

## SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting held on Monday 16 November 2015 at Waldringfield Golf Club at 10 am

#### **PRESENT:**

Ms Ann Graves	President
Sarah Saggars	Captain
Miss Hermione Scrope	Treasurer
Mrs Jeanette Longman	Secretary
Miss Sarah Howe	Junior Representative
Mrs Rebecca Evans	England Golf Representative
Mrs Christine Knappett	Cranworth Organiser
Miss Vanessa Bell	Vice Captain
Ms Chris Lynch-Bates	Championship Organiser
Mrs Cynthia Stewart	Match & Venue Organiser
Mrs June Kenworthy	Weston & Senior Shield Organiser
Mrs Deb Howlett	Foursomes Organiser

#### 1. **Apologies**

Mrs Jo Moore  
Mrs Eunice Gray  
Mrs Mary Wilderspin

#### 2. **Minutes of GB Meeting on 28 September 2015**

The Minutes were approved and signed as a true copy

#### 3. **Matters Arising from GB Meeting**

Following a discussion regarding mileage rate expenses, it was agreed that the rate should be reduced to 35p/mile with effect from 1 November 2015. **DECISION**

#### 4. **Correspondence**

- a) A card from Mary Wilderspin thanking the SLCGA for the flowers received following her recent operation.
- b) Correspondence between the SLCGA and Sabona regarding Sabona's sponsorship. Sabona have very kindly agreed to sponsor the SLCGA again in 2016 and an invoice will be sent in January **ACTION: SECRETARY**

#### 5. **England Golf Representative's Report – Rebecca Evans**

- a) An England Golf Performance Meeting will be held on 15/16 December. Unfortunately Sarah S will not be able to attend and she has asked Christine Langford (the 1<sup>st</sup> Team Coach) to attend in her stead.
- b) There is some discussion at England Golf regarding an amateur Senior Women's Golf competition. When details are available, we will include on the SLCGA website.
- c) England Golf Secretary/Captains' Meeting is scheduled for 7/8 March – Sarah S will be attending.

6. **100 Club Funding**

At the last Delegate's Meeting, it was agreed that funds raised from the 100 Club be used for First Aid Training. Current certificates expire in March 2016 and it was agreed that the SLCGA should approach the Red Cross again. **ACTION: CYNTHIA**

7. **Handicap Adviser's Report – Eunice Gray**

There appear to be very few CONGU changes coming into effect in January 2016. There is now a new R&A Rule Book available.

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

A sub-committee was set up to discuss Competitions. Changes proposed below will be on a minimum 2 year trial – each proposal was agreed by a majority vote:

Cranworth – with effect from 2017, a Cranworth squad would comprise of 8 players.

Division Meetings – individual Division closing dates would be 3 weeks prior to the event  
Centenary and Coronation Foursomes – catering arrangements would be simplified – sandwiches and chips for lunch after 18 holes, followed by tea and cake at the end of the competitions (after 27 holes).

Senior Jubilee Shield – the handicap difference would be 90%, effective from 2016, in line with CONGU recommendations.

Main County Championship – the handicap limit to be raised to 18. Ties in the strokeplay to be resolved by countback. The entry fee to be raised to £35 (£20 for Juniors). If over-subscribed, the entry to be balloted according to handicap. The matchplay to be split into 2 flights – the top 16 (gross) from the 36 hole Strokeplay competition to play a scratch matchplay competition over the following two days, the winner being the County Champion; the next 8 (gross) to play a handicap matchplay competition, playing for a Plate.

Senior County Championship – the handicap limit to be raised to 18. The entry fee to be raised to £25. If over-subscribed, the entry to be balloted according to handicap. The top 4 (gross) from the 18 hole Strokeplay to play two semi-finals on Saturday and the Final to be played on Sunday (an hour in advance of the Main Final)

Junior Championship – with effect from 2016, to be held in July after exams have finished.

Hermione proposed holding a finance sub-committee following the GB Meeting in January.

A query regarding insurance on golf courses was raised

**ACTION: HERMIONE**

Sarah S received an email concerning Clubs keeping tees open for a period of time following County Competitions - there was some discussion and Sarah S will respond.

