

SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting held on Monday 25th September 2017 10.00am at Fynn Valley Golf Club

PRESENT:

Miss Hermione Scrope	President/Treasurer
Vanessa Bell	Captain
Mrs Rebecca Evans	England Golf Representative
Mrs Eunice Gray	Handicap Advisor
Shraon Luckman	Vice Captain
Mrs Carol Cook	Championship Organiser
Mrs Rosemary Woodhouse	Cranworth Organiser
Mrs Tessa Summers	Senior Organiser & Senior Shield Organiser
Mrs Debbie Anthistle	Haskell & Stearn Organiser

1. Apologies

Di Cunningham, Dianne Clarke, Jenny Cardwell, Di Spring, Chris Lynch-Bates, Amanda Norman, Lynne Wright and Eloise Aldous

2. Minutes of GB Meeting 17 July 2017

The minutes were approved and signed as a true copy.

3. Matters Arising

- County Mixed Competition. This will be held on 30th September 2018 at Ipswich. Further arrangement to be made.

ACTION: VB

- Complaints & safeguarding policy – section on vulnerable adults to be added to the policy by end 2017.

ACTION: HA/DA

- RE to obtain quote for additional county flag, tablecloth and tee markers. Still outstanding.

ACTION: RE

- DC, HS and CLB to meet to discuss the club rota for fixtures. Still outstanding

ACTION HS/DC/CLB

- DC had done some research into the differences in definition of trolley puller and caddy. She was unable to find a definition of a trolley puller. The definition for a caddy in the rules of golf page 32 is - *a caddy is one who assists the player in accordance with the rules, which may include carrying or handling the players clubs during a round.*

The GB decided not to amend any of the current competition rules. The use of the England Golf Hard Card will be promoted to keep pace of play going. All competitors should be given a copy of the hard card. RE will hand out copies at the Delegates meeting and promote its use. DC will email a link to the hard card with the competition information.

ACTION DC and RE

- RE sent a response to Bungay regarding their correspondence concerning the Stearn and caddies.
- RE highlighted the changes to the senior county championship age limit and the plate competition to the delegates. Request for set dates for the senior shield was also discussed at the delegates meeting and no changes will be made.
- The SLCGA now have a TWITTER account @sclgagolf
- VB obtained sponsorship for first team from IG recruit. She is also in discussion re sponsorship from Barchester Healthcare.

4. **Correspondence**

Permission for use of buggy granted for Lina Boyd-Rochfort.

RE had received an email complaining about the condition of a course used for a county competition. Representatives from the SLCGA GB and Charlie Wilderspin (SGU) will inspect the course concerned prior to the 2018 season. This will be facilitated by discussion with the management rather than the players. RE will organise this.

ACTION RE

5. **England Golf Representative's Report** – Rebecca Evans Report received – Appendix A
A discussion took place about the Seniors County Championship. The issues raised need to be explored in more detail; this will be actioned by a subcommittee comprising of Carol Cook, Vanessa Bell, Sharon Luckman and Hermione Scrope.

ACTION: CC/VB/SL/HS

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

EG had emailed the handicap secretaries regarding how clubs were dealing with the requirement to record scores from playing groups within clubs as well as notifying top scores in Opens. She received a mixed response, some clubs are returning the top 5 scores from their opens. Definitions from CONGU are confusing but the aim is to ease into the World Handicapping System. EG will get a clearer definition of the guidelines and share it with RE for the next delegates meeting on 27th October.

ACTION EG & RE

Vanessa requested a list of the players in Suffolk with a handicap of 5 and below.

ACTION EG

7. Competition Organisers' Reports

The rules for the County Knockout competitions have been updated as per the last meeting. These were agreed with one additional change requested by Rosemary.

a) County Championship – Carol Cook – nothing to report

b) Divisions – Di Spring/Jenny Cardwell

Divisional meetings have gone very well. Many congratulations to Di and Jenny for how well they have run them. The last divisional meeting of the year is Division 1 on Wednesday at Bury St Edmunds. There are 39 entrants.

c) Weston – Amanda Norman

Matches all completed and results on the website.

d) Haskell & Stearn – Lynne Wright/Debbie Anthistle

Finals on 2nd Oct 2017. The Stearn final is between Thorpeness and Fynn Valley, the Haskell final between Felixstowe and Ipswich. These finals will be held at Haverhill. LW will do a feedback sheet to see what people feel about the two finals being on the same day.

