

# SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting held on Monday 21 July 2014 at Waldringfield Heath Golf Club at 10 am

### PRESENT:

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| Ms Ann Graves        | President/Handicap Adviser             |
| Mrs Laura Lowe       | Captain                                |
| Mrs Sarah Siggers    | Vice Captain                           |
| Mrs Anne Archer      | England Golf Representative            |
| Miss Hermione Scrope | Treasurer                              |
| Mrs Jeanette Longman | Secretary                              |
| Miss Sarah Howe      | Junior Representative                  |
| Mrs Jo Moore         | Seniors Organiser                      |
| Mrs Cynthia Stewart  | Match & Comp. Venue Organiser          |
| Mrs Angela Middleton | Cranworth Organiser                    |
| Mrs Mary Wilderspin  | Haskell/Stearn Organiser               |
| Mrs June Kenworthy   | Weston/Suffolk Senior Shield Organiser |

### 1. Apologies

Jan Pattinson  
Chris Lynch-Bates  
Deb Howlett

### 2. Minutes of GB Meeting on 14 April 2014

The Minutes were approved and signed as a true copy.

### 3. Matters Arising from GB Meeting

It was agreed at the meeting that Jeanette would contact SGP expressing the SLCGA's concern with our involvement. As will be discussed later in this meeting, this has not yet happened.

### 4. Correspondence

- a) AGM 2016 (16 January) – the Booking Contract has been signed and returned
- b) Susan Thurgate (Newton Green) and June Elliott (Gorleston) were granted permission to use buggies.
- c) An email was received regarding the decline in Suffolk members. This was addressed at the recent England Golf meeting but Jeanette will respond to the email separately. **ACTION: JEANETTE**
- d) An email was received in regards to a recent match being cancelled due to the SLCGA being unable to raise a team. **ACTION: JEANETTE**

## 5. **Junior Matters**

The Junior Organiser had been asked to request that the GB meet with one of our training providers, following the concern that was raised at the April meeting. This was discussed at length and the decision was reached that a meeting would not be appropriate.

**ACTION: SARAH H**

The SGP have requested information about this position. Laura, Ann and Sarah H will attend the next SGP meeting and will confirm that they will not be using this trainer for SLCGA training in future.

**ACTION: LAURA**

It was agreed that a sub-committee be tasked with discussing the Training and Development of the Junior Section. As stated in the SLCGA Constitution, this would comprise of Laura (Captain), Sarah S (Vice-Captain) and Sarah H (Junior Organiser). Ann, as President, was invited to join them. This sub-committee have been asked to report back to the November GB Meeting with any proposals/recommendations.

**ACTION: LAURA, SARAH S, SARAH H**

## 6. **England Golf Representative's Report – Anne Archer – Appendix 1**

a) An England Golf Meeting was held on 2 July, at which the Strategic Plan was passed. It was also agreed that the England Golf Affiliation Fee would be raised by £1 with effect from 2016.

b) The East Region Seniors Championship was very successfully run at Haverhill recently.

c) Discussions are currently underway at Regional level regarding Junior and Ladies Regional championship – consideration is being given to holding these on the same day at the same venue (currently one county hosts the Juniors in July and another hosts in September). Anne asked for suggestions/ideas and some ideas were discussed at the today's meeting which Anne will take back to the Regional Committee.

d) The Regional Competition in April was run as a trial 18 hole 4BBB (in place of the usual 36 hole Foursomes). Although no decisions have yet been made, the County Captains have expressed the wish for this competition to revert to a 36 hole Foursomes Competition and to be run at a 'regionally central' venue.

e) England Golf reported that 10 SSS Ratings using the new system had been completed and their feedback was positive. Sue Cook will be asked to report on her experiences so far.

**ACTION: JEANETTE**

f) Cynthia requested that she be informed of dates/venues for Regional events as early as possible.

**ACTION: ANNE A, SARAH H**

## 7. **Handicap Adviser's Report – Ann Graves**

The Ticket system used for requesting advice has been in operation for 18 months and the general consensus appears to be that it is not working very well. This item will be added to the Agenda for the next Delegates meeting

**ACTION: ANNE A**

## 8. **Competition Organisers' Reports – Appendix 2**

a) County Championship – Chris Lynch-Bates (Report attached)

Following some discussion regarding the Seniors Championship, it was decided that there would be no change to the handicap limit for 2015. This will be reviewed after next year's

competition.

b) Divisions – Jan Pattinson

Report on Division 4 is included in the Appendix.

c) Coronation and Centenary Foursomes – Deb Howlett

The reports for these two Foursomes Competitions are included in the Appendix.

d) Weston – June Kenworthy

Any changes to the Weston for 2015 would need to be agreed at this meeting. After discussion, it was agreed that no changes should be made to the format until the full 2 year trial period is completed. Therefore, no changes will be made for 2015.