**ACTION: SARH S**

a) **County Championship – Chris Lynch-Bates**

Chris will be requesting feedback from previous attendees of both Main and Seniors Championship.

**ACTION: CHRIS L-B**

b) **Divisions – Di Spring/Jenny Cardwell**

c) **Weston – June Kenworthy**

**d) Haskell & Stearn – Mary Wilderspin** – Report attached

Mary was not present, but Ann requested that it be minuted that Mary's commitment had been appreciated and to recognise that this was the second time that Mary has served on the GB.

**e) Cranworth – Christine Knappett** – Report attached

A new plinth needs to be purchased for the Cranworth Trophy

**ACTION: CHRISTINE K**

**f) Coronation and Centenary Foursomes – Deb Howlett**

Ann thanked Deb for running these two competitions so efficiently – they have run like clockwork

**g) Senior Jubilee Shield – June Kenworthy**

June will hand over the organisation of this competition to the Senior Organiser in 2017.

**9. Team Reports – Appendix 2**

**a) 1<sup>st</sup> Team Report – Sarah Siggers** (No Report)

**b) Seniors Report – Jo Moore** – Report attached

On behalf of the SLCGA, Ann thanked Jo for organising the Seniors Matches over the past two years.

**c) Juniors Report – Sarah Howe** – Report attached

Sarah proposed that a badge be presented to the incoming Captain at the AGM, in place of a Jumper.

**ACTION: SARAH H**

Sarah confirmed that the Jamboree will be held at Fynn Valley on Saturday 5 December.

Vouchers for winter training will be distributed to Squad A Girls

**ACTION: SARAH H**

**10. Treasurers Report – Hermione Scrope**

Hermione guided the GB through the draft accounts for 2015 – once finalised, the accounts will be distributed with the AGM Agenda.

Invoices for Affiliation Fees (for both SLCGA and England Golf) will be sent to each Club

**ACTION: JEANETTE**

**11. Governance Report – Sarah Siggers**

There are a number of processes/contracts in the process of being finalised – a sub-committee chaired by Sarah Siggers has been formed to oversee the implementation of the following:

County Players Agreement – reciprocal agreement between players and SLCGA

Contract with Coach/Professionals (on an Annual basis)

Coaching Vouchers

Complaints Procedure

Ladies Welfare Officer

**12. Minutes of County Captain's Meeting – Sarah Sagers (this is attached as a separate document)**

Sarah Sagers and Sarah Howe attended this annual meeting in October – the purpose is to discuss any matters of Regional interest.

**13. GB Nominations for 2016**

The following nominations were approved and will be put forward for election at the AGM:

Seniors Organiser – Tessa Summers

Hon. Secretary – Di Cunningham

The SLCGA have asked Jeanette to continue to run the Inter-club Draws as these are on a software program specifically written for this purpose.

The PUMA Handicap System is on the County Laptop and the SLCGA will decide who will run this System at the 6 qualifying competitions per year where scores need to be entered and sent to CDH.

Jeanette will hand over website responsibility to Rebecca.

Ann thanked Jeanette for her professional and efficient contribution over the last 5 years. Jeanette responded with her own thanks for the great friendship and camaraderie she has enjoyed.

**14. Suffolk Golf Partnership – Rebecca Evans**

There has not been any meeting of the SGP since the SGU withdrew from the partnership. We are currently waiting for an update of the current situation from Steven Peet (the Regional Development Officer).

An SGP Report will be made at the AGM.

**15. SLCGA/SGU Meeting**

This meeting was held at the beginning of October with a number of members of the SLCGA and the SGU – the purpose being to discuss items of mutual interest.

**16. Blue Book Update**

The final version of the Blue Handbook will be sent to the printers at the end of November

**17. AGM Agenda and Arrangements**

The Agenda and Reports will be sent to the Clubs at the end of November. Volunteers for tasks on the day were agreed.

**18. Requests and Resolutions**

There were no requests or resolutions received by the closing date of 9 November.

