

SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting held on Monday 10th June 2013 at Waldringfield Golf Club at 10 am

PRESENT:

Mrs. Laura Lowe	Captain
Mrs. Sarah Sagers	Vice Captain
Ms. Ann Graves	Handicap Adviser
Miss Hermione Scrope	Treasurer
Mrs Anne Archer	England Golf Representative
Mrs. Jeanette Longman	Secretary
Mrs Kay Anderson	Junior Representative
Mrs. Liz Robinson	Seniors Organiser
Mrs. Mary Wilderspin	Haskell/Stearn Organiser
Mrs. Claudia Long	Weston Organiser
Mrs Jan Pattinson	Division Organiser
Mrs. Angela Middleton	Cranworth Organiser

1. Apologies.

Pippa Beak, June Stack, Chris Lynch-Bates, Cynthia Stewart, Pat Kennedy

2. Minutes of GB Meeting on 8th April 2013

Correction to Item 17 (Any Other Business) – Chris and Liz did the Championship Draw following the meeting.

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

3. Matters arising from GB Minutes

None

4. Correspondence

- Request for a link to the website of “MisterWhat.co.uk”. It was agreed that this is not appropriate for the SLCGA.

5. England Golf Representative’s Report – Anne Archer

- A request has been made by the Delegates for an email to be sent to Clubs requesting the re-instatement of Courtesy Rounds before Inter-Club competitions.
ACTION: JEANETTE
- It was agreed that the Minutes of the Delegates Meetings would be made available on the website
ACTION: JEANETTE
- The next England Golf Meeting contains an Agenda Item for County Match Week – Anne will take some suggestions raised by Laura and Sarah to this meeting.

6. Handicap Advisor’s Report (Appendix 1) – Ann Graves

Ann attended the Seminar in Solihull in April.

- There is a new system in operation, enabling Clubs and individuals to ask Handicap Advisors questions as a first point of contact – as yet, no questions have been addressed to Ann via this new system.
- 4BBB Handicap Allowances – $\frac{3}{4}$ handicap allowance is still in effect for all matchplay and strokeplay competitions.

7. Competition Organisers' Reports – Appendix 2

(a) County Championship – Chris Lynch-Bates.

- There was an issue that arose with First Aid cover at the County Championship. It was agreed that we would draft a Risk Assessment policy that can be used at any future event. It was also agreed to research the provision of basic first aid training for the GB and to compile a first aid kit. **ACTION: JEANETTE/CLAUDIA**
- Professional Caddies – it was agreed that Professionals would not be permitted to caddy and that this ruling would be added to the Rules for all County Competitions.
- Trophies and Prizes – As Chris was not present, it was agreed that she would be asked to make formal recommendations at the next GB meeting. **ACTION: CHRIS**

(b) Seniors County Championship – Liz Robinson

(c) Divisions – Jan Pattinson

- General County Competition Conditions – Jan agreed to re-write Rule (1) to clarify the ruling regarding eligibility for winning a gross prize **ACTION: JAN**
- It was agreed that, in the event of a Handicap certificate being issued more recently than an update on the CDH system, the Handicap certificate would be valid.
- Division 1 - It was agreed that, ideally, players should tee off in handicap order (lower handicaps first). The Start Sheet will contain a reminder to players that caddies are not permitted. **ACTION: JAN**

(d) Coronation and Centenary Foursomes – Pat Kennedy

(e) Weston - Claudia Long.

- It was agreed that the Rules would be amended to include a request that, if possible, Clubs should offer at least one weekend and one weekday date. **ACTION: JEANETTE**
- There was some discussion regarding whether matches should revert to being played in handicap order .
- Winners and the Clubs promoted and relegated will be formally announced at the AGM (although the winners of each Division will be invited to attend the AGM to collect their Trophies) **ACTION: CLAUDIA**

(f) Haskell & Stearn – Mary Wilderspin

- The issue of excessive travel times had been raised at the previous Delegates meeting and the feedback was that the majority present felt that the choice of opponents should not be restricted due to travel. It was agreed that there should be no change to the Draw.

(g) Cranworth – Angela Middleton.