At the end of the trial period, any feedback (but especially feedback regarding players reverting to playing in handicap order and more than one Club entering a Weston team) should be sent to June.

e) Haskell & Stearn – Mary Wilderspin

Sarah Howe, on behalf of the Juniors, has requested that there is a gap between the Haskell Final and Junior County Match Week in future years. Sarah was asked to let Cynthia and Jeanette know the dates for Junior CMW at least a year in advance so that the diary dates could be agreed before going to print

**ACTION: SARAH H**

f) Cranworth – Angela Middleton (Report attached)

g) Senior Jubilee Shield – June Kenworthy – (Report attached)

## 9. PUMA System

A sub-committee met in April and presented their findings to the GB today. Although it was accepted that the learning process for the PUMA System is not easy (especially when only used 6 times per year), the annual licence fee is £15, Jeanette is comfortable with PUMA and happy to continue to input the data for the relevant Competitions. It was agreed that we should continue to use the PUMA system and address the issue again when the laptop needs replacing.

## 10. Vice Captain 2015/16

Sarah announced that Vanessa Bell had accepted her invitation to be the next Vice Captain.

## 11. Competition Organisers for 2015

**Southwold (3 years)** – Division Organiser – Di Spring & Jenny Cardwell have agreed to be joint Organisers (Di will be the named Organiser for collection of entries to Division Meetings). It was agreed that priority should be given to the running of the Competition(s) as opposed to attending the GB meetings. Therefore, Di and Jenny will be invited to attend the Competition Organisers' meeting following the January GB meeting, but there will be no requirement for them to attend the GB meetings during their term of office (they will liaise with Cynthia to provide reports to the GB following the Division meetings and they will receive copies of the Minutes).

**DECISION**

**Gorleston (3 years)** – Cranworth Organiser – Christine Knappett

**Brett Vale (2 years)** – Championship Organiser – As yet, Brett Vale have been unable to name a representative. It was agreed that Jeanette would contact the Brett Vale Ladies' Captain and ask for an invitation to meet with their ladies (either at one of their Committee

meetings or on one of their ladies' golfing days) to discuss. Ann, Laura and Chris would attend. The hope is that a face-to-face meeting would help to alleviate the reluctance to comply with the Rota system (which all the Clubs agreed to less than 2 years ago).

**ACTION: JEANETTE**

## 12. Team Reports – Appendix 3

a) 1<sup>st</sup> Team – Laura Lowe (Report attached)

b) Seniors Report – Jo Moore (Report attached)

Jo requested whether it would be possible to introduce another fixture (vs Norfolk) into their schedule. This was agreed and Jo will discuss format with Norfolk and ask Cynthia to reserve a venue in October 2015.

**ACTION: JO AND CYNTHIA**

c) **Junior Organisers Report** – Sarah H (Report sent to GB)

Sarah confirmed that the refund (£590) due from the SGP has still not been transferred to our account. She will follow up with the SGP at their next meeting

It was agreed to attempt to move the Junior Championship to Tuesday 26 July 2015 – this will avoid a conflict with the Regional Schools Final Competition

Cynthia requested that Sarah H keep her informed as early as possible of dates/venues for non-Suffolk Junior events

**ACTIONS: SARAH H**

The Junior County Match Week is due to be held on 18-20 August 2014 at Bury St Edmunds. Preparations are well in hand with the final sub-committee meeting due to be held on Monday 28 July.

## 13. Treasurers Report – Hermione – Appendix 4

a) Hermione received a quote for Committee Members Insurance – Insurance is now in place

b) SGP Contract with Alastair Spink – Hermione and Geoff Henney (SGU Treasurer) have discussed this Contract and insist that they both see a copy before it is signed by the SGP. It was agreed that, at the next SGP Meeting, the SLCGA would request a deadline by which time a copy of this contract must be available to view.

**ACTION: LAURA**

## 14. County Cards

Hermione informed us that 80 cards have been sold to date (with equates to 4.1% of the total number of SLCGA members).

