

SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting held on Monday 13 April 2015 at Bury St Edmunds Golf Club at 10 am

PRESENT:

Ms Ann Graves	President
Mrs Sarah Sagers	Captain
Miss Hermione Scrope	Treasurer
Mrs Jeanette Longman	Secretary
Miss Sarah Howe	Junior Representative
Mrs Rebecca Evans	England Golf Representative
Mrs Eunice Gray	Handicap Adviser
Mrs Jo Moore	Seniors Organiser
Mrs Cynthia Stewart	Match & Comp. Venue Organiser
Mrs Christine Knappett	Cranworth Organiser
Miss Vanessa Bell	Vice Captain
Mrs Mary Wilderspin	Haskell/Stearn Organiser
Mrs Deb Howlett	Foursomes Organiser
Ms Chris Lynch-Bates	Championship Organiser

1. **Apologies**

June Kenworthy

2. **Minutes of GB Meeting on 19 January 2015**

The Minutes were approved and signed as a true copy

3. **Matters Arising from GB Meeting**

Course Ratings – at the Delegates Meeting, Rebecca asked the Delegates to inform members of their Clubs that there are two vacancies for the posts of Course Raters. It was agreed that the next step should be to request a job description from Sue/Julie and then email Ladies' Captains asking them to announce these vacancies, hopefully in time for their Spring meetings. **ACTION: JEANETTE**

Sue Cook is in the process of arranging to meet with the two SGU Course Raters to discuss the plan for 2015 – if available, Jeanette will also attend this meeting and report back to the SLCGA.

4. **Minutes of AGM – 10 January 2015 – Matters Arising**

None.

5. **Correspondence**

- a) Permission to use a buggy was granted to Liz Ward, Newton Green (valid for 5 years).
- b) Permission to use a buggy was granted to June Elliott, Gorleston
- c) Permission to use a buggy was granted to Linda Bennett, Ipswich
- d) County Presidents have been invited to enter a team for a Tournament at Frilford Heath on 12 August as part of the England Golf Week). Unfortunately, the SGU are unable to participate, so Suffolk will not be entering a team.
- e) A link has been provided on the SLCGA website to Sports Publications (Publishers of

National Club Golfer and Lady Golfer magazines). In return, we have been offered the opportunity to run a news story on their site. After some discussion, it was agreed to approach Julie Latimer-Jones and ask if she would be interested in writing a piece about the wide variety of courses we enjoy in Suffolk (which included links, parkland and heathland). **ACTION: SARAH S**

f) Sarah Saggars received a donation of £500 from the Suffolk Vets. It was agreed that this should be used for Squad B Training purposes. Sarah Howe was asked to write thanking them for their generous donation. **ACTION: SARAH H**

6. England Golf Representative's Report – Rebecca Evans – Appendix 1

A Delegates Meeting was held on 27 March – the Minutes were distributed and are available on the SLCGA website.

The England Golf AGM is on 16/17 April - Rebecca and Jeanette are registered to attend. There is a Structure of Golf and Affiliation Process workshop on 14 May at Bishops Stortford – it was agreed that Rebecca and Hermione would attend. **ACTION: REBECCA**

7. Handicap Adviser's Report – Eunice Gray – Appendix 2

Eunice and Ann attended a National Handicap Workshop on 7 April and explained some of the key CONGU changes that will come into effect in 2016 – they are all covered in the attached Appendix. It was agreed that Eunice would arrange a meeting of Handicap Secretaries later this year. **ACTION: EUNICE**

8. County Match Week (22-26 June at Chigwell, Essex) – Sarah Saggars

Sarah is corresponding with the Essex Organisers. 9 rooms in a local hotel have been booked for the duration.

Vanessa will organise the catering arrangements for the week **ACTION: VANESSA**

Sarah has requested the GB to return to their respective Clubs and ask for volunteers to caddy. A Rota for Caddies will be produced **ACTION: GB/SARAH S**

An extra practice match has been arranged at Chigwell on 23 May (the Training Session on the 24th will be cancelled). Once the team has been chosen, Sarah intends to arrange mini coaching sessions in the lead-up to County Match Week.