- It was agreed that we would avoid Half Term (and Suffolk Show) in future.
- It was agreed that only the Final should be played on a completely neutral course. The Semi-finals will be played on the courses that are designated by the Draw (one semi final would be played on the Home course of the other semi-final). It was agreed that an email would be sent to the Clubs who would be affected by this decision (as Cynthia is on vacation, this would be undertaken by Jeanette/Angela)

ACTION: JEANETTE/ANGELA

- (h) **Suffolk Seniors Shield** - Liz Robinson
- It was agreed that Clubs should continue to organise their own dates to play (as opposed to set dates). However, the Rules would be amended to include a request that, if possible, Clubs should offer at least one weekend and one weekday date. **ACTION: JEANETTE**
- 8. Competition Organisers for 2014**
Hintlesham have nominated a Foursomes Organiser for two years, beginning 2014. A nominee will be requested from Rushmere in advance of the next GB meeting in September.
- 9. Team Reports**
- (a) **1st Team (Appendix 3)** – Laura Lowe.
 (b) **Seniors Report (Appendix 4)** – Liz Robinson
 (c) **Junior Organiser's Report (Appendix 5)** – Kay Anderson
- 10. Treasurers Report (Appendix 6)** - Hermione Scrope
- There is to be a vote on the Affiliation Fee collection process at the next England Golf meeting. Anne will voice our concerns that this would be difficult to administer. **ACTION: ANNE**
 - Following the decision by the SGU to increase their Affiliation fee by £1.50 from 2014 to include County Cards, it was agreed that we would follow suit to cover the shortfall in income that we receive from the sale of County Cards. A Resolution will be prepared for inclusion at the 2014 AGM – the increase in Affiliation Fee would be scheduled to take effect from 2015. **ACTION: JEANETTE**
 - Following a Junior Committee Finance meeting, it was agreed that £3,000 would be budgeted for the Junior section for this year.
- 11. Suffolk Golf Partnership (Appendix 7) – Minutes 17th April**
It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the SGP outlining the SLCGA's commitment to the Partnership. **ACTION: JEANETTE**
- 12. Website**
Following a request, it was agreed that Inter-Club Competition Rules and previous Winners would be included on the website. **ACTION: JEANETTE/JULIE L-J**
- 13. County Week 2014**
It was agreed that the cost of a buggy for Julie Latimer-Jone's use during County Week would be covered by the SLCGA.
- 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
- (a) Travel Expenses Policy – it was agreed that Julie Latimer-Jones should claim full mileage allowance
 (b) Joy Winn Trophy – The Rules were agreed and will be sent to all this year's participants and to Ladies' Captains for future reference. **ACTION: JEANETTE**
 (c) Minutes Book – it was agreed that accompanying Reports from 2010 will be removed from the Official Minutes Book. Full Minutes (including accompanying Reports) will be stored electronically and periodically archived as well as being available on the website **ACTION: JEANETTE**

- (d) USGA Rating System – Anne has been asked to take our concerns to the England Golf Meeting regarding the potential costs to the County of implementing this system
ACTION: ANNE

15. Date of Next Meeting
Monday 23rd September at 10 am at Bury St Edmunds Golf Club.

Chairman

Date

Appendix 1

Handicap Advisors' Seminar, Copt Heath Golf Club 11.4.13

The seminar was attended by male and female representatives from most counties.

There were 5 main topics/areas covered.

1. Central Database of Handicaps.
2. New handicap Enquiry system.
3. Annual Review.
4. Category 1 Audit.
5. Questions.

1. There was a general review of the CDH system. Clubs are requested to keep player information up to date. Remove resigned members, check on duplicate or doubled ID numbers etc. England Golf (EG) can assist if problems encountered.

CDH cards will act as handicap certificates. If CDH numbers are requested on entry forms for competitions (opens) details can be checked on system. (perhaps prize winners only).

2. A new system is incorporated in the CDH software enabling clubs and individuals to ask Handicap Advisors questions as a first point of contact. At present individuals, the 1900 clubs and Counties are contacting EG with initial queries. They only have 3 staff whereas there are 90 Handicap Advisors. The question forms, obtainable through the CDH site are to be sent electronically to the Handicap Advisor and they answer on the same form. This can be sent to EG if further advice is required.