Hermione will obtain a quote for printing costs before the GB make a final decision about County Cards for 2015.

**ACTION: HERMIONE**

## 15. Suffolk Golf Partnership - Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday 25 April – Appendix 5

The next meeting will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> July and it was agreed that Laura, Ann and Sarah H would attend (see Item 5 of this Agenda)

Alastair attended the March Delegates Meeting – as far as we are aware, he has had no response or feedback.

## 16. Any Other Business

a) Thanks were received from Jan for the flowers

b) **Suffolk Golf Day (Appendix 6)**

The GB agreed that the Suffolk Golf Day should remain as one event run on a single day. It

was also agreed that (in future) in the event of over-subscription, entries would be balloted immediately after the closing date to ensure that at least one team per Club gained entry. Chris was asked to take this decision back to the next Delegates Meeting

**ACTION: CHRIS**

c) 2015 Diary Dates: **ACTION: CYNTHIA**

\* Due to diary conflicts, the GB agreed to change next year's GB meetings in June (to Monday 20 July) and September (to Monday 28 September)

\* There may be a conflict with the Eastern Region Seniors Championship for 2015. As Anne had already left the meeting by this time, she would be asked to confirm the date with Cynthia and, if necessary, agree another date. **ACTION: ANNE A**

\* It was agreed to change the date of the Jubilee Shield Final to Sunday 13 September

d) Division 3 and 4 – it was agreed that, with effect from 2016, we would move the date of the Division 3 Meeting to May. This would be an initial trial and we would have to ensure that there was no conflict with the Cranworth). **ACTION: CYNTHIA**

e) Laura, Sarah S, Ann G, Jeanette, Hermione, Anne A, Sarah H and Cynthia have arranged to meet with their counterparts at the SGU in October for informal discussions.

f) Adverse comments have been received regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> Team uniforms. There was some discussion about what items of uniform should be replaced and how the stock should be maintained. It was felt that quality and value for money were the major issues. Laura will research. **ACTION: LAURA**

g) Sarah S wanted to add as many Regional and National competitions as possible to the 'events' calendar to allow all Suffolk Ladies to be aware of golfing competitions and easy links to the relevant websites. She asked Mick Wilce to produce a spreadsheet that would show the details of all competitions on one page. Sarah had received an example and asked whether a link could be provided via our website. Jeanette pointed out that there is already a page on the website showing all the County competitions, but she would have a look at the example to determine whether it could easily be incorporated into this list. **ACTION: JEANETTE**

### **Date of next GB Meeting**

Monday 29 September – 10am – Bury St Edmunds

Chairman .....

Date .....

## APPENDIX 1

### England Golf Representatives Report

I hope you have all had the minutes of the last Delegate Meeting, which was at Felixstowe on 30.5.14. Attendance was a little down possibly due to venue and the fact it was half-term week. However thanks go to Chris Lynch Bates for leading the discussion on the Suffolk Golf Day!! On Tuesday 1st July I eventually made it to Woodhall Spa just in time for the forum meeting, which

took place at 3.00 p.m. This began with an excellent presentation from the Golf Foundation and was followed by David Joy giving a full resume of the Strategic Plan; thereafter there was some lively and informed debate. Dinner followed with yet again some interesting discussions. The day ended with a viewing of the film Seve, which I would recommend to all with an interest in Golf!! The following morning was the General Meeting. It was reported that overall membership had fallen by 5% for women and 4.4% for men. Suffolk was mentioned as our membership was 10% down for us and 6% down for men, the main reason thought to be the changes brought about by the phasing out of dual membership. Numbers are expected to fall by at least another 4% next year! There followed the vote on the proposal to increase affiliation fees by £1.00 from 2016 running into 2020. The vote was carried approx. 100 to 60 with a majority of ladies including myself voting for the proposal. A move to defer this decision was defeated as the present articles require an eighteen month notice period for any changes to be effected!!

A change in the accounting year end means that next years AGM will be in April not February and the proposal means more County Representatives will be invited to attend at that time!!

Funding of Special projects was the next agenda item. The Golf Foundation would be given a grant of £40,000 per annum and this was unanimously approved. Following a detailed presentation by David Joy regarding the Strategy Document we were asked to vote to support the funding of this for the next 3 years. With assurances from the Board that if the CGP's fail to deliver

they will be axed and that without the funding there is really no point in having a Strategic Plan I voted to support the motion. We were informed that EG has linked up with Golf Travel and the enhanced data base would be at our disposal. Going forward it is hoped that Counties will have more meetings involving all interested parties and possibly invite EG Board Members to join them. The same applies at a regional level!!

