

## SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at Waldringfield Golf Club at 10.00 am

#### **PRESENT:**

Mrs. Pippa Beak	President
Mrs. Sheila Jarvis	Captain
Mrs. Laura Lowe	Vice Captain/2 <sup>nd</sup> Team Captain
Ms Ann Graves	Chair & Handicap Adviser
Mrs. Jeanette Longman	Hon Secretary
Mrs. June Stack	Minutes Secretary.
Mrs. Anne Archer	England Golf Representative
Mrs. Cynthia Stewart	Competition Convenor
Mrs. Chris Lynch-Bates	Championship Organiser
Mrs. Alison Nielsen	Cranworth Organiser
Mrs. Liz Robinson	Seniors Organiser
Mrs. Judy Hamshere	Junior Representative

#### **1. Apologies.**

Cynthia Robinson, Hermione Scropes, Jan Pattinson, Claudia Long, and Pat Kennedy

#### **2. Minutes of GB Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

Item 5 – should read “understanding is that some Counties are close to becoming a united body”.

Item 15 – should state that a paragraph is to be included in the Competitions Conditions to state that caddies would not be permitted during Division and Foursomes meetings.

Subject to these amendments the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September were taken as a true record and signed.

#### **3. Matters Arising from GB Minutes 24<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

None

#### **4. Correspondence**

- a) Request for use of buggy – Liz Ward (Newton Green) – this was agreed
- b) Letter sent to Detmar Hackman, Sabona thanking him for his support in 2012 and asking if he would sponsor us again in 2013 – he has offered us the same sponsorship as last year.
- c) Received cheque for £50 as a donation from Ladies Section, Royal Worlington – responded with our thanks.
- d) Letter received from Lady Captain of Halesworth Golf Club stating how pleased they were to win the Cranworth this year and showing much appreciation of everyone involved in running the competition.

#### **5. England Golf Representative’s Report - Anne Archer**

**Appendix 1** – Minutes of Suffolk Delegates Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

- Anne will be attending meeting at Woodhall Spa tomorrow.

- Anne advised that Newton Green Golf Club have kindly offered facilities for future GB Meetings. Matter was discussed and all venues have been booked for next year. The Committee will consider the offer as a venue in 2014 and Jeanette will advise Newton Green of the position.

**ACTION JEANETTE**

## 6. Competition Organisers' Reports. - Appendix 2

- a) County Championship. No report. (All competitions now finished)
- b) Divisions. No report
- c) Coronation & Centenary Foursomes . No report
- d. Weston. No. report
  - After discussions it was decided that the new Division 3 Trophy will be known as the Weston Bowl. Sheila will purchase a trophy'

**ACTION; SHEILA.**

e. Haskell & Stearn – Report attached.

f) Cranworth – Report attached.

- ^ The President thanked Alison for all her hard work during her role as Cranworth Organiser and her contribution in finalising the new format, which is much appreciated by all members of the Committee.

g) Suffolk Seniors' Jubilee Shield

- ^ Liz pointed out that there was an error in the Specific Rules for this Competition. Rule 1 should state "Games may be halved". This has been corrected and Liz has informed the Captains.

## 7. Team Reports – Appendix 3

- a) 1st Team . No report
  - The Captain reported that unfortunately the yearly 1<sup>st</sup> Team match against Thorpeness Gentlemen had to be cancelled as she did not have a full team available. She emphasised that it is imperative the game arranged for 6<sup>th</sup> October 2013 be played.
  - The Juniors have also requested a match against the First Team next year. After discussions it was agreed that Sheila will arrange a team of 6 of singles matchplay, to take place after County Week at the end of June and before Junior County Match Week in August.
- b) 2<sup>nd</sup> Team . No Report.
- c) Seniors Report.. No written Report.
  - Liz reported that the Seniors won the match against Aldeburgh 3-1.
  - In addition Liz has contacted all golf clubs requesting details of any additional players wishing to be considered for the team.
  - It is hoped that a match can be arranged for next year against the Juniors
- d. Junior Organisers Report - Attached.
  - Judy advised that it has been agreed that Midland Golf Union will take over organising the Champ of Champs competition.
  - Judy confirmed that Junior County Week has been booked at Bury St. Edmunds Golf Club for 18-20<sup>th</sup> August 2014.
  - It was also confirmed that the Junior Accounts Books are to be handed over to the ~Suffolk Ladies County Treasurer, Hermione Scropes – and that, in future, payments for entry to Junior Competitions would be made to the SLCGA