3. The Annual Review. The main focus is on ageing golfers with declining ability. The software is calculated on the expected score for the perfect golfer and then applied to the records of all players. 7 rounds are still considered the minimum to get a realistic review.

Clubs should be aware that if they give players the opportunity to say "no" to a proposed increase they could be, ultimately affecting the CSS of competitions. Although sometimes sensitive, players should not be given a choice. Those players who declined an increase would always be increasing the numbers of players not within their Buffer Zones and if their handicaps were increased they may not be part of the calculation or may then be within their BZs.

4. Category 1 Audit. Each year I am required to undertake an audit of 3 or 10% of those with a +1 handicap or better and 3 or 10% of those with a handicap of 5.4 or better. Three were undertaken and submitted for Suffolk ladies for 2012 and there were no problems.

Guidelines were given as to what to check and what sanctions there are for discrepancies.

We were informed that R&A and LGU do not return scores to home clubs so clubs should be aware of players playing in competitions organised by these bodies.

5. Questions;

- From 1.1.14 cat 1 players will be restricted to submitting only 3 supplementary scores and this is so that they can retain an active handicap.

- ESR. Players who have been cut under this regime should have their handicaps monitored to make sure they are not struggling.
- 4BBB. Data that EG have received about full or $\frac{3}{4}$ handicaps is still not conclusive so $\frac{3}{4}$ handicaps will continue. The ultimate sanction for clubs who refuse to use this is that handicaps can be suspended by EG

Gemma Hunter is now the EG contact. She has taken over from James Crampton. Her e mail is: g.hunter@englandgolf.org.

Ann Graves

Appendix 2

Championship Report (Chris Lynch-Bates)

Issues arising from Championship:

First aiders

I think for any event we administer we should check out host club for their procedures and work from there. Would be a very good idea to ascertain who on our books is a first aider and who can use a de-fib if one on premises. I have spoken to Karen and years ago, at home in Canada, Karen had done first aid as she was a p.t. teacher and a qualified life guard (I actually saw her applying artif. resp. to a lady on Felixstowe beach!) Perhaps we could persuade Karen and others to take a refresher course and have attend major events as we do with referees.....with the lemon laws as they are I feel e need to take positive steps to cover ourselves..would be interesting to find out what other Counties do.

Professional Caddies:

If the rules of golf have no restrictions on professionals acting as caddies should we be saying ' No '? An argument of course could be a coaching pro. on the bag perhaps gives a player an added advantage. Tricky one. How about not banning but use the 'prefer not' phrase?

3rd Gross Prize v 1st Nett Prize:

For starters, do we play for money, prestige or personal satisfaction? Probably a multitude of reasons,so...perhaps we should reward 3rd gross with a slightly improved voucher and also look to obtain another (small) trophy, this would satisfy value and prestige (is not 3rd gross a better result than a nett placing?) 1st/2nd nett will always be what is, a handicap placing from what is primarily a scratch event. (give me my full handicap allowance and I could win the nett!!!)

As to the Championships, Bury G.C. were marvellous,staff, the members who helped, especially Lynne Wright Lady v.capt. A big thank you to the ladies of the G.B. I certainly would not have been able to get out on the course and see so much golf without so much help from you all and thanks to Liz for covering for me the quarter finals as I was able to caddy for LILs..thoroughly enjoyed that. I am already looking forward to next year..what will I do with myself in 2015?!

Seniors' County Championship Report (Liz Robinson)

Stroke Play Champion- Liz Robinson

Match Play Champion – Barbara Cole

Held at Bury 10th – 13th May in conjunction with the main championship. Entry up to 18 (from 12 last year) Bury members again made up one third of the entries. The stroke play was scheduled to go out after the main event in the morning and this worked well. **Liz Robinson** of Bury won the best gross with 85, runner up was **Bev Allen** (also Bury with 86) and **Barbara Cole** (last year's champion and also Bury) took the best nett prize with 75. The CSS was 74 (SSS 73)

Liz Robinson and Rachel Trotman elected not to go forward to the match play so round one involved **Bev Allen v Sally Cade** (Newton Green) **Julie Byford v Anne Archer** (Ipswich) **Judy Hamshere (Bury) v Ann Graves** (Woodbridge) and **Anne Amos (Gorleston) v Barbara Cole**. The Bury quartet all won on Saturday morning (playing after the main championship matches) and in the afternoon **Julie Byford** had a comprehensive win against **Bev Allen** but **Judy Hamshere** had a real battle with **Barbara Cole** losing eventually at the 2nd extra hole.