9. Competition Organisers' Reports – Appendix 3

Contact details for Referees at County Competitions need to be updated

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

The arrangements are in place, although Chris will be on vacation during the Championship –there are 20 Main and 9 Senior Championship entrants (and a marker for the Senior Championship). The start sheet will be available on the website soon. Cynthia and Jeanette will hold the fort over the three days. The start sheet will be sent out shortly. Referees – to be confirmed **ACTION: CHRIS L-B**

Detmar (Sabona) will be invited to present the trophies on the Sunday **ACTION: JEANETTE**

There was some discussion surrounding the engraving of the Strokeplay Championship Trophy. It was agreed that Vanessa would arrange for both the Strokeplay and Matchplay Trophies to be engraved (prior to the Championship) **ACTION: VANESSA**

Due to the low number of entrants, it was agreed to take feedback to the next GB meeting.

b) Divisions – Di Spring/Jen Cardwell

The closing date for Division 4 is 15 April and there are currently 21 entrants. The start sheet will be sent to Clubs and be available on the website shortly. Di/Jen are in contact with the Trophy holders to ensure that Trophies will be returned to The Suffolk.

It was agreed that changing for a meal after the Division meeting would not be mandatory – this would be the case for all County competitions, unless the hosting Club wishes for players to change for a meal.

c) Weston – June Kenworthy - Report attached

d) Haskell & Stearn – Mary Wilderspin

Nothing to report as yet.

e) Cranworth – Christine Knappett - Report attached

Arrangements are in place for the Preliminary Round on 28 May. Jeanette will be available during the day to answer any queries and, as Chris will be on vacation, she will ask Clubs to inform Jeanette of the results at the end of play. Jeanette will complete the Draw for the 1st Round and inform Clubs the following day.

f) Coronation and Centenary Foursomes – Deb Howlett

Entries will be accepted from 20 April. Deb has arranged to meet with the Ladies Captains of Bungay and Woodbridge to finalise the arrangements.

g) Senior Jubilee Shield – June Kenworthy - Report attached

10. Team Reports – Appendix 4.

a) 1st Team Report – Sarah Siggers – Report attached

There was some discussion regarding sponsorship for the 1st Team – primarily to cover the cost of clothing. It was agreed that a list of requirements should be drawn up before approaching Companies for sponsorship. **ACTION: SARAH S**

b) Seniors Report – Jo Moore – Report attached

Jo has received a good response to her request for those interested in playing in Senior Matches this year. She has signed up 26 ladies to play in 8 matches.

Jo has some spare County shirts, but would like to obtain some more. Sarah suggested that, if the 1st Team replaced their shirts in 2016, the Seniors could then have the shirts that they currently use. Sarah also agreed to pass on the address and price list for the current suppliers.

c) Juniors Report – Sarah Howe

A Junior Fixture List is now available.

There is a cartoon that is being used for encouraging juniors to take up golf – in order to use this cartoon for the SLCGA juniors would incur a cost for reproduction rights. Sarah H will research this **ACTION: SARAH H**

DBS checks have been completed for Nicola Tindall, Teresa Wardlaw and Michelle Wilce. Unfortunately, Claire Aldous' check, which is being undertaken directly by England Golf, seems to have stalled. **ACTION: JEANETTE**

Nicola and Clare are required to attend a Safeguarding and Protecting Children Workshop this year. Sarah H informed the GB that Nicola and Claire were liaising with Alastair to arrange attendance.

Get Into Golf – there was a session at Stonham Barns on 1 March, at which 3 junior girls were present. Contact details were passed to Sarah H, but to date she has not received responses from two of the girls.

11. Joy Winn Salver – Jeanette Longman

Eunice believes that it will be possible to access the necessary competition results direct from CDH (if this is possible, Eunice will take over the administration).