Our final vote related to an amendment to the Articles of Association to reduce annual meetings from 4 to 3. However the wording was such that if passed the EG Board would not actually have had to call any meetings and was thus unanimously rejected. Discussion followed about more involvement at regional level in the future but nothing concrete came out of this!!

Reports from all Committees followed with reference to Golf Mark needing to be updated and also the hope that in the future use of the CDH information could be expanded on and utilised. A CONGU meeting is to be held in August with all interested parties in attendance. The new course rating is up and working; so far 10 courses have been rated! There will be a regional representative to field queries on handicaps and course rating therefore offering a level between County and EG in an attempt to lighten the load at Head Office!!

In summary a full and informative meeting with perhaps some light at the end of the tunnel though it could be an onrushing train.

## APPENDIX 2

### COMPETITION ORGANISERS' REPORT

#### a) County Championship Report

Firstly my thanks to Jeanette Longman, Ann Graves, Mary Wilderspin and Laura Lowe for assisting at Rookery Park. I have written to the Club management and thanked them. Support from their whole team was far above what we could have asked for. The catering department supplied everybody, including spectators, with copious amounts of tea and coffee for the whole three days at no charge, at the presentations home made cakes were also provided!

As those that were there will testify, the weather was worse than atrocious with constantly flooded greens, it was very touch and go if we would complete the competition. Jeanette, Ann and Cliff Longman made excellent green keepers, squeegeing those greens certainly was hard work!

Compared to previous years entries were well down but I believe this was purely geographical and for many local accommodation had to be arranged.

I have thoroughly enjoyed looking after the event and will certainly miss it as I will miss all of you.

#### Senior Championship

The senior championship was also down on entrants and I believe this was for the same reasons. Having said that, it seems it is always a low turn out and could also be due to the physical limitations of those that qualify to enter. Judy did request we discuss raising the limit to 16 handicap and if that were to happen I do not see how it would effect the main competition...if the numbers there were to increase then the seniors would tee off later, there would still be time in the day to complete.

#### b) Division (4) Report

15 May 2014

Winner of Olive Carruthers Cup for Best Stableford Score:

|                 | <b>Name</b>     | <b>Club</b> | <b>Points</b> |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|
|                 | Susan Jackson   | Stowmarket  | 40            |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Mary Sparrow    | Fynn Valley | 37 (ocb)      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Virginia Porter | Woodbridge  | 37 (ocb)      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Amanda Boutell  | Fynn Valley | 36            |

#### Division Shield

|                         |                |             |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Club:                   | Fynn Valley    | Points: 104 |
| Team:                   | Mary Sparrow   | (37 points) |
|                         | Amanda Boutell | (36 points) |
|                         | Coral George   | (31 points) |
| Runners Up: Stowmarket: |                | 89 points   |

Thirty players descended at Gorleston on a gorgeous, sunny day. The course was immaculate and the welcome and hospitality were superb. The Ladies Captain, Marion Anderson, and her team of helpers ran the event very smoothly and a happy day was had by all.

**c) Coronation and Centenary Foursomes**

**Centenary Foursomes – Thursday 3 July – Newton Green**

There was a good entry of 48 players who took part in The Centenary Foursomes competition held at Newton Green on Thursday. Competitors enjoyed playing the course in glorious sunshine and the results were close with just two points dividing the first five prizes. The winners were Patricia Havers and Jennie Leech from Newton Green. Many thanks to Sue Thurgate and her willing team of helpers at Newton Green who certainly lived up to their reputation for wonderful hospitality. It was also great to see our Suffolk Ladies Captain, Laura Lowe back in action presenting the prizes, after recuperating from a recent operation.

|                 |                                   |              |                |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Jennie Leech & Patricia Havers    | Newton Green | 52 pts         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Jeanette Longman & Sheila Burgess | Woodbridge   | 51 pts (on cb) |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Judith Brown & Sarah Gotts        | Cretingham   | 51 pts (on cb) |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Samantha Edwards & Helena Honour  | Diss         | 51 pts         |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Sue Hellman & Val Smith           | Halesworth   | 50 pts         |