The final was played at 12.30 pm on Sunday afternoon, half an hour before the main final. Excellent golf was played by both players, especially in the early stages, but Barbara's superior putting kept her just ahead and she won on the 17th by three and one to retain the Seniors' title.

My thanks to Bury GC for all their co-operation in running the event – Mike and Sandra in the office, all the catering staff, Ladies' Captain Rosemary Strachen and Vice-Captain Lynne Wright, Head Greenkeeper Steve (especially for his assistance with the last-minute adjustments to the GUR) Bury members for spotting and first aid cover, Claudia Long who gave invaluable help in the clubhouse and of course Chris Lynch Bates and Jeanette Longman.

The scheduling appeared to work well. It may be a small entry but with an entry fee of £20 (down from £25) therefore an income of £360 and prizes totalling £210 there was a healthy nett income of £150 to cover all other expenses.

Division 4 Meeting Report (Jan Pattinson)

On a cold and showery day the 64 competitors assembled at Rushmere for a 9 o'clock 2 tee start in a 3 ball format.

The Captain, Barbara Pratt, and her numerous helpers gave a very warm welcome to everyone and the male membership had kindly vacated their changing room to accommodate the large field.

It was a successful day: the course was in great condition and the clubhouse was warm and just perfect for the needs of the players and those on the administrative side. Bob Tawell, the Club Secretary, was extremely helpful and the food provided by Sean was first class.

My sincere thanks go to all who helped to give the golfers such a pleasant day even though they had to battle with the inclement weather. Jeanette Longman and Cynthia Stewart gave invaluable support and it was lovely that the County Captain, Laura Lowe, presented the prizes.

Olive Carruthers Cup:	Wendy Walpole	Bungay and Waveney Valley	39 points
2 nd	Birgitta Bostrum	Thorpeness	37 points
3 rd	Avril Chapman	The Suffolk	37 point
4 th	Julie Middleton	The Suffolk	34 points
Division Shield:	Bungay and Waveney Valley		99 points
	Wendy Walpole (39), Pat Douglas (31), Marilyn Pearson (29)		

Foursomes Report (Pat Kennedy)

We have 28 pairs for Felixstowe Coronation foursomes and now 26 pairs for Rookery Park Centenary foursomes. I will pay all the cheques in next week.

I have been in contact with lady captains and representatives from both clubs and they have been extremely helpful. Almost sorted.

We have now only to finalise the food choices at Felixstowe and am waiting for Vicki at Rookery Park to email some menu choices from their chef for me.

Both clubs wanted to charge considerably more than we paid last year for food but hopefully have managed to agree a price of around £16 at both clubs (this to be finalised with choices from Rookery Park).

I don't know whether the cost of food should be taken into account when agreeing entry fees for the coming years competitions or indeed booking at certain clubs for 2015. Perhaps we could drop the sweet or the coffee on arrival this may help to maintain the current price. I know that some clubs have been charging around £13 without the sweet for a similar day. I have also noted that not all the ladies have the coffee on arrival and as it is usually about a £1 those that do may be happy to pay if it keeps the overall cost down, but we are paying for it whether they have it or not at the moment.

Cranworth Report (Angela Middleton)

Preliminary Round:

I would like to thank Cynthia and Jeanette for standing in for me.

The following Clubs have successfully progressed to the next Round:

Newton Green
Southwold
Bury St Edmunds
Thorpeness (Bye)
Haverhill
Gorleston
Ufford Park

I've not had any negative feedback about the new scoring system and, looking at the results, many of the individual matches were considerably shortened by it.

I have received several phonecalls from managers and secretaries who were desperately trying to fit in societies etc on Cranworth days. They regard it as a loss of much needed income. They didn't seem to understand that it wasn't that different from the old system.

The venues for the semi finals and final are still under discussion.