It was agreed that the 3 Gross Scores should be limited to qualifying competitions on Suffolk courses

12. Suffolk Golf Day – Chris Lynch-Bates

31 Teams have already entered. It was agreed that priority would be given to entries from Suffolk Clubs and the Draw will take place as soon as the closing date is reached.

13. Treasurers Report – Hermione Scrope

Sponsorship for 2015 has been received from Sabona. Jeanette will send a letter of thanks.

ACTION: JEANETTE

All Affiliation Fees have now been received for 2015 – numbers are down by 23.

There was some discussion surrounding the Affiliation Fees for Associate Members (players who are Full Members of another County) – it was felt that the review being undertaken by England Golf may be of relevance and so we should wait for their deliberations before addressing this issue. The SLCGA Constitution states that an Associate Member may not play in the County Championship or for County Teams

14. Suffolk Golf Partnership – Appendix 5

Rebecca and Chris attended their first SGP meeting in February. A request was made by the SGU/SLCGA for access to the Portal in order to improve communication within the SGP, which was granted. Rebecca has undertaken to research the marketing within the SGP and Tony Rubin will be researching the Treasurer's role.

The SLCGA were led to believe that there were bursaries available for Level 1 PGA Training – however, it became apparent that these bursaries are only available for those under 25, who are required to pay £88 towards the cost of the training and to make a commitment in time afterwards

Wendy has now stepped down as Secretary and so a replacement is needed

There was a meeting of Professionals and Club CJO's on 10 March at Ufford attended by Chris Lynch-Bates and Sarah Howe (report attached).

15. County Fixtures for 2016

The list of dates and venues for County Competitions in 2016 were agreed.

There were some suggested alterations to the Rota produced for County Fixtures from 2016-2030. Jeanette will update the Rota, after which Cynthia will send, along with the list of dates and venues for 2016, to the Club Secretaries. **ACTION: JEANETTE/CYNTHIA**

Dates for the inter-club Knockouts were discussed.

Haskell – 1st Round to be played by 31 May, Quarter Finals by 30 June, suggested dates for the Semi Finals is on Sunday 24 July and the Final on Sunday 21 August.

Stearn – to be played on the 1st Monday of the month (6 June, 4 July, 1 August, 5 September and the Final on 3 October

Cranworth - to be played on the 4th Thursday of the month (26 May, 23 June, 28 July, 25 August and Final on 22 September)

Senior Jubilee Shield – Preliminary Round to be played by 30 April, 1st Round by 31 May, Quarter Final by 30 June, suggested dates for the Semi Finals is on Friday 29 July and the Final on Sunday 11 September

Weston – all games to be completed by 31 August.

Cynthia will inform the Club Secretaries of these dates, at the same time reminding them that, if their ladies enter a team, they must keep the dates available – the Draw will be sent out in October.

16. **Dates for GB Meetings 2016**

The dates and venues were agreed and were confirmed following the meeting:

Monday 18 January – Waldringfield – 10am

Monday 18 April – Fynn Valley – 3pm

Monday 18 July – Waldringfield – 3pm

Monday 19 September – Fynn Valley – 3pm

Monday 21 November – Waldringfield – 10am

17. **Website – Jeanette Longman**

The website is in the process of being updated. SLCGA email addresses are now set up for Jeanette and Rebecca. An email address will be set up for Eunice **ACTION: JEANETTE**

18. **Any Other Business**

a) An SLCGA Laptop has now been purchased.

b) There is a Ladies European Tour competition at Stoke by Nayland on 8-10 October. Sarah S to follow up with access for the 1st Team **ACTION: SARAH S**

c) Cynthia and Eunice thanked the GB for the flowers they received following their recent operations.

d) Chris Lynch-Bates asked whether it would be possible to highlight the Seniors Stroke and Match play in the Blue Book in order to make it easier to differentiate from the Main.