**Coronation Foursomes – Thursday 10 July – Halesworth**

A large entry of 56 competitors braved the elements on Thursday, taking part in this 27 hole Foursomes competition held at Halesworth Golf Club. Gale force winds buffeted the course for both the morning and afternoon rounds but the players enjoyed the course which was in wonderful condition with fabulous greens. There was quite a ‘buzz’ in the clubhouse at the end of the day as the big screen displayed the final scores. The winners of the beautiful trophies were Margaret Scales and June Kenworthy presented by SLCGA President, Ann Graves. It was compliments all round for Eileen Whiting, Ladies Captain and her wonderful team of helpers for their warm hospitality both in the clubhouse and on the course and to the caterers for superb refreshments. The prize winners were:

|                 |                                  |                 |        |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------|
| 1 <sup>ST</sup> | Margaret Scales & June Kenworthy | Rushmere        | 108.5  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Liz Laflin & Julie Blemings      | Stowmarket      | 109    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Judi Walker & Jane Darling       | Stowmarket      | 109.75 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Sarah Beeton & Pat Crissell      | Woodbridge      | 111.75 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Sue Montgomery & Viv Kemp        | Bury St Edmunds | 112.25 |

**d) Weston**

We are well over half way through this competition and it seems to be running well. The general opinion is that it would be better to play in handicap order and Ipswich and Hintlesham have requested that we do so.

**e) Haskell and Stearn**

**Haskell**

Aldeburgh are through to the Final of the Haskell Trophy. Hintlesham are playing Felixstowe in the other semi-final on Monday 28 July. The Final is on Sunday 17 August.

**Stearn**

The Stearn matches are up to the Quarter Finals with no problems reported so far.



f) **Cranworth**

The first two rounds of The Cranworth have been successfully completed and we are down to the last eight teams for the Quarter Finals. Sadly, The Suffolk had to withdraw so Thorpeness have progressed straight through. The new rules as regards the scoring were followed by all participating clubs.

g) **Senior Jubilee Shield**

This competition has been very well supported and we are nearing the Final.

The first Semi-Final has been played with Rookery Park winning by 9 holes against Bury St Edmunds.

The second semi-final between Fynn valley at home to Gorleston will be played on Monday 23rd July.

The Final will be played at Thorpeness on Sunday 7th September.

## APPENDIX 3

### TEAM REPORTS

#### a) 1<sup>st</sup> Team Report

Since our last meeting the First Team played a practice match against the Suffolk Professionals at Newton Green Golf Club on Sunday 27 April 2014. We played Sunningdale Foursomes format with the following results:-

|                                   |                  |                             |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sarah Saggars & Eloise Aldous     | lost 1 down to   | Paul Wilby & Ollie Rush     |
| Sarah Howe & Abbie Symonds        | lost 1 down to   | Tim Cooper & Ben Uttridge   |
| Sarah Jane Barker & Emily Penfold | won 1 up against | Frank Hill & Alastair Spink |

Many thanks to Terry Broome for organising the match, and to Newton Green Golf Club for looking after us so well.

Unfortunately my long awaited hip replacement operation was performed on 14 May and I was unable to carry out my normal duties for the County from 14.5.14 to 3.7.14. Many thanks to the Governing Body for the beautiful flowers and card.

On Sunday 1 June 2014 the First Team went to the Gog Magog Golf Club for a practice on the Wendleberry course where they played during County Week. My Vice Captain, Sarah Saggars was in charge. Most of the team were able to attend and get a feel of the course. Alastair Spink, our coach went along to help the team with their course management.

Sarah Saggars was also in charge for the last First Team Training session at Fynn Valley on Sunday 1 June 2014 with Alastair Spink putting the girls through their paces.

The County Championship together with the Senior Championship took place from Friday 9 May 2014 to Sunday 11 May 2014. Very many thanks to Chris Lynch-Bates for running these events so well despite some awful weather conditions. The squeegee talents of several Governing Body members came to the fore clearing the water from the greens!

Congratulations to Sharon Luckman from Ipswich Golf Club for winning the Strokeplay Championship and to Vanessa Bell, also from Ipswich Golf Club for winning the Matchplay Championship.

Chris Lynch-Bates will give all the other results in her report.