Senior Jubilee Shield (Liz Robinson)

All preliminary and first round matches were completed on time and into the quarter finals are: Felixstowe (close win by just one hole away against newcomers Haverhill) Gorleston (against Bungay) Aldeburgh (away win at Rookery) Woodbridge (wins against Waldringfield and Rushmere) Diss (wins against Ipswich and newcomers Seckford) Flempton (against Newton Green) Bury St Edmunds (away at Brett Vale) and Stowmarket (away against newcomers Thorpeness)

Venues, dates and times of next round matches are all arranged and on the website

APPENDIX 3

1st Team Report (Laura Lowe)

Since our last meeting in April we have held three 1st Team Training days at Aldeburgh with Keith Preston.

Members of the 1st Team attended alongwith the juniors; Abbie Symonds, Lottie Whyman, Alice Barlow and Eloise Aldous.

Most of their work has been concentrated on the short game, getting the team to know exactly how far the ball travels with each each of their wedges with different lengths of swing. Work has also been done around the green, on the green and on the psychology of the game.

I attended the County Championship at Bury St Edmunds and would like to thank Chris Lynch –Bates and her team for all the hard work that went into the smooth running of the Championship. Thanks are also due to the Ladies and staff at Bury for their help, both in the clubhouse and out on the course.

The Team selected to represent Suffolk at The Bedfordshire from 24th June 2013 is:-

Vanessa Bell (Ipswich), Victoria Inglis (Ipswich), Lils James (Rookery Park), Lily Kent (Ipswich), Liz Laflin (Stowmarket), Sharon Luckman (Felixstowe), Amanda Norman (Felixstowe), Sarah Sagers (Ipswich), and non travelling reserves Alice Barlow and Eloise Aldous, both from Newton Green.

The 1st Team were due to play the Professionals at Stowmarket on 19th May but this match was cancelled as not enough players were available to play. Tony Garnett wrote to apologise, and we hope to play this fixture next year. Once the season kicks in it becomes difficult to get a full strength team together for a worthwhile practice.

Arrangements are now under way for County Week at The Bedfordshire Golf Club. We are staying in the Holiday Inn Express Bedford. We have tee times booked for practice rounds on Sunday 23rd June .

We play Norfolk on Monday, Essex on Tuesday, Cambs & Hunts on Wednesday, Hertfordshire on Thursday and Bedfordshire on Friday.

APPENDIX 4

Seniors Report (Liz Robinson)

The first match, a pre-season warm-up against the Suffolk Senior men at Royal Worlington on Monday April 15th resulted in a comprehensive win for the men by 22 holes (Hambro scoring) A Weston match Bury v Aldeburgh on the same day no doubt weakened the side and three quarters handicap allowance was also difficult to cope with as many of the holes were easier for the men with their superior length. However it was good to see Liz Boatman in the side and in good form.

The first county match was against the Norfolk Vets on Monday 20th May at Royal Norwich. Another course in beautiful condition, another dry day and an excellent win for Suffolk by three matches to one.

More details and full results for both matches are on the website thanks to Julie LJ.

Future county matches are against Essex on 18th June at Woodbridge, Bedfordshire on 10th July at Haverhill and Cambs & Hunts on 20th August at Cambridge Meridian. This year an additional fixture against the Suffolk Juniors on 14th July at Newton Green.

APPENDIX 5

Junior Report (Kay Anderson)

Junior training sessions began in March for Beginners and Improvers, which currently includes the Academy girls due to the late start to their programme.

The Girls' 1st. team have also had their first training session at Fynn Valley, with Alastair Spink and Sarah Wilson; feedback has been very positive. They have played practice matches against Weston sides from Stowmarket (lost 4-2) and Aldeburgh (drawn 3 -3) and more are scheduled in preparation for JCMW in August. 5 girls played in the SLCGA Championships at Bury St. Edmunds where Lily Kent, Alice Barlow and Eloise Aldous qualified for the Matchplay.

The Girls' 2nd. team lost at Haverhill to a strong Bedfordshire side and also lost away to Cambs. and Hunts.

The annual Texas Scramble at Orwell Park School in April attracted a field of 17 beginners and high handicappers who enjoyed a lovely spring day.