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

Monday 20 July 2015 – Fynn Valley GC – 10am

Chairman

Date

APPENDIX 1

ENGLAND GOLF REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Governance & Affiliation Workshop 6th February at Stoke By Nayland GC

I attended the afore mentioned workshop on the 6th Feb along with Hermione Scope and representatives from the SGU. The afternoon was spent discussing as groups the following;

- Affiliation Fees and how best they should be collected
- Voting members and do we have the correct balance
- Nomadic golfers and what could England Golf offer them and how do they engage with them

The afternoon was very well represented by the counties but sadly only a handful of clubs attended the morning session. Portas Group is currently collecting their finding and a report is due to be released very soon.

Board Nominations

We will have the opportunity to vote on 2 board positions that become available at the AGM on the 16th April. The voting style has changed and now we use the alternative voting system. How this works is; we put a 1 against our first choice and a 2 against the second and so on until we run out of candidates or we no longer wish to vote. The nominations are:

Judith Hanratty

Patricia Crowson

Sarah Brooks

Helen Heggarty

Carole Waights

Our vote will be cast at the AGM on Thursday 16th April.

LGU

Exploratory discussions are underway between the Ladies' Golf Union (LGU) and The R&A towards establishing a more closely coordinated working relationship and the possibility of a merger between the two organisation's.

There is a great deal of synergy between the LGU and The R&A, with both based in St Andrews and responsible for staging Major Championships, prestigious amateur events and international matches.

Both organisation's are committed to supporting the development of golf and encouraging participation in the sport.

Watch this space!

APPENDIX 2

HANDICAP ADVISER'S REPORT

NATIONAL HANDICAP WORKSHOP - 7TH April 2015

- Key handicap issues facing clubs
- Guidance in the use of the CDH
- An overview of the new Course Rating system
- CONGU changes for 2016

COURSE RATING

The USGA rating system is well underway with more than 90 courses having been rated. All tees can be rated for both sexes. Courses are assessed on effective playing length, factors such as roll, elevation etc and obstacle factors (topography, fairway width, green size etc). All courses to eventually have a slope rating in line with the worldwide system but it is thought this is a long way off. It is calculated on Bogey rating plus the scratch score. The bogey rating is an evaluation of the course in normal weather and playing conditions.

HANDICAPS

Looked at the roles and responsibilities of the H/C committee and the role of the club and the criteria they should be following in appointing a H/C committee, ensuring guidelines are followed, ensuring the course is accurately measured and a SSS allocated, retaining H/C records for the correct period and ensuring the correct licensed software is being used.. The committee should be headed by a chairman, and be made up of a Ladies rep, Men's rep plus 2 other members and the sec/manager if he/she has the skills. Continuity v. important as is a good understanding of the CONGU system.

Handicap Committees are responsible for specifying who is an acceptable marker and how many cards are required to attain a first handicap.

One of their main responsibilities is to carry out the annual review of handicaps.

** only need to play 3 x 9 hole competitions to retain a h/c

USE OF THE CDH SUPPORT SYSTEM

A one stop for anything and everything you need to know about golf. Gave a run through on how to use the site to gain info on CDH numbers, h/c's etc.

In the afternoon looked at Annual H/C review and the process. Should ensure the h/c reflects playing ability and tends to focus mainly on those with declining ability. Looked at how the process could be standardized and CONGU concluded that as most admin is on computer a standardized approach should be feasible .

Discussed appeals and grounds for appeal-unfair sanction, irregularity in process or error of fact. Steps to resolution should be to first of all to discuss with the player and try to resolve informally. If not it is the player who must write to County and then County will deal with the appeal. If it is still not resolved it goes to England Golf.

