Before commencing the proceedings, the meeting took a minute's silence in memory of Past Presidents Dr Norman Bradford, Mrs Carol Comboy OBE and Mr Fred Carøe who had died during the year.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. PROXY ATTENDEES

As confirmed within the list of attendees.

3. MINUTES OF THE EGU ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 15TH FEBRUARY 2012

The Minutes were duly approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman stated his report for the year ended 31 October 2012 had been circulated with the Agenda. There being no questions from the floor regarding the report, this was duly accepted.

Mr Evans took the opportunity of thanking all those officials retiring from office. These included three past Chairmen and a number of Voting Members. Their dedication and hard work over the years had been much appreciated.

6. TO RECEIVE THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE COMPANY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2012

The Finance Director highlighted an error on the Directors Report and confirmed that Mr Charles Harrison resigned on 31 December 2012. He went on to explain and expand on the accounts. The challenge going forward for England Golf will centre on the affiliation process and the collection of fees. A full review is to be undertaken on this issue.

In answer to a question from Mr Wilson (Lancashire), it was explained that accruals concerning staff relate to two staff members whose contracts do not finish until January and March 2013; however these costs have been accounted for in these accounts.

There being no further questions from the floor, the report was accepted.

7. PRESIDENTS' ADDRESS

The meeting received an address from Mr Baxter, Joint President. Mr Baxter stated it had been a great honour and privilege to have shared the Presidency with Mrs Johnson in the first year of the merged organisations and expressed his thanks for her support and friendship. He

highlighted many memorable championships during 2012 and thanked officials and staff for their help and assistance throughout.

In her address, Mrs Johnson stated it had been a memorable year for her too and felt huge pride in being the first lady to have her name in gold leaf lettering on the Presidents Board. The year has been a most enjoyable and satisfying experience, although without doubt the appalling weather challenged the resolve of all those involved in the running of championships to the limit. Mrs Johnson thanked the Past Presidents and other volunteers for their contribution towards a memorable year of office.

8. PRESENTATIONS

Mrs Johnson declared that the Silver Tee Award had been awarded to Georgia Hall. Mrs Jennifer Manley (Dorset) received the award on Georgia's behalf and read out a prepared acceptance and thank you speech.

Mrs Johnson then announced the winner of the EWGA Trust Stableford Competition had been won by Tavistock Golf Club. Mrs Stephanie Long (Devon) accepted the award on behalf of the club and read out a prepared thank you speech.

Mr Baxter stated it gave him pleasure to announce that the 2013 Gerald Micklem Award was being made to Mr Brian Purse. In accepting the award, Mr Purse expressed his pride at being nominated and for the honour bestowed.

9. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Miss Jackson stated it gave her great pleasure to propose Mrs Pam Benka as the 2013 President. Not only is Mrs Benka a past Curtis Cup player and Curtis Cup Captain, she used to regularly accompany her late husband whilst he carried out his England and International duties for the EGU and R&A. Called upon to second the proposal, Mrs Earnshaw stated Mrs Benka's wealth of knowledge and experience would stand her in good stead for the year ahead.

The meeting unanimously endorsed the nomination of Mrs Benka as President of England Golf for 2013. Mrs Johnson presented to Mrs Benka the President's badge of office.

In accepting the invitation to become President, Mrs Benka recalled many happy times spent with the English Golf Union and English Ladies' Golf Association and stated she could never have imagined then that the huge honour of President would ever have been passed to her. She thanked Miss Jackson and Mrs Earnshaw for their kind words and felt sure England Golf would have a great year.

10. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING PRESIDENTS

Mrs Benka stated she was delighted that her first official duty would be to propose a vote of thanks to both the retiring Presidents of England Golf. The first year of any new venture can be littered with all kinds of unknowns but they have consolidated the joining together of the EGU and EWGA with unbounded energy, enthusiasm and efficiency. It is a great credit to them both that the transition has been brought about so seamlessly under the one England Golf banner.

Mrs Benka bestowed upon them their Past President's badges and an England Golf shield as a memento of their Presidency. In addition, Mrs Johnson was presented with framed collage of pictures and Mr Baxter was presented with an album of photographs, both compiled by the Championship Committee, as a record of their year.

11. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT ELECT

Mr Palmer was asked to propose the nomination of Mr Saunders as President Elect for 2013/14 and recalled the many achievements by Mr Saunders within Kent and the EGU. Mr Palmer was delighted he was to be the first sole male President of England Golf, particularly as Mr Saunders is held in the highest esteem and would represent England Golf with much distinction.

In seconding the nomination, Mr Bryce concurred with this view adding that Mr Saunders was a hard working and qualified Referee who, with his wife, would make wonderful ambassadors for the ensuing year.

The meeting were asked to support the proposal and this was unanimously agreed.

In accepting the nomination, Mr Saunders paid tribute to the late Eric Green who had positively influenced his love of the game. He thanked everyone for their support and looked forward to reacquainting himself with the Championship Panel.

12. ELECTION OF DIRECTOR

Mr D A Croxton is due to retire by rotation but is eligible for re-election and has been proposed by Northamptonshire and seconded by Bedfordshire. As the only candidate, he is therefore re-elected for a 2-year term.

13. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

The Board of Directors proposed that PKF (UK) LLP be reappointed as auditors. The meeting unanimously endorsed this proposal.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 12th February 2014 at 10.00 hours.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.55 hours.

England Golf Suffolk Representative – Report – Anne Archer

Since our last meeting I have attended the AGM, the quarterly meeting for England Golf, a regional meeting and held a delegates meeting. The minutes of the Delegates' Meeting should have been available for you all.

The Regional Meeting has both at the meeting and subsequently, confirmed that as far as England Golf is concerned we are there only to organize the regional competitions and have no other real role. Rather what we expected but we are all doing this on a voluntary basis whereas the men have their paid County Secretaries who carry out these tasks!!

The AGM was very straight forward with some quite interesting reports from the various committees. It will I think remain open only to the delegates' and a few other interested bodies as the logistics of opening this to the membership as a whole would be a very expensive nightmare.

The two main subjects concerning the club golfer are the problem at all levels of Slow Play, this being an International problem which apparently in the USA it is causing real grief as rounds of 5 to 6 hours are common and the resulting lack of income is becoming an increasing headache. There are also an increasing number of 'Nomads' due primarily to the economic situation but probably aggravated by the amount of time needed to participate in our sport. These are issues that are slowly rising to the top of most governing bodies' agendas and solutions to manage these situations are being actively sort.

The only real point of any debate concerning Ladies Golf arose from the handicap change for participants in the Australian Spoons and the survey concerning the County Match Week. With regard to the former this will run this year at the lower level and we wait to see if more players take part and the relative handicaps of the successful competitors. Results of the County Match Week survey should be at least circulated and forum debates should follow.

I would add that I have circulated a description of my role but to date have not been overwhelmed by any ladies wishing to take up the baton!!

APPENDIX 2 – Team Reports

1st Team Report – Laura Lowe

We had our first practice match of the season against the Aldeburgh Gentlemen on Sunday 3rd February 2013. I mixed our experienced players with promising juniors. We played foursomes off level, with the men off their white pots and the ladies off the red posts.

The weather was bitterly cold but dry. The match was followed by a lovely roast beef lunch.

Results:-

Victoria Inglis & Lily Kent won 3&2 vs Roger Taylor & Ian Kitson

Lils James & Eloise Aldous halved with Mike Olding & Chris Hall

Liz Laflin & Alice Barlow lost 5&4 vs Peter Cooney & Will Morcombe

Sharon Luckman & Lottie Whyman won 7&6 vs Dick Jenkinson & Robin Chapman

Overall we won 2.5 to 1.5

Our second practice match was against the Woodbridge Gentlemen on Sunday 17th February 2013. We played foursomes off handicap plus 2 courtesy shots. Although we set off to the course in sunshine, the match was played in fog. Play was followed by tea, sandwiches and cake.