The Junior Championship was held at Felixstowe Ferry at the end of May, when 28 girls competed in Medal, Stableford, 9 hole and putting competitions. Lily Kent won the Moss Blundell trophy and the Daily Telegraph Qualifier playing par golf in blustery conditions, and Eloise Aldous took the Baker Handicap Plate, while Francesca Tindall won the Holley Stableford cup with 36 points. We are grateful to Sarah Wilson for providing the impressive prize table.

The Junior Committee is very conscious of the budget shortfall caused by the loss of the EWGA grants (£1800 in 2011, £75 in 2013), and has set up a sub-committee to examine the whole area of girls' subscriptions, entry fees, training costs, and possible contributions towards uniform and JCMW subsistence costs, as well as potential alternative sources of funding. The group has met with the SLCGA Hon. Treasurer, and proposals will be presented to the next JC meeting in July, with a view to implementation in 2013 -14.

Alastair Spink (SGP Development Officer) came to the May Junior Committee meeting to explain the arrangements for the County Academy Programme in 2013 and to answer questions; there was general agreement that closer liaison and sharing of information about players' progress would be beneficial. He has also offered advice re alternative sources of funding, and a bid will be made to SGP for assistance with 2013 training costs.

The Recruitment Day for the 10-14 Academy will be held on June 29th. at Ufford Park; selection for the 14-18 phase will be by application and interview and it is hoped that all the Girls' 2nd. team will be involved.

Recent individual successes include Lily Kent's fine performance as runner-up in the SLCGA Matchplay Championship, her selection in the team for County Week, and the award of a scholarship at the University of West Florida. Alice Barlow won the scratch prize at the Stoke-by Nayland Junior Open, and Eloise Aldous won the Daily Telegraph Qualifier for her gross score on the Gainsborough course. Both girls are non- travelling reserves for County Week. Abbie Symonds won the Handicap prize at Stoke, and Fiona Stokes performed well in the Suffolk Schools area competition.

APPENDIX 6

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

	2013		2012	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Member's Subscriptions		13,084		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>18,333</u>		<u>19,967</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Administration		4,117		3,517
Teams and Matches		8,495		11,870
Golf Partnership		500		1,000
Juniors		3,000		1,623
		<u>(16,112)</u>		<u>(18,010)</u>
Surplus of income over expenditure		<u>2,221</u>		<u>1,957</u>

ADMINISTRATION

	To date		
Committee Allowances	425	425	550
Travel	1,250	577	1,007
Stationery, postage and telephone	215	185	106
Meeting expenses	400	225	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>4,117</u>	<u>3,015</u>	<u>3,517</u>

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

Team Expenses	Total £	1st Team £	Actual £	Seniors £	Actual £	Total Actual £
Travel	700	600	42	100		
Food/Refreshments	425	350	135	75		
Coaching	1,200	1,200				
Facility Fees	260	60		200	50	
County Week	5,000	5,000	1,462			
Golf Balls	150	150				
Stat/Postage	10	10				
Uniforms	750	750				
	<u>8,495</u>	<u>8,120</u>	<u>1,639</u>	<u>375</u>	<u>50</u>	

**SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY ASSOCIATION
CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISIONS, FOURSOMES
YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2013**

	Championship		Seniors Championship		Division 1		Division 2		Division 3		Division 4
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Entrance Fees		645.00		340.00							
Expenditure:											
Catering											971.50
Refreshments											53.85
Organisers expenses											
Engraving											
Prizes	455.00		210.00		113.00		93.00		93.00		93.00
Facility fees	300.00	(755)	100.00	(310.00)							150.00
		<u>(110.00)</u>		<u>30.00</u>							
	Centenary Foursomes		Coronation Foursomes								
	£	£	£	£							
Entrance Fees											
Expenditure:											
Catering											
Organisers expenses											
Engraving				12.00							
Prizes	350.00			350.00							
Facility Fees											

**SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY ASSOCIATION
KNOCK OUT COMPETITIONS
YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2013**

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

APPENDIX 7

Minutes of the meeting held at Halesworth Golf Club - Wednesday 17th April, 2013

Present:

Vicki Askew, Joe Cardy, Colin Firmin (Chair), Crawford Gillan, Steven Peet, Alastair Spink, Bev Waspe and Wendy Wootton, Jane Bell and Sarah Sagers (SLCGA)

1. **APOLOGIES** Bill Darling, Charlie Damonsing, Katie Moggan and Kelvin Vince

Colin welcomed Jane Bell (County Juniors) and Sarah Sagers (Vice Captain) from the S.L.C.G.A.