CONGU CHANGES FOR 2016

Full details by end of July

- Competition and Non competition H/C's to continue with Ireland to introduce this.
- 4BBB H/C allowance to be 90% of exact playing H/C. Exceptional Scoring Reductions/Increase to change to a Continual Review Increase
- Reactivation of H/C will be assessed on the last 3 score cards and will be flagged up if it needs changing up or down
- Reallocation of H/C. If a player puts in 3 cards, say by, April then leaves the club. She joins another club in January then her previous handicap is retained.
- "Golfing Year" Reference date to change to 1st Jan not as now 1st March
- Supplementary scores-restrictions on Cat 1 players to stay the same all others can put in up to 10 supplementary cards
- Supplementary scores at a players away club to be allowed
- 9 hole supplementary scores to be allowed as a total of the 10 exc Cat 1 (to be reviewed)
- Maximum H/C to change-ladies in Cat 5 will be 40.4, men in Cat 5 will be 36.4. An additional H/C category Cat 6 for juniors and disabilities up to 54
- Preferred lies will be decided nationally then by County level
- Simplified system will become reduction only for the year. At the H/C review this will be recalculated on an annual basis with the existing system having been running in the background as a check. May not come into effect until 2017.

APPENDIX 3

COMPETITION ORGANISER'S REPORTS

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Championships are now four weeks away and myself and Sarah Sagers have met with Felixstowe to discuss arrangements and requirements.

Hilary Moss, the Lady Captain, is willing to help for the whole three days. This is a real boon as I won't be there!

Ray Baines, Felixstowe's manager, is very accommodating and I can't foresee any problems other than they cannot provide pin position sheets, it is something they just don't do and apparently hasn't caused problems at past events but they will endeavour to change pin positions daily.

Preparing score cards may have to be left until the last minute as Felixstowe has changed/ re-phrased local rules and amended hole distances. New score cards should be received from print by the turn of the month. This should not be a problem as I will still have time to collect and complete them before I go away. If there is a delay at their printers I will use the current cards but amend them accordingly. Hilary has forwarded me a copy of changes and I would be able to work from that.

As to my absence from the event I do not foresee any problems. All necessary paperwork etc. will be done in advance. I do hope to have a session with the 'willing helpers' to discuss what needs to be done and when.

It does need to be decided what we will be doing for starters and referees.

The Senior event entrants is an odd number but Sheila Jarvis is willing to be marker. Sarah and I have completed the draw and I have completed the start sheets...I will mail this to the players after the GB meeting.

It is unfortunate that the number of entrants has not improved from 2014 and the numbers for the Senior event has fallen again. I made a couple of 'phone calls and it seems players are away or giving it a miss. Jo did try to drum up some more support, thanks for that Jo. Sarah chased her squad and they are well represented.

WESTON

We welcome Halesworth to the competition while Haverhill have a rest.

This year we have reverted back to playing in handicap order, a decision welcomed by most clubs. The Weston has got off to a slow start this year with most clubs waiting for the warmer weather. The most activity so far is in Division 2 where Stowmarket have played 3 matches and won 13 out of 15 points.

CRANWORTH

Once again 23 Clubs have entered the County Cranworth Salver 2015 with Royal Worlington Golf Club joining us and The Suffolk Golf Club taking time out. The Preliminary round is on Thursday 28th May 2015 in which 14 clubs will be playing on neutral grounds for a place in Round 1. We wish them every success.

A database of Cranworth Team Captains has been collated to enable direct contact with the teams participating. Hopefully this may help alleviate some problems. (Jeanette has a copy) I have made contact with all the clubs involved.

There have been a number of issues with regard to a clash of bookings at some clubs on a designated Cranworth day. In addition to those already known both Seckford and Diss created further potential problems. These have been resolved for this year, but it seems that clubs need to be reminded of their obligations when entering a County Knockout Competition. This needs to be addressed for the 2016 season.

Imbalance of Distances between Host Club and Playing Clubs. This has been an issue this year and after a discussion with Jeanette, Cynthia and myself I think we have come up with a solution that should satisfy all. If a solution cannot be found using the clubs drawn only in the Preliminary Round the circle will be widened to include all clubs that have entered the competition. This will give the opportunity for no club to be travelling more than the designated miles that we state and also enable the playing clubs to travel as near as possible equal distance to their host club. Thus providing the equality and fairness we are striving for within the spirit of the competition.