The Suffolk Ladies Team was selected for County Week and announced after the prize-giving for the Main and Senior Championships as follows (in alphabetical order) :-

Eloise Aldous (Newton Green), Alice Barlow ( Newton Green ), Vanessa Bell (Ipswich ), Blaize Esmond (Aldeburgh), Sarah Howe (Ipswich), Victoria Inglis (Ipswich ), Lils James (Rookery Park), Lily Kent (Ipswich), Sharon Luckman(Ipswich), Sarah Saggars (Ipswich), Abbie Symonds (Ipswich) , Lottie Whyman (Ipswich).

County Week began on Sunday 15 June. I am so grateful to Sarah Saggars and Ann Graves for all their hard work during the week. The Team played very well against some excellent competition. It was good to hear that our blend of youngsters and experienced players worked well creating a happy atmosphere in which everyone could enjoy their golf and play to the best of their abilities. I am also grateful to Julie Latimer-Jones for her reports on the website which kept me touch with play. Suffolk came fourth out of the 6 teams. The results were as follows:-

**Day 1 - Suffolk 3 Hertfordshire 6**

Foursomes:

Vanessa Bell &amp; Lily Kent lost to Alison Franklin &amp; Charlie Field 1 down

Sharon Luckman &amp; Lil James beat Esther Strous &amp; Julie Howard 2&amp;1

Blaize Esmond &amp; Eloise Aldous beat Steph McEvoy &amp; Ella Ofstedahl 2&amp;1

Singles:

Lily Kent lost to Alison Franklin 3&amp;2

Vanessa Bell beat Steph McEvoy 3&amp;2

Blaize Esmond lost to Ella Ofstedahl 3&amp;2

Lil James lost to Charlie Field 2&amp;1

Sharon Luckman lost to Lucinda Mileham 1 down

Eloise Aldous lost to Nicola Callander 4&amp;3

**Day 2 - Suffolk 5.5 Bedfordshire 3.5**

Foursomes:

Vanessa Bell &amp; Abbie Symonds beat Megan Birdsey &amp; Katherine Carragher 3&amp;2

Sharon Luckman &amp; Lil James halved with Helen Kaylor &amp; Nikki Morris

Blaize Esmond &amp; Alice Barlow lost to Sophie Hillier &amp; Bridie Quin 1 down

Singles:

Vanessa Bell beat Sally Shayler 1up

Abbie Symonds lost to Sophie Mills 8&amp;6

Eloise Aldous beat Nikki Morris 7&amp;5

Alice Barlow lost to Bethany Healey 4&amp;2

Sharon Luckman beat Stephanie Scott 5&amp;4

Sarah Howe beat Sophie Hillier 2 up

**Day 3 - Suffolk 6 Cambs & Hunts 3**

Foursomes:

Vanessa Bell &amp; Lottie Whyman lost to Miranda Brain &amp; Chelsey Herbert 5&amp;3

Sharon Luckman &amp; Lil James beat Tabitha Brain &amp; Megan Taylor 1up

Sarah Howe &amp; Abbie Symonds beat Marcella Tuttle &amp; Tina Broadly 2&amp;1

Singles:

Blaize Esmond beat Miranda Brain 2 up

Sharon Luckman beat Lesley Gilchrist 4&amp;2

Eloise Aldous lost to Chelsey Herbert 12 down

Sarah Howe lost to Tabitha Brain 6&amp;5

Lottie Whyman beat Tina Broadly 6&amp;4

Vanessa Bell beat Jane McGuffog 7&amp;6

**Day 5 - Suffolk 1.5 Essex 7.5**

Foursomes:

Vanessa Bell &amp; Sharon Luckman halved with Hannah Moul &amp; Dulcie Sverdlhoff

Abbie Symonds &amp; Lottie Whyman lost to Ashley Croft &amp; Paige Kemp 1 down

Blaize Esmond &amp; Eloise Aldous lost to Chloe Rogers &amp; Kelly Martin 2 down

Singles:

Vanessa Bell beat Gabriella Cowley 2 up

Sharon Luckman lost to Sophie Maddon 2&amp;1

Eloies Aldous lost to Hannah Moul 4&amp;2

Lottie Whyman lost to Ashley Croft 5&amp;4

Abbie Symonds lost to Paige Kemp 4&amp;3

Sarah Howe Lost to Kelly Martin 1 down

## **b) Seniors Report**

In 2014 the Seniors have had 4 matches to date, 1 at home and three away.

For each match we have fielded a strong team suitable for scratch matchplay. The team has been well supported and no real issues with late call offs. Each match has been played in good spirit and enjoyed by all.

