

SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting held on Monday 20 January 2014 at Waldringfield Golf Club at 10 am

PRESENT:

Ms Ann Graves	President/Handicap Adviser
Mrs. Laura Lowe	Captain
Mrs. Anne Archer	England Golf Representative
Miss Hermione Scrope	Treasurer
Mrs. Jeanette Longman	Hon Secretary
Miss Sarah Howe	Junior Representative
Mrs. Jo Moore	Seniors Organiser
Mrs. Cynthia Stewart	Match & Comp. Venue Organiser
Mrs. Jan Pattinson	Divisional Meetings Organiser
Mrs. Mary Wilderspin	Haskell/Stearn Organiser
Mrs. June Kenworthy	Weston/Suffolk Senior Shield Organiser
Mrs. Chris Lynch-Bates	Championship Organiser
Mrs. Angela Middleton	Cranworth Organiser
Mrs. Deb Howlett	Foursomes Organiser

1. Welcome New Members

The President welcomed and introduced the new members to the Governing Body. She reminded everyone that un-minuted discussions should remain confidential.

Ann was sorry to report that June was not able to attend the GB Meeting today because of her health.

2. Election of Chairman

Laura, as Captain, was also happy to continue in the role of Chairman.

3. Apologies

June Stack

4. Minutes of GB Meeting on 18 November 2013

The Minutes were approved and signed as a true copy.

5. Matters arising from GB Meeting

None

6. Minutes of AGM – 11 January 2014 – Matters Arising

Although the Weston Bowl was presented to Rushmere, the Captain would like to apologise for her oversight in omitting in her Report that Rushmere had won the Weston Bowl.

7. Correspondence

a) A lovely card was received from Pippa Beak (previous President) thanking the GB for her paperweight and lovely flowers, presented at the AGM.

b) The First Aid Course is now booked for 24 March at Waldringfield – there is space for 15 attendees, 13 of whom have confirmed. Two extra members of the Junior Committee will be invited to attend

ACTION: SARAH HOWE

c) Judi Walker sent her apologies that she was not able to attend the AGM.

8. England Golf Representative's Report – Anne Archer

National:

The third draft of the Strategy Plan has now been produced.

Ann Graves will attend the AGM and General Meeting on Anne's behalf. The main items on the Agenda are the Strategic Plan and Disciplinary Procedures. The SLCGA have asked Ann to raise our concern that the Plan appears to concentrate solely on the elite, junior and younger adult golfer – with no provision appearing to be made for the older golfer. Ann will also be required to vote for a female Board Member.

England Golf Strategic Plan Launch – this is due to be held on 2-3 April and a place will be held available for each County.

Regional:

The remit for the England Golf Representative is to plan, run and review Regional events at meetings attended by the other East Region Representatives. England Golf has now announced that it will fund the Medal, Australian Spoons and provide some funding for County Match Week. The East Region now needs to fund the remaining events – in effect, this means sharing the costs between the six Counties.

At the last East Region Meeting, it was agreed the the first meeting in April (usually run as a 36 hole foursomes) would be an 18 hole 4BBB trial for 2014. This was for a variety of reasons which were explained by Anne.

The East Region Ladies Championship in 2015 is due to be held in Suffolk – a date yet to be agreed. Ann will raise the topic of a joint Championship (from 2015) at the next Regional meeting (currently Junior and Main Championships are separate events at different times of the year). A final decision would need to be made at the October meeting.

Miscellaneous:

Champion of Champions – in the past there was a competition for all Club Champions at County, Regional and National level. This is now being considered again by England Golf. There is some discussion surrounding the resurrection of a Bronze Medal Final – currently there is only one Medal Final

East Region Senior Championship

This is due to be held at Haverhill GC on Monday 14 July for players aged 50 and over. Anne wanted to encourage Suffolk ladies to enter as there is a Team (County) Scratch Trophy. The poster and Entry Form will be available on the website in due course.

Golf Foundation Month for 2014 is May.

9. Handicap Adviser's Report – Ann Graves

Ann advised that the Annual Handicap Review by Clubs should be being undertaken.

10. Team Reports – Appendix 1

a) 1st Team Report – Laura Lowe

Laura confirmed that arrangements were on track for the matches against Aldeburgh Gentlemen on Sunday 9 February and Woodbridge Gentlemen on Sunday 16 February. Laura attended the Junior Jamboree in December and praised its success. Laura has met with Alastair to discuss 1st Team and Junior Elite Coaching – Alastair was confirmed as the County Coach.

b) Seniors Organiser's Report – Jo Moore

c) Junior Organiser's Report – Sarah Howe

Sarah confirmed that preparations for Junior County Match Week, to be hosted by Bury St Edmunds on Monday 18 – Wednesday 20 August are in hand.

11. Treasurer's Report – Hermione Scrope – Appendix 2

Affiliation Fees are now in the process of being received – although less than half have been received to date. From the information received from the Clubs who have paid their Affiliation Fees, numbers appear to be slightly down on last year.

The Budget is based on last year's figures. The SLCGA will underwrite the Juniors by £2,000.