As I am unavailable between 16th – 30th May inclusive alternative arrangements for Preliminary Round 28th May 2015 will be made and all clubs will be informed. Jeanette has very kindly agreed to receive the results and complete the draw for the next round informing the playing clubs and host clubs accordingly. I thank her for that.

We look forward to a healthy and successful golfing year.

SENIOR JUBILEE SHIELD

This year 21 clubs have entered the competition with Ufford Park and Cretingham joining us. So far 2 matches have been played in the preliminary round. Stowmarket beat Felixstowe by 5 holes. Aldeburgh beat Waldringfield by 14 holes. Both matches were played in sunshine, let's hope there is more to come. The 3 other matches in the preliminary round are due to be played this week.

APPENDIX 4

TEAM REPORTS

1ST TEAM

Suffolk 1st Team verses Aldeburgh Men – 8 February 2015

We won!

Report by Julie Latimer-Jones:

When a team from the first squad of the county's best golfers took on a men's team from the home club, in their first practice match of the year, the sun shone on the Aldeburgh golf course, tempering the blustery wind which increased as the morning wore on.

Despite a certain February rustiness, the ladies produced some good golf to get ahead by the end of the round. Ian Kitson, scratch, and Doug Inglis were three over par after sixteen, handing out in the process a 5/4 beating to Vanessa Bell and Lottie Whyman. Sharon Luckman and Lils James combined Sharon's long driving with Lils' steady putting to mop up a point on seventeen against Roger Taylor and Dick Jenkinson. Sarah Howe also found the greens to her liking, She sank 'loads of putts' according to her partner, Abbie Symonds, who was pleased with her own results off the tee. Her swing looked pretty impressive. They finished all square with Robin Anderton and Colin Taylor. Bringing up the tail, club mates Eloise Aldous, Junior County Captain, and Alice Barlow had a close fought game against Ian Henderson and Chris Nall. The girls, both are still juniors although they have already played at County Match Week for the first team, were 1 up at halfway and that was how they finished. They made two birdies, one at the par four second hole and the second at the 180 yard par three fifteenth.

Altogether a satisfactory first outing of the year and pleasing for the County's new Captain, Sarah Sadders.

Suffolk v SGU First Team @ Royal Worlington – 22 March 2015

Last year we missed this fixture but apparently the men's team turned up to play and when we didn't show had a game amongst themselves. Thankfully we were met with enthusiasm and a very strong team from the men. We played foursomes off the men's card with 2 courtesy shots and handicap allowance.

We lost, Tony Garnet produced a match report for the East Anglian which is very biased to the men. It is difficult to make an interesting report when one is playing.

I would also like to say that it was Ron Kent's last commitment as President, and he helped me out brilliantly with the cards.

SLCGA, First Team Practice Match v Woodbridge Hambro Team–5 April 2015

Team:

Sharon Luckman & Lils James v Jim Harrison & Steve Mann - SLCGA won 2 & 1

Vicky Inglis & Ellie Aldous v Alan Scovell & Jamie Summers - W'bridge won 6 & 5

Sarah Sadders & Sarah Howe v Andy Whitaker & Gary Seaman - W'bridge won 2 & 1

Abbie Symonds & Alice Barlow v John West & Rob Salter - W'bridge won 1 up

Result: Woodbridge won 3 & 1

Again the weather was good although a little cool. We played foursomes with the first 3 matches

being played off scratch and off the men's card, the final match played off handicap, the ladies receiving 3 shots.

Playing off the men's card was our undoing, on the front 9 I believe the ladies were all up or level-pegging but as soon as we hit the back 9 we started to fall by the wayside as the men were able to reach the par 4s which are par 5s for ladies and we could not, except of course for Sharon and Lils, who are both long hitters of the ball.

This is another pre-season, fun match played against a strong men's team, unfortunately, we lost but these are warm-ups and remind us we need to get out there and tighten up our games.

Training with Chris Langford at Thorpeness – 15 February 2015

The training went very well and we had mostly positive feed back, unfortunately, it was probably too long a day for some of the new Juniors, so will look at approaching this a little differently.