Results:-

Victoria Inglis & Lily Kent won 3&2 vs Gary Seaman & Steve Ritchal

Vanessa Bell & Liz Laflin won 4&3 vs Gary Robinson & Sam Truman

Sharon Luckman & Eloise Aldous won 2up vs Dom Rosser & Ricky D

Lils James & Alice Barlow won 1up vs Alan Scovell & Mark Phipps

Overall we won 4 matches to nil

We had our first training session with Keith Preston at Aldeburgh on Sunday 17th March 2013. Time was spent in the classroom discussing the mental approach to the game and later the team was out on the range working on their distance control with their wedges.

The following players took part:-

Victoria Inglis

Lils James

Liz Laflin

Sharon Luckman

Amanda Norman

Sarah Siggers

Alice Barlow

Eloise Aldous

Abbie Symonds

Another practice match was arranged against the S.G.U. on Sunday 24th March 2013 but was cancelled due to snow!!

Our next get together is another training session on 14th April 2013.

Suffolk Junior Girls Report – Kay Hazell

We held a Committee Meeting in March and following a meeting with Hermione Scrope, Jane Bell & Christine Bennet it was confirmed that the juniors finances (£1026.40) have been returned to SLCGA but that we are to have a cheque book and paying in book for our own use with Jane Bell & Christine Bennet able to sign.

Kay Hazell recently received a generous donation of £ 500 from the S.L.V.G.A. for which we are very grateful.

Matches

Eloise Aldous, Alice Barlow, Lily Kent, and Lottie Wyman played in a 1st team practice match which defeated Aldeburgh and Woodbridge men. The 1st girls team played an Ipswich Boys team and lost rather heavily though there were some close matches. The 1st team are to have practice matches against several clubs who are using it as practice for their Weston teams. The 2nd team have matches arranged against Norfolk, Beds, and Cambs & Hunts. Yesterday 16 High handicap and beginners took part in a Texas Scramble competition at Orwell Park School, always a popular event.

Training.

We started our training programme in March at Bramford and Bungay. We are looking to increase our numbers and to that end we emailed all club Junior organisers/secretary's asking for the names of any girls they have in their club. So far we have had only two replies. Three new 8 year olds joined the beginners group which is encouraging. We have been frustrated by a shortfall in our budget. Nothing from E.W.G.A (previously close to £1000)and a 50% drop in our E.U.G.A. Trust grant to £75.

As the Suffolk Golf Partnership has been late in their planning this year we have offered training to potential academy girls in order to keep in touch with them and maintain their interest. We have now heard that the selection for the 10 to 14 year olds will take place at the end of May with the Academies starting in June -each girl paying £75 towards the cost. The selection process was formally in February. The Elite squad have asked for a change in their training programme this year and 2 x 3 hour sessions have been arranged for them at Fynn Valley Golf Club - Sarah Wilson and Alistair Spink to coach them. Sport England are constantly changing which age groups they are prepared to support. This year it is 14-18 year olds. There will be training for that group over the Winter months. It is to be more selective – the boys and girls will have an interview – the target group being club members moving from participation to performance (I myself am not certain what that means). They will be asked to sign an undertaking – the cost being £75 per person. In view of this we feel we should offer some training to our 14- 18 year old girls during the summer months as they are our second team and have matches much earlier in the year. Golf England have just announced they are to help clubs with Golf Marks to encourage Juniors – all this is fine for the clubs but it does very little to help us and means fragmentation of resources.

As a result of all the above this means we have a shortfall in our budget which Hermione is aware of and I am therefore asking the Governing body if they feel they can give us extra financial support this year.

The committee is still working very hard to keep Suffolk Girls a success story but having no leader and so many uncertainties regarding the future training and financial policies from outside sources (viz:- Suffolk Golf Partnership, England Golf and Sport England) makes it very unsettling.