12. County Cards – Laura Lowe/Hermione Scrope

Following a sub-committee meeting, it was recommended that, for 2014, the County Cards (supplied by the SGU) should be distributed by Hermione at a cost of £5. This was agreed.

DECISION

Hermione will keep a record of County Cards sold during 2014 in order that we can determine how to proceed in future years. A decision for 2015 will be made at the November meeting.

ACTION: HERMIONE

13. Suffolk Golf Partnership Report – Appendix 3

The next meeting of the SGP will be at 2pm on Tuesday 4 February at Bury St Edmunds. It was agreed that a prior meeting should be requested with Alastair Spink, Crawford Gillan and the SGU Representatives to discuss the SLCGA's involvement.

ACTION: JEANETTE

14. Safeguarding and Child Protection Responsibilities Annual Review

It was agreed that Sarah should discuss this with the Junior Committee (Kay Anderson has an understanding of the requirements involved) and report back in April.

ACTION: SARAH H

15. County and Regional Competitions

A meeting was scheduled to follow this GB Meeting to discuss the organisation and running of all the Competitions for the coming year

a) Championships (Main and Seniors) – Chris Lynch-Bates

Laura, Mary and Jeanette will support Chris in the preparation and running of the Championships on 9-11 May at Rookery Park. Chris has requested details of the prize fund for this Competition.

b) Haskell and Stearn – Mary Wilderspin

c) Weston – June Kenworthy

This is the second year of a trial – feedback is in the process of being collected (in relation to more than one team entering from any one Club and whether to revert to playing in handicap order). A decision will be made regarding the format for 2015 at the June meeting.

d) Cranworth – Angela Middleton

e) Senior Jubilee Shield – June Kenworthy

f) Divisions – Jan Pattinson

g) Coronation and Centenary Foursomes – Deb Howlett

Deb confirmed that she has arranged to meet the two Host Clubs in the near future to discuss arrangements.

h) East Region Seniors Championship – Anne Archer

This was discussed under the England Golf Representative's Report

16. Suffolk Golf Day – Chris Lynch-Bates

This is due to be held on Monday 11 August at Hintlesham

17. Joy Winn Salver – Laura Lowe

Final Rules have been agreed. These will be sent to Clubs and posted on the website. The Rules will also be handed out to Entrants at the Main Championship.

ACTION: JEANETTE

18. Website – Jeanette Longman

The 2014 Inter-club Knockouts are on the website – the website is now up to date.

19. Any Other Business

- a) Although the date has been announced for the Secretaries Conference in March, no information has yet been received. Jeanette felt that last year, although useful in places, it did not warrant the cost involved
- b) No information has yet been received for the Presidents Conference – last year this was held in May. Ann also felt that it did not warrant the cost involved.
- c) The next Delegates Meeting will be held at Bury St Edmunds on Friday 21 March.
- d) Regional Meetings and Captains/Vice Captains Meetings – Ann G will be attending the next Regional Meeting and will propose that at least one meeting (preferably two meetings) per year should include Captains, Vice Captains, Presidents, England Golf Representatives, Junior Organisers, Treasurers and Secretaries. **ACTION: ANN G**

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 14 April 2014, 10am at Bury St Edmunds

Chairman

Date

APPENDIX 1

TEAM REPORTS

B) SUFFOLK SENIORS REPORT

Progress has been made in the following areas:-

- Fixture with Suffolk Junior Girls in 2014 is being arranged with Bury St Edmunds in July
- Dates, times, and venues have been recommended and are now with Cynthia Stewart to confirm the 2015 Suffolk Senior fixtures
- Contact has been made with all the Suffolk Golf Clubs to request the eligible Ladies under the criteria of:-
 - 55 and over as of 1st January 2014
 - 14 or under handicap

C) JUNIOR ORGANISER'S REPORT

The golf partnership has been granted £3,770.00 for three projects. The part of this that has been granted to the Suffolk 1st team girls is £590.00 the rest of the money will be going to the Suffolk Golf partnership projects.

This award will now be known as **Developing the Junior Player Pathway**.

The projects are listed below:-

1. **Junior Training Centre** – this will be held at Stonham Barns for girls and boys aged up to 10 years to feed into the 10 – 14 Development squad and County training squads. It will involve up to 30 children receiving 20hrs of coaching.
2. **Junior Roadshow** – 4 events at different venues, with challenges and playing competitions at different levels, open to all girls and boys below County Elite squad level. Expected to involve a minimum of 30 children – this will include 6hrs of professional coaching - Participants will pay £10.00 per event.
3. **Girls Elite Squad Training** – to provide further support, including ‘on course’ training in preparation for hosting Junior County Matchweek in 2014. It allows for 2 x 3hrs sessions with 2 coaches and 10hrs of ‘on course’ training, plus green fees etc. It will involve the 1st team squad of up to 12 girls. £590.00 of grant has been allocated to this project.

It must be **noted** that this grant is for projects in **2014**, and there is no indication at present that it will continue.

Preparations are also under way for Junior County week, with full support from Bury Golf Club, Junior Committee and members of the County Committee.

Unfortunately we are losing Jane Bell after a decade or more service, she will be greatly missed, and we thank her for all her help and support throughout the years.

We are hoping to recruit some new Junior Committee members in the coming year.