2. **MINUTES** of the meeting held on the 26TH February 2013 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. **ACTION FROM LAST MEETING** – Colin and Alastair met with Charlie Damonsing to discuss certain adjustments to the accounts.

Alastair informed the meeting that he is to attend the SLCGA'S Junior committee meeting and after some discussion regarding Representation from the Ladies Association Jane and Sarah will take the concerns of the Partnership back to their Governing Body.

4. **REPORTS**

a) *Treasurer* – the Treasurer was not present but Charlie had circulated a Funding Statement for the year to 31st March, 2013 showing a balance of £20,044.65. Alastair's expenses and around £2000 from the 16+ fund are still to be debited relating to 2012/2013 expenditure. There is a surplus of about £2000 in the Coach Development 'pot' and about £4500 in the 16+ 'pot' and it was agreed that all of this should be allocated to marketing and participation projects in 2013/2014 – Steven has agreed to amend the 2013/2017 development plan accordingly.

b) *County Development Officer report* - Alastair had circulated his Report. This shows that 7 clubs are in the process of 3 year GolfMark reviews.

Bursary – the committee met to consider the applications and those successful Applicants have been informed that their applications have been successful. This money will be paid once the Applicants have enrolled for their training/courses etc.

Academy – Alastair informed the meeting that the sub-committee had met – consisting of the Golf Pros and representatives from the SGU and the SLCGA. The meeting was very successful and the Academy for the 14/18 year group will start in September (the boys and girls will be separately coached) and the younger group will start in June. A Recruitment Day will be held in May.

Colin said how supportive the Ladies Association had been and the Suffolk Golf Partnership is very grateful.

c) *16+ Co-ordinator* – Bev's report has been circulated. The Regional Golf Week starts on the 22nd April with 14 clubs taking part and Bev felt that the "Get into Golf" centres were now starting to work.

Steven told the meeting that the Regional Golf Week runs over 7 counties with 80 clubs participating and Look East and Sky Sports News will be covering the week.

Bev's plans for the Suffolk Show are underway and she will be sorting out the Prizes and Vouchers for people who Register when visiting our Stand.

It was mentioned that both Alastair's and Bev's positions will have new Job Specifications and that Bev will be known as the Recruitment Co-ordinator.

d) Regional Development Officer report – Steven said that funding for GolfMark clubs had now been altered to cover Junior Development. The grant will be for £300 which is to be matched by the Clubs.

England Golf is also launching an Innovation Fund with £25,000 to be available within the region. The projects will be to increase participation for the 18/25 and 26+ age groups as well as for disabled golfers and each club can apply for up to £2,500. Steven will be e.mailing all GolfMark clubs to inform them of this new funding opportunity.

The new CEO – David Joyce starts on the 22nd April and Steven feels very positive. The CEO's priority is to write a 10 year business plan for England Golf.

An 8th Regional Development Officer will be recruited. This will give Steven responsibility for 4 Counties rather than the 7 he looks after now.

The PGA has appointed three Business Relationship officers to support the Golf Professionals.

e) Golf Foundation report – Katie's Report has been circulated.

f) Suffolk Sport – Vicki will in future give a Report at these meetings but explained how closely she works with Katie Moggan of the Golf Foundation and emphasised that Suffolk Sport is there to help any club or organisation.

Vicki said that she is meeting with Alastair and Bev to discuss running special Information evenings for golf clubs. The idea being to advise Clubs of funding, availability, completing Funding Application forms etc.

5. SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

a) 14 – 25 Participation Group – yet to organise a date for their meeting.

b) Disability Group – Alastair reported on behalf of Kelvin that Danny Thorington from Copleston High School has offered to arrange for students in 8 schools to be given an 8 week coaching course with a Finals Day.

c) Marketing & Communication – a meeting is yet to be held.

d) 26+ Participation – the committee are meeting on the 30th April.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mileage – Colin asked the Committee to agree an increase for mileage allowance from 30p. a mile to 35p a mile. All agreed and this would start from the 1st April, 2013.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Friday 21st June, 2013 at 2.00 pm