APPENDIX 3 – Treasurer's Report

SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY ASSOCIATION INCOME AND EXPENDITURE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2013

	2013		2012	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Member's Subscriptions		13,078		14,059
County Cards		1,250		1,419
Golf Day		1,000		1,195
Surplus on Inter Club Knock Outs		250		203
Surplus from Competitions		750		887
Sponsorship and Donations		1,200		1,318
100 Club		600		665
Bank Interest		24		24
Sundry		175		197
		<u>18,327</u>		<u>19,967</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Administration		4,027		3,517
Teams and Matches		10,000		11,870
Golf Partnership		500		1,000
Juniors		1,500		1,623
		<u>(16,027)</u>		<u>(18,010)</u>
Surplus of income over expenditure		<u>2,300</u>		<u>1,957</u>

ADMINISTRATION

	To date		
Committee Allowances	425		550
Travel	1,250		1,007
Stationery, postage and telephone	125		106
Meeting expenses	400	287	389
Insurance	1,002	1,002	957
Accountancy	100	96	96
Handbooks	335	335	306
Sundry	240	35	11
Computer/website	150	135	95
	<u>4,027</u>	<u>1,890</u>	<u>3,517</u>

**SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY ASSOCIATION
TEAM EXPENSES
YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2013**

Team Expenses	Total	1st Team	Actual	2nd Team	Actual	Seniors	Actual	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	Actual
								£
Travel	1,000	600	42	300		100		
Food/Refreshments	1,320	350	135	895		75		
Coaching	1,200	1,200						
Facility Fees	570	60		310		200		
County Week	5,000	5,000						
Golf Balls	150	150						
Stat/Postage	10	10						
Uniforms	750	750						
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>8,120</u>	<u>177</u>	<u>1,505</u>		<u>375</u>		

**CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISIONS, FOURSOMES
YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2013**

	Championship		Seniors		Division 1		Division 2		Division 3		Division 4	
	£	£	Championship		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
			£	£								
Entrance Fees												
Expenditure:												
Catering												
Refreshments												
Organisers expenses												
Engraving												
Prizes												
Facility fees												
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	Centenery Foursomes		Coronation Foursomes									
	£	£	£	£								
Entrance Fees												
Expenditure:												
Catering												
Organisers expenses												
Engraving												
Prizes												
Facility Fees												
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**SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY ASSOCIATION
 KNOCK OUT COMPETITIONS
 YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2013**

	Haskell	Stearn	Weston	Seniors	Cranwort h	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Entrance Fees	240.00	460.00	360.00	380.00	575.00	2015.00
Less:						
Catering						
Facility Fees						
Expenses						

APPENDIX 4

SUFFOLK GOLF PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting held at Stowmarket Golf Club On Tuesday 26th February, 2013

Present: Joe Cardy, Tony Dobson, Colin Firmin (Chair), Crawford Gillan, Katie Moggan, Steven Peet, Kelvin Vince, Alastair Spink, Bev Waspe and Wendy Wootton, Laura Lowe & Judy Hamshere (SLCGA)

1. Apologies: Bill Darling, Charlie Damonsing and Vicki Askew

Colin welcomed Joe Cardy and Laura Lowe the County Captain of the S.L.C.G.A. to their first meeting and also welcomed Crawford Gillan who will hopefully take over as Chairman at the Annual General Meeting.

2. MINUTES of the meeting held on the 13th November, 2012 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. ACTION FROM LAST MEETING – these would be covered within the meeting.

4. CHAIRMAN 2013/2017 – Colin, Steven and Alastair met with Crawford Gillan and one other applicant. They were extremely impressed with Crawford at interview and recommend him to be the new SGP chairman. Hopefully he will be formally elected at the AGM.

5. REPORTS

a) Treasurer – the Treasurer was not present but Charlie had circulated a Funding Statement for the period to 8th February, 2013. These accounts showed a balance of £25,000 in the bank. Colin stated that after further payments the balances in the various 'pots' are likely to reduce to around: -

- core activities - £600
- Coach Development - £2,500
- Bursary - £2,500
- County Academy Programme - £1,600

Steven cautioned that monies left at the end of the four year plan may be clawed back and if some of the balances do not emanate from England Golf/Sport England grants they should be removed to the 'Other Funds' pot. Alastair and Colin will liaise with the Treasurer and if appropriate transfer funds out of the CAP and Coach Development pots which relate to income from participants in training/coaching. This will almost certainly extinguish the CAP balance and may reduce the Coach Development balance by around £1000.

