

## SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at Waldringfield Golf Club at 10 am

#### PRESENT:

Mrs. Pippa Beak	President
Mrs. Laura Lowe	Captain
Mrs. Anne Archer	England Golf Representative
Mrs. Ann Graves	Handicap Adviser
Miss Hermione Scrope	Treasurer
Mrs. Jeanette Longman	Hon Secretary
Mrs. Judy Hamshere	Junior Representative
Mrs. Liz Robinson	Seniors Organiser
Mrs. Cynthia Stewart	Match & Comp. Venue Organiser
Mrs. Jan Pattinson	Divisional Meetings Organiser
Mrs. Mary Wilderspin	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

Pat Kennedy  
Sarah Saggars

#### 2. Minutes of GB Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014

- a) The date in the head is incorrectly shown as 24<sup>th</sup>, should be 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- b) Item 7d. First word in last sentence should read “**It**” not “The”.

Subject to these amendments the Minutes were approved and signed as a true copy.

#### 3. Matters arising from GB Meeting

None

#### 4. Correspondence

- a) Liz Ward (Newton Green) was granted permission to use a buggy during 2014.
- b) Correspondence with Sabona thanking them for their support during 2013 and their continued sponsorship during 2014.

#### 5. England Golf Representative’s Report – Anne Archer -No written Report.

- a) E-mail concerning Regional Events from 2015 forwarded prior to meeting.
  - Anne will be attending a Regional meeting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. It may be that a second draft of the Strategic Plan will be available.
  - Australian Spoons. Various answers have been received.
  - The Seniors Meeting at Haverhill next year will commence at 11.30.
  - Regional Foursomes next year as a trial only will be played as a 4BBB. Competition to be played at Brookmans Park.

- b) First Aid Course.
  - This was approved at the last Delegates Meeting The Course will cater for 15 members and a date will be arranged for early next year.
- c) Query regarding late entries for competitions.
  - It was explained at the Delegates Meeting that this is at the discretion of the Competition Organiser.

**6. Handicap Adviser's Report – Ann Graves - No report.**

- Ann advised that the date for completing cards to obtain/retain handicaps has been changed to 1<sup>st</sup> March.
- Also the description of handicaps is to change. In future Active Handicaps will be shown with a letter (c) indicating a competition handicap and therefore active. Information has been forwarded to all Handicap Secretaries.

**7. Competition Organisers' Reports – Appendix 1**

- a) County Championship – Chris Lynch-Bates
  - Sub-Committee was set up to decide on distribution of prize fund for 2014.
- b) Divisions – Jan Pattinson - Report on Division 1 meeting attached.
- c) Coronation and Centenary Foursomes. – No report
- d) Weston – No report
  - A number of responses have been received regarding whether Clubs should be permitted to enter more than one team and whether teams should play in handicap order. Final decisions will be taken prior to the Draw for 2015
- e) Haskell & Stearn – Mary Wilderspin.- Report attached.
- f) Cranworth – Angela Middleton.- Report attached.
  - There was some discussion concerning agreement of remaining games once a match is won (this also applied to the Stearn). The ruling will be included in the Specific Rules for both the Cranworth and the Stearn.
- g) Suffolk Seniors' Jubilee Shield – Liz Robinson - No report.
  - This competition will be organised by Championship Organiser in future.

**8. Team Reports - Appendix 2**

- a) 1<sup>st</sup> Team – Laura Lowe – Report attached.
- b) Seniors Report – No Report. Jo Moore attended to observe for next year.
  - Suffolk Seniors met Suffolk Vets at Aldeburgh on 20<sup>th</sup> September, which resulted in a “Friendly Half”.

c) **Junior Organisers Report – Budget and covering letter attached.**

- Autumn Meeting due to be played on 31<sup>st</sup> October has been cancelled. The Lady/Junior Foursomes, due to have been played on 13<sup>th</sup> October, has been postponed until 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Judy Hamshere advised the meeting of the budget deficit caused in the main by the loss of the EWGA Grant and the ELGA Trust Grant being reduced.

The Committee were fully sympathetic to this difficult position and agreed that the SLCGA would underpin the shortfall. **DECISION**

9. **Treasurers Report – Hermione – Appendix 3**

The Treasurer presented the draft accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013 to the meeting. The Accounts showed that the Association had had a good year. Hermione highlighted various points on the accounts including:

- (i) Income from members subscriptions was down due to a decrease of 150 members.
- (ii) Income from County Cards continues to decrease.
- (iii) Entry fees from the Competitions and Inter Club Knock outs rose and we continue to cover our costs in running these events.
- (iv) The surplus from Suffolk Golf Day was slightly less than previously due to an increase in the costs
- (v) The savings in the Teas and Match expenses was due to the fact that there were no expenses for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team and the costs for County Week were reduced.
- (vi) The computer has been written down by £500 to reflect its current value.