#### **8. Treasurers Report. – Hermione Scropes - Appendix 4**

- The Committee discussed the possibility of increasing the SLCGA fees this year. The fees have not been increased for 3 years but it was felt that there was no merit in an increase for 2013 and the fee would remain at £6.50

**DECISION**

#### **9. Suffolk Golf Partnership - Appendix 5**

Minutes of Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November

- The President advised that she had attending a meeting re. funding at which Colin Firman had put forward a proposal re. financial support for the younger age, and they may be looking to our Association for support.

#### **10. County Captains Meeting. – Sheila Jarvis – Appendix 6**

Report of Captains Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

- Liz Robinson raised query as to why Senior Representatives were not invited to these Captains Meetings. Anne Archer will mention this to colleagues at the Representatives Meeting tomorrow to see if they can be invited in future.
- It was agreed that, at the Eastern Seniors' Championship at Haverhill, there would be a County team prize with three scores from four counting (it is intended to present the East Anglian Trophy to the winners)

#### **11. Suffolk Golf Day.**

The arrangements for next years golf day were discussed. Firstly the date needed to be changed as it clashed with Junior County Week. The Competition Convenor immediately contacted Hintlesham Golf Club to re-arrange the date for **19<sup>th</sup> August 2013**. All documents have been returned to Ann and a new organiser is now required. Chris Lynch-Bates offered to co-ordinate the event, with help from several Committee members.

#### **12. Handbook.**

The Committee went through the draft prepared by the Secretary, amending and completing where possible. The final version will be prepared by Jeanette and submitted to the printers shortly.

- The President and Chair person thanked Jeanette for all her hard work in preparing the handbook and congratulated her on a job well done.

#### **13. AGM and Arrangements.**

All Annual Reports have been received (probably Accounts will not be completed until beginning of December) to be included with the Agenda and on the website. Jeanette reminded organisers of the need of a verbal precis report for the AGM. Discussions of all assistance required at the AGM clarified.

#### **14. Requests and Resolutions.,**

Draft SLCGA Resolutions discussed and agreed.

**15. Any Other Business.**

- a) Julie Latimer-Jones had raised concerns about the quality of photos for the website. Agreed to continue at present, requesting Club Captains to supply photographs, preferably taken at outdoor locations.
- b) Suffolk Golf Union are purchasing new walkie talkie radios, and have offered the old ones to the Ladies, which we have gratefully accepted.
- c) Date for 2014 AGM – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January.
- d) Agreed that new up-date rota should be put on website.
- e) It was agreed that some thought should be given to enabling entry fees to be paid direct – as Hermione was not present, it was agreed that this should be addressed at the next meeting
- f) Ann Graves advised that England Golf had requested her to audit a percentage of Category 1 players.

**16. Date of AGM and next GB Meeting.**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January – Kesgrave Memorial Hall at 10.30 a.m.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January – Waldringfield Golf Club at 10 am.

**MEETING CLOSED 12.10 PM.**

As this was the last meeting of the present Committee, Ann Graves expressed thanks to Cynthia Robinson, Alison Nielsen and to the County Captain, Sheila Jarvis for their hard work over the last few years, on behalf of the Members of the Governing Body and all Members. She also thanked all the members for helping to make the GB meetings run smoothly during her time as Chair.

Sheila Jarvis responded giving a huge thank-you to all committee members. She gave special thanks to Ann for chairing the meetings and to Jeanette for her organisation skills. She made a small presentation to Alison, who has now served her time on the Committee.