**19. Any Other Business**

- a) Winter training vouchers are to be offered to County 1<sup>st</sup> Team and Junior 1<sup>st</sup> Team players

**ACTION: VANESSA/SARAH H**

- b) Cynthia Stewart announced that she will be standing down and is actively looking for a replacement Match and Venue Organiser – a notice will be included on the website following the AGM **ACTION: JEANETTE**
- c) A Minutes Secretary is also required – this can also be included under Vacancies on the website. Jeanette currently takes the Minutes and there will need to be a volunteer from the GB to do this until a Minutes Secretary is found **ACTION: SARAH S/REBECCA**
- d) An order for Team Clothing needs to be completed by the end of 2015 – numbers required need to be confirmed. In addition, extra items of clothing to be purchased for external sale to Suffolk Ladies – the cost to include a donation to the SLCGA **ACTION: VANESSA/SARAH S/SARAH H**
- e) Ann will be standing down as President of the SLCGA at the AGM in January. Ann thanked everyone for their support in each role she has undertaken during the 7 years she has been a member of the GB. Ann noted that this is a time of change for the GB - she will be sorry not to be involved moving forward, but wishes everyone on the GB good luck for the future. However, she is sure she will stay in touch with all the friends she has made.
- f) Sarah Saggars thanked Ann for her support and friendship during her time on the Committee – as Handicap Adviser, Rules Guru and, for the last two years, President.

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

AGM 2016 - Saturday 16 January 2016 – 10.30am – Kesgrave Memorial Hall  
 Monday 18 January 2016 – 10am – Waldringfield

Chairman .....

Date .....

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **COMPETITION ORGANISERS' REPORTS**

#### **Stearn Report**

Stowmarket and Woodbridge met at Bury St Edmunds on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in October for the final of the Stearn Trophy. Although the weather was wet and very cold, the match was really exciting. Every match was close and could have gone either way but congratulations go to Woodbridge, who managed to win the match 2 ½ to ½ .

#### **Cranworth Report**

24 clubs have signed up for the Cranworth County Knockout Competition 2016 with St. Audrys adding to the fold. Documentation has been circulated to all club secretaries and Ladies' sections. We wish them all success in their quest to be 2016 champions.

## APPENDIX 2

### TEAM REPORTS

#### Senior Organiser's Report

2015 has been a very successful year for the Suffolk Senior Ladies, a big thank you to all the Ladies that have played, and the Golf Clubs which have hosted the matches, their hospitality and welcoming has been excellent.

Thanks also to Cynthia Stewart for organising all the home venues.

During the year we have played Norfolk Lady Vets, SGU Senior Men, Beds Senior Ladies, Essex Senior Ladies, Cambs and Hunts Senior Ladies, Suffolk Junior Girls, Suffolk Lady Vets and Norfolk Senior Ladies.

Highlights for the year are:-

- Played 8 matches, resulting in 4 wins, 2 loses and 2 halves.
- All matches have been keenly fought, but in a very sporting manner
- Age eligibility for 2015 was changed (from 55 to 50) which increases the selection of players and increase the team strength.
- The majority of matches are played off scratch

In conclusion, I have really enjoyed my time as Suffolk Senior Organiser and I wish my successor all the best for 2016 / 2017.

#### Junior Organiser's Report

The Junior Autumn meeting ran in October half term with 9 girls playing. All the girls played well, Alice Barlow won the scratch, Eloise Aldous won the Nett and Fern McCarthy won the Stableford with 38 points.

We have moved around some of the Junior competition dates for next year,

- The SLCGA Junior Championship has now been moved from May half term to the Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at Felixstowe Ferry.
- The Lady/ Junior Foursomes has been moved from October to September and is now being played on the Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September at Seckford Golf Club
- The Autumn meeting is on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 at Walderingfield Golf Club.

Suffolk girls squad B winter training dates have been sent out and begins at the end of November with PGA professional's Tony Dobson and Andrew Collison, at Stonham Barns and Bungay. Suffolk girl's squad A winter programme is in process and will be sent out to the girls asap. Teresa Wardlaw has said she would need to know more details on what's involved in being the Welfare officer before committing herself.