ACTION: LW

e) Cranworth – Rosemary Woodhouse – report received – Appendix B

The final this Thursday between Newton Green and Woodbridge at Diss.

RW has been asked if a commemorative medal could be given to all competitors in the Cranworth. The GB did not approve this.

f) Coronation and Centenary Foursomes – Dianne Clarke – nothing to report

g) Senior Jubilee Shield – Tessa Summers – Report Received

Senior Shield final was held at Thorpeness. There were some concerns in Seniors event at Aldeburgh about slow play. TS will discuss with new Seniors' organiser and emphasise the use of the 'hard card'.

ACTION TS

8. Team Reports

a) 1st Team – Vanessa Bell

VB will complete her report and would like it to go on the website. Suffolk came 3rd in the National County Finals. The last time Suffolk were in the finals was over 20 years ago. At that time Suffolk did not win a point. VB wants to build on the success Suffolk have had and encourage other low handicap players to come to team practice and get involved. VB

will write to all Suffolk Lady Captains asking for their nominations for players with a handicap of 5 and below. RE to put VB's report on the website.

ACTION VB/RE

The GB wish to commend Julie Latimer-Jones for the great reports she did for the County finals. Having the information on the website kept everyone up to date.

b) Seniors Report – Tessa Summers – Report received APPENDIX C

c) Junior Organisers Report – Eloise Aldous – Report received APPENDIX D

VB will meet with EA to develop a junior players contract along the lines of the 1st team contract but to reflect the ages of the players.

ACTION VB & EA

9. Treasurer's Report – Hermione Scrope

HS guided everyone through the accounts. Most of the affiliation fees have been received; monies are down this year but for the first time fees are being collected in real time so this may account for the drop. The Golf day income is slightly down on last year. The team expenses are yet to come in. The County Championship made a considerable loss. A subcommittee has been formed to address the fall in entries and hopefully reduce the loss. There was also a discussion regarding the poor uptake of catering at the County Championships. This will also be discussed by the subcommittee.

ACTION: CHAMPIONSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE

10. GB Nominations for 2018

- Hermione announced that Mo Pearson is proposed to take over from herself as County President.
- Maggie Porter from Seckford proposed to take over from Di and Jenny as organiser of the divisional meetings.
- Anne Truman from Woodbridge proposed to take over running of the Cranworth
- TS will also be leaving GB. Tessa will update the GB on her replacement for Senior organiser and Senior Jubilee Shield organiser when she has confirmed with the person concerned.

ACTION: TS

- Vacancy for Venues Organiser to be put on website

ACTION: RE

11. Suffolk Golf Day – Chris Lynch-Bates Report received.

CLB is retiring from GB. EG has offered to organise Suffolk Golf Day.

12. Blue Book – Fixtures for 2018

Fixtures below are booked for 2018. The date and venue for Division 1 to be arranged. Dates for the other divisional meetings as follows:-

Division 4 Friday 11/5/2018 at Fynn Valley
Division 3 Wednesday 16/5/2018 at Diss
Division 2 Wednesday 12/9/2018 at Hintlesham

Suffolk Golf Day will be held on Monday 13th August 2018 at Hintlesham

The following fixtures have been booked.

Seniors vs Juniors Sunday 17/6/2018. Royal Worlington
Seniors vs Cambs & Hunts Monday 20/8/2018 Haverhill
Seniors vs Norfolk Vets Monday 21/5/2018 Rookery Park
Seniors vs SLCGA Friday 14/9/2018 Halesworth
Seniors vs Suffolk Vets Friday 28/9/2018 Fynn Valley

13. Any Other Business

HS congratulated the Suffolk team for coming 3rd in the County finals.