**Chair:** ..... **Date:** .....

## Appendix 1

### ENGLAND GOLF REPRESENTATIVES REPORT – ANNE ARCHER

#### ENGLAND GOLF Suffolk Delegates Meeting held at Halesworth Golf Club on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

1. **Apologies.** Received from Hintlesham, Rookery Park, St. Audrys & Thorpeness.
2. **Welcome:** A warm welcome was extended to any new Delegates. All were reminded that this was a Forum Meeting and no decisions were binding.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting;** Agreed
4. **Matters arising:** none
5. **Ubtter-Club County Competitions:** Congratulations to all Prize-Winners who were: Weston: Ipswich, Weston Plate: Newton Green, Haskell, Stearn & Senior Jubilee Shield: Felixstowe & Cranworth: Halesworth. Waldringfield voiced concern that their first round in the Cranworth will be played at Gorleston.
6. **England Golf:** John Petrie has resigned as CEO & a replacement is being recruited. The amalgamation will take time to settle in. However by the time of the next Suffolk Delegate Meeting there will have been two England Golf Meetings at Woodhall Spa and hopefully all aspects will be clearer.
7. **100 Club:** The New 100-Club Year commenced with Sue Cook announcing she has received £1545 of which £800 will be apportioned in Prizes and the remainder less expenses will boost County Funds. The Meeting decided to award prizes as follows: 1 x £100, 1 x £50 and 2 x £25 per quarter. Results will appear on the County Website. Members were reminded that the 100-Club is still open to any Ladies who wish to participate. Sue Cook was thanked for all her hard work on what has proved to be a very successful initiative.
8. **AOB:**
  - County Captain:** Sheila Jarvis will be retiring as County Captain at the AGM in January 2013 and Laura Lowe will succeed her. Sarah Saggars of Ipswich, a regular first team player, will be the new Vice-Captain.
  - Rushmere:** Queried the disparity between Ladies and Mens' Fees. This should cease in 2014 though the Ladies will continue to pay their Additional sub tro the LGU for a few more years.
  - Stowmarket:** Enquired how many clubs in the County continue to have Separate dates for the start of their Ladies & Mens Captin's year. A straw poll revealed that only Aldeburgh, Fynn Valley, Ipswich, Rushmere & Stowmarket have significantly different starts to their Ladies & Men's Captain's years.

#### **Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting:**

Date: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013

Time: 10.30 am

Venue: Bury St. Edmund.

## **Appendix 2**

### **HASKELL AND STEARN - Cynthia Robinson**

The Stearn final was played at Woodbridge Golf Club on Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Felixstowe defeated Diss by two matches to one. It was a dull, wet day but there was little wind and it was not cold. The matches were keenly contested. Julie Latimer Jones has produced a full report of this match which can be found on the SLGA website. I am most grateful to her for her continued support.

I must say that Woodbridge looked after us very well. Ann welcomed us on arrival, the ladies provided drinks and biscuits at the 10<sup>th</sup> and Nina and her staff gave us an excellent buffet meal in the evening.

As I mentioned the Haskell final in my September report, there is no further news.

Once again, I endorse my thanks to Sheila and Pippa. Their help and support at the semi-finals and final was much appreciated. I am very sorry to miss the November meeting but should like to take this opportunity to say how much I have enjoyed my time on the GB. It is a first-rate Committee with everyone making a significant contribution to the County. I thank you all for your friendship and support and wish you the very best in the future.

### **CRANWORTH - Alison Nielson**

#### **CRANWORTH FINAL 2012**

Ipswich Golf Club kindly hosted the final of the Cranworth Competition on the 27<sup>th</sup> September. The course in excellent condition and the weather glorious, perfect playing conditions. It proved to be an interesting final, Stowmarket previous winners, had a strong team and were convincing winners in this years contests to reach the final. Halesworth on the other hand had very close matches, one being a play-off, before finally winning through.

On the first tee in the morning both teams hitting very impressive drives. This continued throughout the day with good fairway and chipping shots as well. It was the confident putting that saw Halesworth pull ahead to win by 271/2 points to 171/2points.

The staff at Ipswich were most helpful and looked after us all extremely well. Vice Captain Tricia was there to greet us ensuring we had everything required. Ladies Captain Anne Archer (being counties EWGA rep. is having a busy year) arrived later to watch proceedings thank you Anne. Afterwards there was a wonderful varied

menu for the evening meal which we thoroughly enjoyed, our thanks go to Kate and her staff. Julie Latimer-Jones has been very supportive with her reports throughout my years as organiser, though unfortunately at this final, having computer problems and family commitments was not able to attend and give her usual succinct report.