C.F/A.S/C.D

Steven will speak with the PGA regarding the Coach Development fund.

b) County Development Officer report - Alastair has circulated his Report. A discussion took place regarding clubs who had not claimed their Coaching Grant. Steven explained that as from 1st April 2013 the Grant will end and in its place will be a £300 Junior Development Grant. There will also be grants from a Regionally held fund to develop golf for the 26+ age group.

c) 16+ Co-ordinator – Bev’s report has been circulated . Bev reported that the Regional Golf Week will run from 22nd/29th April and will involve the “Get into Golf” centres as well as other clubs who may wish to take part. This week will be advertised nationally and locally. Bev also spoke about our Stand at this year’s Suffolk Show. It will be larger than last year.

d) Regional Development Officer report – Steven reported that the new C.E.O. is David Joye who will take up his appointment on the 22nd April.

Steven then explained that there will be a change in regions and that an 8th Regional officer is to be employed. This will mean that Steven will have responsibility for 4 counties which will enable him to spend more time with each of his counties. His position will be known as Regional Manager.

e) Golf Foundation report – Katie’s Report has been circulated. In addition to her report, Katie told the meeting that the new Junior Passports are to be tested by a couple of Clubs to sort out any glitches. The new Passports will be ready for distribution by October 2013.

6. 2013/2017 DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND FUNDING

Colin explained that SGP operational plan was regarded as one of the best 6 or so and had been awarded one of the highest fundings. The targets had, however, been increased. Colin felt that the partnership needed to be more on top of the numbers and that we should have in place the tools to take the correct action.

Steven felt that the Plan was achievable and that the funding is appropriate to SGP needs.

Colin presented a new Committee Structure, explaining that, in his opinion, we needed to restructure the committees. The plan is to have the Development Committee, as well as committees to deal with the County Academy, 14/25 Participation, 26+ Participation, Disability development and Marketing, Communications and Volunteers. These smaller committees to report to the Development Committee.

The committee all felt that this was an excellent way to move forward and it was agreed that each Chairman of the new committees (except the marketing committee) would organise meetings before the end of March.

A.S./B.W./K.V.

A discussion then took place about representation from the S.L.C.G.A. and it was agreed that both Colin and Alastair would attend one of the Ladies County meetings to try to dispel some of the concerns of the ladies.

C.F. & A.S.

7. COUNTY ACADEMY PROGRAMME

Alastair explained that this year the CAP would be organised slightly differently from other years:-

- Under 14 coaching programme
- 14/18 coaching programme
- This would allow any child to move across into between the different systems, depending on their ability.
- the original Coaches are all very keen to be involved.

Alastair has a meeting with Fiona on the 26th March, together with a representative from the girls and boys unions.

Colin expressed his gratitude, on behalf of SGP for the monies given by both the S.L.C.G.A. and the S.G.U. and expressed his thanks to Alastair for all his hard work.

8. a) COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

It was agreed that our Development Conference will now take place in the Autumn of 2013

b) NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Colin and Alastair attended the Conference held at Loughborough and were impressed with both the Speakers – William Anderson (Influencing People) and the Olympic Bronze Medallist – Steve Parry.

It had been great to see our own Wendy Wootton receive her National Volunteer Award for Club Development.

Steven reported that discussion was now taking place to decide how the National Development Conference will be organised next year.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bursary – an evaluation meeting will be held with the Suffolk Pro's and this will be organised for Tuesday 5th March, at 9.30 am at Felixstowe. Alastair, Colin, Crawford, Wendy and Joe will be on the Panel.

Street Golf - Alastair asked Katie if this could be for adults. Katie will talk to the Eastern Regions Street Game Co-ordinator and let Alastair know.

K.M.

Suffolk Show – Alastair felt that the Inflatable Net was not suitable for the Suffolk Show and as the organisers are keen to help it was decided that Bev will ask them if they could create two holes which would, it was felt, encourage more participants.

B.W.

Steven said that there should be Collecting Boxes and Vouchers as Prizes.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING PLUS THE A.G.M . – Tuesday 17th APRIL , 2013 at 2.00 pm – HALESWORTH GOLF CLUB