Training with Chris Langford at Thorpeness – 6 April 2015

This was a very busy weekend as Woodbridge changed the match date to the 5th, the weather was dry but very cold on the coast. Christine had the senior ladies practicing their putting, with lots of different exercises which encouraged a few, namely myself, Vanessa, Sharon and Emily to get very competitive, we then moved on to 10yard chipping with different clubs. As it was so cold we decided to have a cup of hotchocolate rather than play 7 holes and have a chat about how the team was going to improve our short game. Between the Champs and CMW we hope to have evening get togethers maybe at Purdis to work on shortgame. The Juniors came arrived and after having a drink went out for their training session – the sun shone. Michele how did this go?

SENIORS

Following the email sent to all the Club Ladies Secretaries asking for Lady players under the new criteria of 50 years old and over as of January 1st 2015, and handicap of 13 and below I now have a list of the available players which total 26.

These players have been sent an e mail asking for availability for the various matches which have been arranged. Following this I have selected the teams, including everyone where possible but still trying to field a strong team in the scratch matches.

For 2015 we have 8 matches, 4 at home and 4 away. Our first match is verse the Norfolk Lady Vets at the Royal Cromer GC on Tuesday 19th May.

Now looking forward to the matches and an enjoyable season.

APPENDIX 5

SUFFOLK GOLF PARTNERSHIP REPORT

Raising our Game.

Focus on all golf partnerships to set targets and objectives to increase the participation of golf between April and September. The proposals are still in their infancy, however, a meeting has taken place with the SGP (Suffolk Golf Partnership) to discuss the proposals. The proposals are:

Proposal 1 Create a single plan for both the SLCGA & SGU. This would replace any operational plans both parties have. It includes 7 core values which are;

- **More players:** Increasing the number of players who play golf regularly
- **More members:** Increasing the number of players in club membership
- **Stronger clubs:** Supporting clubs to attract and retain members and to achieve a sustainable business model
- **Winning golfers:** Identifying and developing talented golfers at every level, leading to international amateur success
- **Outstanding championships:** providing excellent championships and competitions for golfers of all levels
- **Improved image:** changing the perception of golf and improving communications with members, clubs and within the sport as a whole
- **Excellent governance:** improving the governance, building the infrastructure and strengthening the partnerships to develop golf in England

Proposal 2; Rename CGP to County Golf Development Group

Proposal 3 CDO – Make full time position employed by EG

Proposal 4. Reallocation of funding i.e. get in to golf funding if not spent. This is not any money the county has raised itself, only funding from England Golf which remains unspent after a period of time. Currently this is not time measured.

Proposal 5 Golf club offer. Currently developing an offer for golf clubs, watch this space!

England Golf have now released feedback from the counties and it shows agreement by percentage, this is;

1. 78% in agreement 22% not
2. 68% in agreement 32% not
3. 86% in agreement 14% not
4. 56% in agreement 44% not
5. 93% in agreement 7% not

We also have now received the template from which we are proposing we use to detail our objectives.

Golf Foundation Workshop – Report by Chris Lynch-Bates

Chris Lynch-Bates and Sarah Howe attended this workshop at Ufford on 10 March. It was hosted by Kate Moggan of the PGA and was aimed at the Professionals and Club Managers to give them the path to accessing the Golf Foundation funding for getting your people into the game.

Ideas were shared and I saw it as very beneficial for them. Lots of ideas on street golf at schools and leisure centres. Some Clubs are very proactive with this, others possibly interested but not supporting wholeheartedly. It seems that after taster sessions a small percentage of participants will sign up for Club hosted sessions.

Benefits? Eventually some may take junior membership and of course there may be some future talent. Possibly some may give golf another go later on.

Although we attended I don't feel we were able to constructively offer much – I was asked by a Professional why I was there and explained that I was representing the SLCGA as an observer. This seemed to go down rather well as I felt he was surprised at and appreciated our interest. I was dismayed at the number of Professionals who attended.