VB has had a debrief regarding the event with Kevin and Mark about moving the 1st team and ladies' golf on. Meeting to be arranged with Kevin and Mark with HS, SL and VB to discuss.

Christmas lunch has been booked following the next GB meeting. DC will email everyone with details.

ACTION: DC

14. Dates and Venues for 2018

AGM – Saturday 13 January 2018 – 10.30am - Kesgrave Memorial Hall
Monday, 15 January 2018, 10am
Monday, 16 April 2018 10am
Monday, 16 July 2018 10am
Monday, 10 September 2018 10am
Monday, 3 December 2018 10am
AGM 2019 – Saturday 12 January – 10.30am – Kesgrave Memorial Hall

Date of Next meeting:

Monday 4th December 2017 10.00am at Fynn Valley, followed by Christmas lunch

Chairman

Date

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England Golf Voting Member Report for Governing Body Meeting 25th September 2017

I travelled to Woodhall Spa in August to take part in the England Golf General Meeting. The main item of discussion was the proposed changes being imposed by Sport England to enable EG to retain funding. The funding is worth close to 3 million pounds per year.

We have previously discussed the proposal's and have agreed that the only item we have an issue is with the FD not being part of the board. This would mean that the FD would not have a vote. I took part in a round table discussions on this topic and the Counties are split 50/50 on the subject.

At the last Delegates meeting I asked to clubs to consider prior to the meeting why the County Championships haven't been as well supported as they could be. I've attached my minutes from the meeting which details this further however, I feel that a work group should meet to discuss these in more detail and prepare a revised plan. The delegates had some good examples of what we can do to increase participation.

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The Cranworth semi-finals produced two fine matches . Both closely fought battles played in perfect weather conditions and an excellent spirit.

The match at Fynn Valley between Newton Green and Gorleston was decided by the last games on the 17th hole. Gorleston fought back from being 2-1 down after the morning foursomes only to be pipped at the post by Newton Green to give them a 5-4 victory.

The other semi final at Newton Green between Fynn Valley and Woodbridge was an even closer battle with Woodbridge winning on the 1st extra hole.

The final will be played at Diss Golf Club on Thursday 28th September. Arrangements are all in place and good weather would be appreciated.

Would the Governing Body consider for the future awarding each winning and losing finalist player a medal as a token of their achievement.

Rosemary Woodhouse
Cranworth Organiser

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Match Results

We have played five of our seven matches to date. The only match since my last report was against Cambs & Hunts at Newmarket which was a 3-1 win for Suffolk. We were extremely well looked after at Newmarket including cake and candles for birthday girl Lynne Wright who with her partner Jane Darling were on 'fire' with a score of 2 over gross winning 8/7!

I think I have found a very capable Seniors Organiser for 2018 whom I hope to confirm after my meeting with her on Thursday.

Tessa Summers
Seniors Organiser

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Junior Organiser Report

Junior match week was a big success and the girls played very well the points tables looks like this,

POINTS TABLE							
	Beds	Cambs & Hunts	Essex	Herts	Norfolk	Suffolk	TOTAL
Beds		0	0	0	0	½	½
Cambs & Hunts	1		0	0	0	0	1
Essex	1	1		1	1	1	5
Herts	1	1	0		1	1	4
Norfolk	1	1	0	0		1	3
Suffolk	½	1	0	0	0		1½

We finished fourth in total and when you look at all the handicaps together they done very well!

We had a couple incidents in which two girls did not stay over in the hotel like normal 'as they did not realise they were supposed to'. However, for the second night we asked them to stay and bring clothes but they still did not. I think we should look at a contract which states exactly what they should do and what the requirements are! Also a contract which requires them to attend certain things like training and matches to make it into the team!

We held Junior East Region Trophy at Newton Green which was a big success! I have had emails from other counties thanking Suffolk and Newton Green for a very good day! Cambs and Hunts won this and Suffolk came second!!

I have not looked into twitter for other counties like we said in the last report as we have a twitter now!