Results:

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Versus Norfolk Ladies Vets (Bungay GC)         | Lost 3 and 1    |
| Versus Suffolk Senior Men (Southwold GC)       | Halved          |
| Versus Essex Senior Ladies (Colchester GC)     | Halved          |
| Versus Bedfordshire Senior Ladies (Mowbury GC) | Won 3.5 and 0.5 |

Discussion with Norfolk Senior Ladies:

Norfolk Senior Ladies do not have a scratch league. However, on making contact with their Captain, they would be delighted to have a yearly fixture with us. They have proposed in 2014 to arrange a match in late September which, subject to agreement, be hosted by them. The format of the match to be agreed.

## **c) Junior Organiser's Report**

The Suffolk Junior Girls Championship was held on 30<sup>th</sup> May at Woodbridge Golf Club. Eloise won the Moss Blundell Trophy and won the Daily Telegraph qualifier with a gross 77. Mollie Newson won the Nett Trophy with a net 75. Unfortunately, this Championship clashed with the South East Schools Finals (and will again next year) so we are looking into changing the date for 2015. We are pleased that three of the Juniors - Alice Barlow, Abbie Symonds and Eloise Aldous - played in Ladies County Week this year.

The organising of Junior County Week is going well, while the 1<sup>st</sup> team are playing practice matches and having training in preparation for County Week.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Team played a match against Cambs & Hunts – unfortunately, they lost but all played well.

Training is still continuing, with the younger ones now going to Ufford for the rest of this year – two sessions have already taken place with Christine Langford and have proven successful.

The money has still not been transferred from the SGP – I will contact Alastair as to why. A sub-committee meeting has not been held but I will organise one as soon as possible.

The Safeguarding and Protecting Workshop – the SGP don't pay for us to do the course, the county does. Alastair emailed me regarding the workshop (when and where it was – May). Chris Lynch-Bates, Kay Anderson and Teresa Wardlaw attended. The cost is £26 per person.

CRB/DBS check – currently no one needs checks carried out, but some will need updating later this year.

## APPENDIX 5

### Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday 25 April

**SUFFOLK GOLF PARTNERSHIP**  
**Minutes of the meeting held at Woodbridge Golf Club**  
**On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2014**

**Present:** Joe Cardy, Bill Darling, Crawford Gillan (Chair), Ron Kent, Steven Peet, Alastair Spink, Kelvin Vince, Wendy Wootton, Sarah Sagers and Sarah Howe (SLCGA)

**1. Apologies:** Ben Jackson and Katie Moggan

**2. MINUTES** of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**3. ACTION FROM LAST MEETING** – Alastair is still to encourage Clubs to register for the Work Place Challenge.

**A.S.**

#### **4. REPORTS**

**a) Suffolk Sport** – no report.

**b) Treasurer** – Alastair presented the Summary of Income and Expenditure for the Budget Year 2013/2014, showing total funds carried forward of £10,623.36. Steven explained that there was an underspend of approximately £6,000 of England Golf funding, some of which could be clawed back by England Golf. This is due to the loss of funding from England Golf based on the drop in numbers of people playing golf. Steven said that he had been informed that nationally Year 2 could be covered by a national underspend plus some claw back of CGP funds plus some direction of other monies while years 3 and 4 could potentially be more problematic.

**c) County Development Officer** – Alastair reported that all Clubs have received details from England Golf about the Play More Golf Fund. Clubs can apply for funding of between £500 and £1,500 with the aim to encourage more people to play golf more regularly.

There is a new College Sport Maker – Sue Wells – who is working with West Suffolk College and Suffolk New College. She has already identified two classes at West Suffolk and created a link with Bury St Edmunds GC.

Otley College have now created a link with Fynn Valley and the Golfparc equipment.

There are four new disability 16+ projects being organised by Matt Abbott, from UCS with 40 students taking part and 20 being referred back to their local golf clubs.

*d) Regional Development Officer report* – Steven explained that the Strategy Launch has been delayed and a partner launch will take place in July in London followed by four regional launches for counties (TBC).

The National Development Conference on the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> April was deemed to be successful with some excellent workshops. Alastair ran a women and girls workshop which was received well by the delegates. Crawford felt that the conference was a worthwhile event.

