

SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting held on Monday 10th April 2017 at Fynn Valley Golf Club at 10.00am

PRESENT:

Miss Hermione Scrope	President/Treasurer
Vanessa Bell	Captain
Mrs Diane Cunningham	Secretary
Mrs Rebecca Evans	England Golf Representative
Mrs Eunice Gray	Handicap Advisor
Sharon Luckman	Vice Captain
Eloise Aldous	Junior Organiser
Mrs Carol Cook	Championship Organiser
Mrs Amanda Norman	Weston
Mrs Rosemary Woodhouse	Cranworth Organiser
Mrs Tessa Summers	Senior Organiser & Senior Shield Organiser
Ms Lynne Wright	Haskell & Stearn Organiser

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Chris Lynch-Bates, Dianne Clark, Di Spring, Jenny Cardwell and Debbie Anthistle.

2. **Minutes of GB Meeting 16 January 2017**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true copy.

3. **Matters Arising**

Vanessa has contacted a few clubs but has not been able to arrange a venue for the 2018 county mixed competition. She will continue to look for a venue, hopefully arranging for late summer. She will also book Ipswich for the 2019 and Aldeburgh for 2020 competition.

ACTION VB

The subcommittee met on 1st February regarding devising a complaints and a safeguarding policy. The draft procedures had been sent out prior to the GB, with one amendment to the safeguarding procedure, both were agreed and will be added to the website.

ACTION DC/RE

Rebecca had contacted England Golf regarding the cost of child protection courses, Suffolk Sport run regular workshops at a cost of £26 per person. The next course available is on 10th May 6.30-9.30pm at King Edwards School, Bury St Edmunds.

SLCGA rules have been updated following AGM and posted on website. The volunteer form is also now available on the website. The one drive has been backed up and Rebecca will keep the disk.

Chris Lynch-Bates is now co-opted onto GB for 12 months as venue organiser

4. **Correspondence**

a) Permission to use a buggy for twelve months was granted to Anne Amos and Chris Lynch-Bates.

Rebecca has received a letter from Fynn Valley regarding no longer producing the blue book. No other feedback has been received. After discussion, it was agreed that RE will respond to the letter informing that we will monitor this over the next 18 months.

ACTION: RE

A request was received from West Suffolk Golf Club requesting affiliation to the SLCGA. This is being processed and the course will be rated to enable them to hold qualifying competitions

An Email was received from Sue Cook regarding highlighting the possible increase in cost of rating clubs.

5. **England Golf Representative's Report** – Rebecca Evans report received Appendix A Delegates Meeting was held on 31 March 2017.

Laminated cards with GB details was distributed to clubs at delegates meeting.

It has been agreed that the money from the 100 club would be used to buy a simple measuring device for use in rating courses. The remainder of money would be used to purchase another flag, tablecloth and tee markers. Rebecca will get a quote for the flag, tablecloth and tee markers before purchasing.

ACTION: RE

The Report from the England Golf meeting in November re public liability insurance and committee expenses has been distributed.

6. **Handicap Adviser's Report** – Eunice Gray – Report received

Email from England Golf asking not to hold any formal training on the new rules until England Golf have finalised details. RE has also informed the delegates of this.

Eunice has completed the audit of Category 1 players.

Eunice is planning to look in more detail at the continuous handicap review and will contact current handicap secretaries to ask for feedback. She will also enquire about the new away scores system.

7. **County Match Week** – Vanessa Bell

Vanessa has emailed the other counties with details of the cost and how to book rooms for CMW 2018. Any rooms not booked by January 2018 will be released. Vanessa and Hermione to discuss how many rooms if any are required by Suffolk.

Hermione asked about the deposit for Hunstanton. Vanessa will check to see if this needs to be paid.

ACTION: HS/VB

8. **Competition Organisers' Reports**

England Golf have confirmed the minim requirements for a club to hold a qualifying competition.

Further to this Rebecca has been copied into an email regarding the rules on how a course is presented regarding marking of GUR/hazards. After discussion, it was agreed that Rebecca will contact Sue Cook and Mike Rees to ask them to visit the course in question and report back to the SGU and SLCGA so that a joint approach can be formulated. Rebecca will notify the originator of the email and the lady captain at the club concerned of the action being taken.