Hermione queried the project to which surplus funds from the 100 Club is to be allocated. This had been discussed at the last Delegates Meeting and agreed that this would be put towards the First Aid training. **DECISION**

Hermione then proposed that a further £2,000 should be transferred to the Junior Account. This was unanimously agreed. **DECISION**

- a) Requests for Affiliation Fees for both SLCGA and EG have been sent to Clubs
- b) Entry fees for next year's competitions were discussed and agreed, particularly as regards junior entries to reflect food costs.
- c) County Cards. Hermione advised the Committee of her meeting with the SGU following their unilateral decision to provide free County Cards to their membership, which results in loss of income to the SLCGA.

Agreed that a letter be written to SGU expressing our discontent that a decision was taken to abolish a joint card without consultation. **ACTION JEANETTE**

- d) Invoice received from EBE for hosting of website.
- e) £25 Honorarium to Cynthia Stewart agreed, to bring in line with other Competition Organisers. **DECISION**

10. **Suffolk Golf Partnership**

Next meeting is 26<sup>th</sup> November.

**11. County Captains Meeting**

Laura attended this meeting at Gog Magog on 17<sup>th</sup> October at which East Regions competitions were discussed.

County Week next year is to be held at Gog Magog and all Counties are to organise their own hotel accommodation. The competitions are to be held over 5 days and Laura has arranged accommodation at a Travel Inn at a cost of £3,000 including breakfast. A provisional booking has been made.

**12. Suffolk Golf Day – Chris Lynch-Bates**

Hintlesham Golf Club booked for next year on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August.  
Agreed that overview of competition and entry form would be included in the Blue Book, subject to space being available.

**13. Handbook**

All outstanding matters to First Draft discussed and agreed.

**14. AGM Agenda and Arrangements.**

All arrangements and volunteers agreed.

**15. Requests and Resolutions.**

E-mail sent on 20<sup>th</sup> October requesting any items by 11<sup>th</sup> November.  
No proposals received within time restraints.

**16. Any Other Business**

- a) Date for 2015 AGM confirmed as Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2015.
- b) Anne Archer suggested the PUMA computer programme be changed. It was agreed that this would be considered.

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

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January – Kesgrave Memorial Hall – 10.30 am.  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014 - 10 am at Waldringfield GC – Competition Organisers Meeting to follow.

Chairman ..... Date .....

## APPENDIX 1

### (B) DIVISION 1 REPORT – JAN PATTINSON

On a fine day 51 players assembled at Purdis to play a 3 Ball Morning Medal round with a 2 tee start: the lowest handicaps starting from the 1st. As usual, the course was immaculate and much enjoyed by the competitors. Tricia West, the Lady Captain was a tower of strength, even with an injured ankle and her team of helpers were supportive and charming. My sincere thanks go also to Neill Ellice, the Club Secretary, who was marvellous in advising as to the best format to get the players round the course efficiently, and they even enjoyed the luxury of 10 minutes starting intervals...bliss! Thanks too to Kate Roberts, the caterer, for providing a delicious lunch.

Owing to family illness I was unable to be at this final meeting of the year, but Jeanette Longman and Cynthia Stewart kindly stepped into the breach and were fantastic in running the Division 1: I cannot thank them enough. The County Captain presented the prizes, having played in the medal herself and thus concluded the Divisional Meetings for 2013.

1 <sup>st</sup> Scratch Sybil Green Trophy	Fiona Edmond	Ipswich	67 gross
2 <sup>nd</sup> Scratch Runner-up	Sharon Luckman	Felixstowe Ferry	72 gross
1 <sup>st</sup> Nett	Sally Cade	Newton Green	73 nett
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nett	Jo Moore	Bungay	74 nett
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nett	Rosalie Skinner	Ipswich	74 nett

Division 1 Challenge Shield: 3 best net scores:

Ipswich: 215 strokes. Fiona Edwards 65, Rosalie Skinner 74, Sheila Laws 76

### (E) STEARN REPORT – MARY WILDERSPIN

The final of the Stearn trophy was played at Southwold Golf Club on a warm sunny day in October. Felixstowe beat Gorleston 2 games to 1.

Our thanks go to Southwold for their excellent hospitality.

### (F) CRANWORTH REPORT - ANGELA MIDDLETON

Played at Diss Golf on Thursday September 26th 2013 Between Newton Green and Woodbridge.

Diss were very efficient hosts providing continuous help and support throughout the day both from the club secretary and staff and the Lady Captain and Vice Captain. The course was looking and playing to a high standard.