To Sheila, I cannot thank her enough, for her support during my final year as Cranworth organiser and I endorse my thanks to Pippa for her support at the semi finals and wish her well in her capacity as president. I offer my thanks to Jeanette for her hard work and help throughout the changes in the Cranworth and to everyone on the committee for their support.

### **Appendix 3**

#### **JUNIOR REPORT – JUDY HAMSHERE**

A Junior Committee meeting was held on October 8<sup>th</sup> where once again we discussed the future of the committee, and the Junior County girls, without an organiser. We have one member retiring from the committee at the end of the year and two joining; so we are still “ticking over”. It appears if we ask for new members for the committee and NOT a Junior Organiser we get a lot more help. Obvious really!!

It has been a great help having Cynthia to book next years fixtures.

At the moment we still do not know for certain about the funding of the Academy; and therefore if it will go ahead next year. Once this has been decided through the Suffolk Golf Partnership we can plan next years training.

We are pleased to announce that Eleanor Tindall ( Stowmarket ) has agreed to be next years Junior captain. She has progressed through the Suffolk girls ranks from the Beginners group to 2<sup>nd</sup> team, and now the 1<sup>st</sup> team.

The Junior County Match Week will be held in Suffolk in 2014; booking of the venue and the hotel is being arranged by Cynthia and myself.

The Lady/ Junior competition was held at Seckford on Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup>. Heavy rain meant the competition was reduced to 10 holes. Winners were Amanda and Holly Davies ( mother and daughter from Stowmarket )with an amazing 25 points.

The Autumn meeting was held as usual at Ipswich on Thursday November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Lily Kent ( 4 handicap from Ipswich) won the trophy with a gross 75 and reduced her handicap to 3. Holly Davies won the 18 hole Stableford with 37 points on countback from Molly Newson ( Thorpeness ). The 9 hole Stableford on the 9 hole course was won by Amy Davies ( Stowmarket ).

**Appendix 5 - SUFFOLK GOLF PARTNERSHIP**  
**Minutes of the meeting held at Rushmere Golf Club**  
**On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2012**

**Present:** Tony Dobson, Colin Firmin (Chair), Vicki Askew, Kelvin Vince, Alastair Spink, Bev Waspe and Wendy Wootton. Kay Anderson joined the meeting a little later.

**Apologies:** Bill Darling, Katie Cooper, Charlie Damonsing and Steven Peet  
Colin welcomed Vicki Askew from Suffolk Sport to the meeting. Also he said that Tony Garnett has written to say that he will not attend our meetings in future but he has kindly offered to continue to give the Partnership any publicity that is required.

**1. MINUTES** of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**2. ACTION FROM LAST MEETING**

*Treasurer* – Colin and Alastair met with Charlie to sort out the accounts.

*Bi-Annual Review* – this was done by the allocated time and the Partnership has now received the money.

**3. REPORTS**

**a) Treasurer** – the Treasurer was not present but Charlie had produced a Funding Statement for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2012 showing a balance in hand of £30,048.37. Colin informed the meeting that we had since received the final tranche of money for 2009/2013 - £5,875 for core activity and £2,000 for coach development. At previous meetings the setting up of a bursary fund to which Professionals could apply for funding for CPD had been discussed. Following clearance from the PGA it is proposed to transfer £5k into such a fund from the Coach Development 'pot'.

**b) County Development Officer report** - Alastair has circulated his Report. He reported that Fynn Valley have completed their GolfMark annual review and that he had received Felixstowe Ferry's three year re-assessment file.

**c) 16+ Co-ordinator** – Bev's report had been circulated to all committee members. Bev explained that there was an increase in 16+ numbers to date mainly gained from Bramford and West Suffolk. Bev has also circulated the 16+ Budget to March 2013. Bev informed the meeting that she had attended the NHS Wellbeing event and found it extremely beneficial having now obtained an excellent contact. This contact will help the Partnership with cheaper advertising rates in publications such as "Suffolk Life". They have also offered to put our local details on any leaflets they have printed.

The committee discussed the merits of radio advertising and it was suggested that Bev contact BBC Radio Suffolk to see whether the Partnership could have a regular spot on say, Mark Murphy's programme.