ACTION RE

a) **County Championship** – Carol Cook

Everything is progressing. Eleven entries have been received for the main championships and seven for the senior's championship. It was decided to wait for the final entry numbers before a decision is made on how to run the knockout match play stages. Vanessa will speak to some of the county team squad who have not yet entered the championship. She will also contact Lottie regarding returning the trophy from last year.

ACTION: VB

Di will send a letter to the sponsor to invite him to the County Championship Sunday at Aldeburgh.

ACTION: DC

Referee's for County finals – it was agreed that Carol would ask Nicki McMahon/Anne Graves if they are available to referee the matchplay final.

ACTION: CC

Vanessa to check with winners from last year who have not yet cashed their vouchers as these will soon expire.

ACTION: VB

Tessa asked if the entry age for the county senior championship could be the same as entry for the senior county team. It was agreed that from 2018 the entry age for the senior championship would be 50 years old. Some changes to the entry form were also agreed for next year regarding dietary requirements/entry for the stroke and matchplay.

Rebecca will highlight the closing date for the County championships on the website.

ACTION: RE

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

Division 4 at Crettingham, 32 entries have been received. Division 3 at Gorleston, 25 entries received so far

Replacement of Division 2 shield – not yet purchased. Di now has brochure.

ACTION: DC

c) **Weston** – Amanda Norman

Amanda has received confirmation of the majority of the dates for the matches from the various clubs. Some results are now starting to come in.

d) **Haskell & Stearn** – Lynne Wright/Debbie Anthistle

A couple of queries received, one enquiring if there was a deadline date to contact opponents. Lynne has confirmed that there is no deadline date but contact should be made and dates agreed as soon as possible.

e) **Cranworth** – Rosemary Woodhouse

Rosemary has contacted all the participating clubs to confirm arrangements for 2017, bringing their attention to the new rules regarding a squad of players. Rosemary has also contacted preliminary round hosts clubs.

f) **Coronation and Centenary Foursomes** – Dianne Clarke – nothing to report entries open 20th April 2017.

g) **Senior Jubilee Shield** – Tessa Summers

All preliminary matches played except for one due to be played 27th April. The draw sheet has been updated and is on the website.

9. **Team Reports**

a) 1st Team – Vanessa Bell – Report received from Kevin Lovelock – Appendix B

Vanessa would like to highlight that Kevin thought it was the best session he had ever held. The 1st Team beat Aldeburgh gentlemen 4-0. Match against Suffolk men didn't go ahead. Vanessa confirmed the fixture against Suffolk Pro's will be moved to after CMW.

b) Seniors Report – Tessa Summers

Fixture against GB arranged for Fri 15th September at Southwold, only two from GB confirmed to play. If match against Essex doesn't go ahead on 30th June at Stowmarket then this date could be used to play against GB. Tessa is concerned that there are only six fixtures for senior team.

c) Junior Organisers Report – Eloise Aldous

Fixture arranged against Bedfordshire is not going ahead on Sunday 16th April. EA to organise an alternative date for the fixture.

Training date in West of County in Feb was not held. This was discussed at training and it was decided not to go ahead.

EA discuss with Pro re visiting schools to promote golf.

EA & RE to discuss entry fee and prizes for Lady/Junior foursomes at Hintlesham. Agreed to same amount as last year. EA to send the entry form to Rebecca who will add it to the website.

ACTION:EA/RE

DC to complete a DBS. Ongoing

10. **Suffolk Golf Day** – Chris Lynch-Bates, Report received

Entry closes on 31st May and is already oversubscribed

Chris will speak to Hintlesham regarding the serving of the food at Suffolk Golf Day when making arrangements for this year's event.

11. **Treasurer's Report** – Hermione Scrope – Report received
The sponsorship cheque has been received.

Hermione guided the committee through the accounts. Affiliation fees from clubs whose renewal year is 1st January have been received. Numbers are down on last year. Next income from affiliation fees will be received in July.

It was agreed that financial records would be kept for 8 years after which time the records would be shredded.

12. **County Fixtures for 2018**

Di, Hermione and Chris will meet to review the Rota for County Fixture Venues from 2018.