Nationally, the Development Department has merged with the Club Services Department and England Golf are now recruiting for a National Women and Girls Participation officer. Gareth Jenkins has been recruited as England Golf's Talent Pathway Lead and will now assume responsibility for the CAP.

*e) Golf Foundation report* – Katie's report is attached.

## **5. Biannual Review**

Alastair circulated the outcome overview figures showing target and actual figures. England Golf have confidence in the work being done by Alastair and the Partnership.

## **6. CDO Contract**

After some discussion it was agreed that Alastair would speak with his own accountant regarding his self-employed status as there is some confusion regarding the contract England Golf would like Alastair to sign.

## **7. Get Into Golf**

There is now continuity across the county for the Get Into Golf Centres. The Clubs taking part are Stonham, Rookery Park, West Suffolk, Ufford, Fynn Valley, Bramford, Newton Green and Clare Park. Alastair is pleased with the reaction from clubs and reports that more clubs are showing an interest. These are Ipswich, Southwold, Bury St.Edmunds, Woodbridge and Thorpeness. The four-week coaching sessions are now under way and these will be followed by a further six-week follow-on coaching course and it is then up to the clubs to offer suitable offers to the participants to retain them as regular players and/ or members.

The clubs are well supported with the Get into Golf marketing material, which include banners, flags, promotion within companies and groups, as well as advertising and editorial in the EADT.

Crawford thanked Alastair for all his hard work in setting up such a successful project.

## **8. Golf Month**

Steven informed the meeting that National Golf Month is being advertised in magazines and radio. There are no details as yet as to how many people have signed up for coaching through the website.

## **9. Suffolk Show**

This takes place on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May and the Partnership will be part of the Sports Arena run by Suffolk Sport. The Youth Panel will be using the Factory 11 and Golf Parc equipment to just allow people to play plus the inflatable net so people can come along and have a go. The Get into Golf centres will be heavily promoted during the two days and Alastair emphasised that the area

we run needs to be a fun environment for all. It is hoped that WiFi will be available allowing volunteers to directly book individuals a place at their nearest GiG centre.

**10. Suffolk Golf Union**

Ron Kent had informed his committee of the position with Alastair acting as Treasurer for the Partnership and this was acceptable to the SGU.

Ron showed some concern about just what is being delivered by the Partnership and Crawford expressed his appreciation of the expertise that the SGU can offer the Partnership.

**11. Suffolk Ladies County Golf Association** - Sarah Sagers raised the question of possible liability falling on members of the partnership in the event of any contractual dispute with a CDO and it was agreed to investigate this matter further. Sarah also asked for Special Project Funding to be transferred to SLCGA account.

**12. Sub-Committee meetings**

***14 – 25 Participation Group*** – Stonham Barns in conjunction with Suffolk Junior Golf will be hosting the first of three taster sessions for new junior golfers. In time it is hoped that these students will be signposted to Development squads and local golf clubs.

**13. Legal Damages**

Crawford explained that a woman had been hit on the head by a golf club whilst former CDO Bev Waspe was demonstrating at an event prior to the Suffolk Show in April 2013 and from the evidence provided we have now admitted liability meaning insurers will be paying compensation to the woman through the umbrella CGP Public Liability insurance that covers the Suffolk CGP put in place by England Golf.

**14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was agreed that the new GolfMark would be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

**W.W.**

**11. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY, 2014 at 2.00 pm**  
**– IPSWICH GOLF CLUB**

**Signed** .....

## **APPENDIX 6**

### **Suffolk Golf Day**

#### Feedback from Delegates

Less than a month to go and everything is well in hand. I have worked out the start sheet and will be mailing out in the next couple of days. Menu place cards have been done and I am shortly re-visiting Hintlesham G.C. to purchase the prizes. Help for the day has been organised. In the next couple of weeks I shall sort the score cards and result sheets.

I attended a delegates meeting to ask for ideas on how we manage over subscription to the golf day. I have not received much feed back but from those that did the consensus is to keep it at one event but to monitor the number of entries from each Club...to make sure that each has at least one entry if they so wish....remaining places to be pulled from the pile ( I would further suggest that this is also monitored on an annual basis to ensure the same teams are not constantly lucky/unlucky

(The only question that arises is what to do about mixed teams, those that are made up of players from more than one Club.)

I recommend that we go with this and if you are in agreement then with Anne's' permission I can take our decision back to the delegates. The idea of running the golf day twice a year could be damaging in the longer term, if numbers dwindled we could lose the whole event.