Both teams had performed well to reach the final against some fierce opposition.

The teams are from long established clubs. Woodbridge were the very first winners in 1936 and have won the trophy eleven times in all. Newton Green have only won it once before.

Teeing off for the foursomes in the morning the tension and nerves were in evidence but the players soon settled into their rhythm. At lunch time the score was 2:1 to Newton Green with all to play for in the afternoon. The matches were strongly contested but Newton Green won the first three of the singles to give them the five points necessary for the overall win.

During the day there was some superb golf especially round the greens where very accurate chipping sometimes had the supporters holding their breath. Very well played both teams and thank you for a very enjoyable day watching some excellent golf.

Throughout the day there was a wonderful friendly atmosphere which carried on right through the after match celebratory meal.

Congratulations to Newton Green for winning and to Woodbridge for reaching the Final.

## **APPENDIX 2 - TEAM REPORTS**

### **(A) FIRST TEAM REPORT - LAURA LOWE**

The First Team had an end of season match against the Thorpeness Men on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2013. We played 4ball better ball and won the match overall by three matches to one. Our thanks to Thorpeness for organising this match and the powers that be for the beautiful autumn sunshine that we played in.

The results were as follows:-

Victoria Inglis (Ipswich)& Lils James (Rookery Park) beat T.Youngs & M.Youngs 7&6

Liz Laflin (Stowmarket) & Sarah Siggers (Ipswich) beat R.Foreman & P.Cooney 4&3

Eloise Aldous (Newton) & Alice barlow (Newton) lost to J.Brinded & J.Cuthbert 2&1

Claire Ferguson (Hintlesham) & Abbie Symonds ( Ipswich) beat J.Spall & J.Tilbrook 6&4

I attended the County Captains' meeting at Gog Magog on 17<sup>th</sup> October with Sarah Siggers, County Vice Captain and Judy Hamshere County Junior Organiser. Arrangements were discussed for County Week at Gog Magog starting with the practice day on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2014. There was not enough support for our suggestion to reduce the team size and play only 3 days, but as hotel bills will be over 20 per cent higher next year maybe everyone will think again.

County Week for 2015 will be held at Chigwell Golf Club in Essex from 21st June 2015

I have attended the Division 1 meeting at Ipswich, the Cranworth Final at Diss, the England Golf Conference at Daventry, and the Delegates meeting at Fynn Valley. My thanks to those Governing Body representatives for all their hard work in organising these events.

## **(C) JUNIOR ORGANISERS REPORT - Budget and covering letter**

Miss Hermione Scrope,  
Hon. Treasurer, S.L.C.G.A. Governing Body.

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2013

Dear Hermione,

Re: Junior budget 2014

I enclose the Junior Budget for 2014 for consideration by the Governing Body at the November meeting.

As you know we have lost the EWGA Grant and the ELGA Trust Grant has been reduced, so we have had to increase the contributions made by the girls to try to bring the training income to a more realistic level. Hence, we are going to ask the girls to pay an Affiliation Fee, which is pretty much in line with the fees paid by ladies plus a contribution towards their training. However in order to keep the cost to a reasonable level we have reduced the number of training sessions in the year by one and also the number of hours in each session from 3 to 2, whilst still maintaining an open door policy. It is intended that girls undertaking training will pay a single fee to cover all training sessions at the beginning of the year. It will also mean that those girls receiving training from the Academy 1 will be eligible to play in junior county events. Academy 1 has their training throughout the summer and so will not receive any training from the Junior Committee. Academy 2, which includes the entire 2<sup>nd</sup> team squad, has their training through the winter and so will receive one session from the Junior Committee on certain skills and team building.

We have increased entry fees to competitions in an effort to make all competitions self financing.

As you will see from the budget, there is a shortfall of £565, which may change if there is some rationalisation with Ladies' Training, but this is still under discussion. It may be that a reduction could be achieved by attracting sponsorship, or by a publicity campaign to encourage more girls to join in. However, if the budget cannot be improved then the work of the Junior Committee relies on the Governing Body underpinning the shortfall. The Junior Committee is a Sub-committee of the County and in order to continue providing training to all girls, it is important that the Governing Body agrees the budget and therefore funding for any shortfall.

After the budget has been agreed, we intend to write to all parents to explain the situation we find ourselves in, and to advise them of the increased charges.

In opening the Budget statement, it is easier to read if the spreadsheet is printed in landscape and gridlines are printed.

Therefore we would be grateful if the contents of this letter and the budget be discussed at the November meeting, a decision made and minuted.

Yours sincerely,  
Susan Cook  
On behalf of the Junior Committee

cc. Mrs Jeanette Longman