ACTION: HS/DC/CL-B

Dates for Inter-Club Knockouts 2018 were agreed:

***Haskell** - 1st Round to be played by 17 June/Quarter Finals by 29 July/ - dates to be confirmed for Semi Finals and Final(will final be held with Stearn?)*

***Stearn** – First Monday of month (4 June/2 July/6 August/3 September /Final on 1 October)
Suffolk Golf Day 13th August*

***Cranworth** – Fourth Thursday of month (24 May/28 June/26 July/23 August/Final on 27 September*

***Senior Jubilee Shield** – Preliminary Round to be played by 30 April, 1st Round by 31 May/Quarter Final by 30 June – dates to be confirmed for Semi Finals and Final*

***Weston** – all games to be completed by 31 August.*

13. **Suggested Dates for GB meetings 2018**

AGM – Saturday 13 January 2018 – Kesgrave Memorial – 10.30am

Monday, 15 January 2018, 10am, venue to be confirmed

Monday, 16 April 2018 10am, venue to be confirmed

Monday, 16 July 2018 10am, venue to be confirmed

Monday, 17 September 2018 10am, venue to be confirmed

Monday, 3 December 2018 10am, venue to be confirmed

AGM – Saturday 12th January 2019 – booked

14. **Website** – Rebecca Evans
Nothing to report.

15. **Any Other Business**

Di confirmed that she has updated the club officials list. Waldringfield will remain on the list with just the contact for the club listed.

Date of Next meeting:

Monday 17th July, 10.00am Fynn Valley **(please note change of venue)**

Chairman

Date

Appendix A

England Golf Voting Member Report for GB Meeting 10th April - Rebecca Evans

The Safe Guarding & Complaints Sub Committee met in January and made a good start to the revised procedures. We are grateful for the professional expertise of Debbie Anthistle who has provided some very practical and sensible solutions to possible issues. The complaints procedure has been written and at the time of writing the report it is with the subcommittee for approval before it will be ratified by the GB at the next meeting, hopefully.

The March delegates meeting was a great success with most clubs sending a delegate. The County blue book cards have been distributed. We discussed the need for Sue Cook to have a basic range finder and this was approved by the delegates. We also discussed in detail what we could spend the remainder of the 100-club money. Most delegates agreed that the juniors are well funded as are the counties teams. A suggestion from one delegate would be to invest in club golfers. The idea being that we distribute a sum of money to each club for them to use via the Pro for general teaching. Whilst most didn't object to the idea in theory we felt that the amount would be so small after it was divided up it would be meaningless. Possibility to have a group lesson at a central location but not well received. I suggested that it's sometimes difficult for the county to get the flag and table cloth to all the events and the delegate from Halesworth suggested that we purchase additional flag & cloth to ease this issue. Also, suggested that we do not have tee markers form county championships and finals and this was very well received. A vote was conducted and we agreed that we would invest in a new flag, cloth & tee markers.

I am due to travel up to Woodhall Spa for the AGM on the 13th April. I will provide a report in due course.

APPENDIX B

Suffolk Ladies Coaching Report – Kevin Lovelock

Date: Sunday 25th February 2017 and Sunday 18th March 2017

Venue: Ipswich Golf Club

Attendees: Vanessa Bell, Sharon Luckman, Alice Barlow, Fiona Stokes, Lottie Whymam,
Vicky Inglis, Abbie Symonds, Fiona Edmond and Lils James

To Suffolk Ladies County Golf Association Committee,

During the February coaching session we worked on putting and made some suggestions to the Ladies' individual actions. We finished the putting hour with a drill played head to head to improve the competitiveness of the players.

We moved over to pitching and played another competitive game to a 50-yard target with the furthest from the target dropping out each round.

To finish the day, we played 6 holes with the players drawing a starting score of either 2 up or 2 down against their opponent. The idea was to see how the players reacted and thought this would show us how the players might change their attitude to the match.

We concluded that they just played to score there best on each hole they played, which we regarded as a positive.

The coaching day in March, could not have delivered better weather conditions for what we had planned. It was a chilly and windy day, much like a summers day at Hunstanton.

We set up a 100 yard shot, hitting straight into the wind and with some quality shots played by all and very much led by Fiona Edmond. We spent an enjoyable and constructive 1 ½ hours discussing the qualities needed to be a good wind player and practicing the techniques, which all players succeeded in doing.

After a short break for coffee which included a chat about attitude to match play, we moved onto the chipping area and practiced the many ways of getting the ball on to the putting green at a links golf course.

I felt that this was one of the best group coaching sessions I have ever run.

This was our last coaching session together at Ipswich, so I would like to wish Vanessa and the team every success at Hunstanton.

Regards
Kevin