**B.W.**

**d) Regional Development Officer report** – there was no Report from Steven.

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

**4. BI – ANNUAL REVIEW – March 2012 to September 2012**

This was completed on time and Colin has received a letter of thanks from England Golf. It was thought possible that the Partnership will be asked to submit a final review after 31.03.13.

**5. DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2013/2017**

There is to be a meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November with Steven, Bev and Alastair to discuss final details for the development plan. Colin, Alastair, Bev and Steven will meet again

on 6<sup>th</sup> December to complete the document which has to be at England Golf by 10<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **6. COUNTY ACADEMY 2013/2017**

Colin and Alastair met with Pippa Beak and Kay Anderson from the SLCGA and Charlie Wilderspin and Mike Stevenson from the SGU to exchange views about the likely future of the County Academy following the end of current funding on 31.03.13. Sport England funding for 2013/2017 will be restricted to support for 14-18 year olds although Sport England/England Golf are very keen to see the Academy continue, with local funding, to cover the 10 -14 age group.

The committee felt that the excellent work that has been done with the Academy should continue if at all possible and Alastair explained the way the County Coaching systems work for the 14-18 year olds which could be complimented by sitting alongside a CAP for those not included in County Coaching.

Colin will be putting forward a proposal to the SGU next week and will be seeking financial support to cover the younger age groups and allow the Academy to continue its work. A similar request will be made to the SLCGA at a later date.

#### **7. GOLF DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE – 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2013**

Colin informed the committee of the Programme for the Conference and after some discussion it was agreed that there would be little benefit to the Partnership and, therefore, no one will attend. Colin will e.mail Steven to let him know of our decision and then respond to England Golf. **C.F.**

**SGP Conference** – it was agreed that we would hold our Conference on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2013. Colin suggested the following items that could be included in the Conference:-

- Tony Bush to speak about Market Segmentation
- Discussion on “Get into Golf”
- Volunteer Awards
- Social Media – Steven has a contact

The committee also agreed that we would not provide refreshments and Alastair will investigate a suitable venue. It was suggested that we look at the U.C.S.

**A.S.**

#### **8. Chairman for 2013/2014**

Colin has put together a Job Specification/advertisement which will be e-mailed to Clubs. It will also be put on the SGP website.

Applicants will be asked to send their expression of interest to the Secretary, Wendy.

**9. Any Other Business** – there was no other business.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 at 2.00 pm – Venue to be announced.**

### **Appendix 6. - COUNTY CAPTAINS’ REPORT – SHEILA JARVIS**

#### **REPORT OF CAPTAINS MEETING 17TH OCTOBER 2012**

#### **COUNTY WEEK**

A review of County Week concluded that everything went off very well with the winner of our region (Essex) going through to the final which was held in Devon. Congratulations were then given to Essex for becoming the winner of the finals.

There was a short discussion on the use of mobile phones but no real decision reached as this is a minefield. Counties would continue with the approach that they would not be permitted.

The date for County Week 2014 is to be 15<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> June and will be hosted by Cambs and Hunts at The Gogs on the Wandlebury course.

A discussion followed about the letter circulated by Warwickshire asking for the whole format of County Week to be altered due to costs and the difficulty of playing over 5 days for the players. Some counties happy with the current format and some supported Warwickshire's comments. It would appear that Suffolk was the only county to write to England Golf in support of this letter. The meeting was very divided but we will wait to see what England Golf do, if anything.

### **2ND TEAM**

The County Second Teams have been playing as a group of 5 after Herts pulled out in a previous year and it seems that everyone is happy on the present format and this would carry on.

### **JUNIORS**

Following the decision to hold a County Week for the juniors this year, everyone expressed how much this was enjoyed by their County and that they would all be happy to continue .

It will be our turn to host this event in 2014.

### **SENIORS**

The present system for the senior matches will continue as all present were happy.

The question of having a senior team event was raised. After discussion it was suggested that this could be included in the present Seniors East Region Championship held at Haverhill. The format could be teams of four from each county with the best three to count. There is at present a spare trophy that could be used as the previous competition known as the East Anglian Championship had finished. Anne Archer to be asked to follow this up

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The subject of a chairperson for next year was discussed as Nickie Clarke would be standing down after this year. Bedfordshire had a lady in mind and they were to ask her if she could take it on.

**The date for the next meeting is October 17<sup>th</sup> 2013.**