

SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting held on Monday 4th December 2017 At Fynn Valley Golf Club at 10.00am

PRESENT:

Miss Hermione Scrope	President/Treasurer
Mrs Diane Cunningham	Secretary
Mrs Rebecca Evans	England Golf Representative
Mrs Eunice Gray	Handicap Advisor
Mrs Carol Cooke	Championship Organiser
Ms Chris Lynch-Bates	Match & Venue Organiser
Mrs Amanda Norman	Weston
Mrs Rosemary Woodhouse	Cranworth Organiser
Mrs Tessa Summers	Senior Organiser & Senior Shield Organiser
Mrs Debbie Anthistle	Haskell & Stearn Organiser
Ms Lynne Wright	Haskell & Stearn Organiser
Mrs Jenny Cardwell	Divisional Organiser
Mrs Di Spring	Divisional Organiser

1. **Apologies** Vanessa Bell, Eloise Aldous, Mrs Dianne Clarke
2. **Minutes of GB Meeting 25 September 2017**
Minutes were signed as a true record.
3. **Matters Arising**

Complaints & safeguarding policy – section on vulnerable adults is still outstanding. Insurance policy due for renewal Debbie will email a copy of the updated policy to Hermione.

ACTION: DA

RE to get quote for additional county flag, tablecloth and tee markers. This is still outstanding. Rebecca to action before the next meeting.

ACTION: RE

Di, Hermione and Chris to meet to discuss the club rota for fixtures – meeting will be held in the new year with Mo and new venue organiser.

Eunice sent the list of players with handicap of 5 or below to Vanessa. Vanessa emailed lady captains asking for names of players in this category, she did not receive any responses.

Vacancy for venue organiser to be advertised on website – RE. It was agreed if no one comes forward it will be added to the competition organisers rota. This will be announced at the AGM.

ACTION: RE

4. Correspondence

a) Crettingham Golf Club. An email was received regarding the closure of Crettingham. It is now thought that the club has been sold. The draws for the knockouts will not be redrawn, If Crettingham are unable to take part the teams they were due to play will receive a bye.

West Suffolk Golf – course has been rated and they are now members of the SLCGA.

Rebeca will add the information regarding the England Golf Trust stableford 2018 to the website.

ACTION: RE

Vanessa met with Gareth Jenkins (England Golf) along with Ian Scott (Junior County Coach) to update him on the progress of the junior girls and our future training programme in order to secure funding for 2018. This has been approved.

5. England Golf Representative's Report – Rebecca Evans

As Rebecca was unable to attend the England Golf meeting regarding the restructuring of the board she gave her proxy vote to the SGU representative. Although it hasn't been confirmed she believes the new structure will not include the finance director as part of the board.

6. Handicap Adviser's Report – Eunice Gray – report received – Appendix A

Eunice discussed the main changes to CONGU handicaps from 2018. She will attend a meeting regarding this in February 2018.

7. Competition Organisers' Reports

All the rules for the county knockout competitions were updated as per last meeting and all the draws sent out to clubs, captains and secretary's. All will be added to the website shortly.

Lynne and Debbie have produced some guidelines for clubs hosting county knockout competitions. These had been sent out to the GB. Any comments to Lynne as soon as possible. Final version to be agreed at the January meeting.

ACTION: GB

a) County Championship – Carol Cooke

Vanessa, Sharon and Carol met to discuss the issues regarding the county championships. All need to try to encourage members to enter these competitions. Rebecca will raise this at the next delegates meeting.

ACTION: RE

b) Divisions – Di Spring/Jenny Cardwell – report received.

List provided of numbers taking part over the past three years. Jenny and Di have updated the job description and will give this to the new organisers.

This is Jenny and Di's last meeting. Hermione thanked Jenny and Di for all their hard work over the past three years.

b) Weston – Amanda Norman

Amanda has not yet received any information regarding fixtures for next year.

It was agreed that the rules regarding ties for the winners would be updated and sent to clubs as follows. Ties would be on matches won, then games won and if still tied after this then the winner of the match between the two teams would be promoted therefore negating the need for a play off match. Di will update the rules and distribute to clubs.

ACTION: DC

d) Haskell & Stearn – Lynne Wright/Debbie Anthistle

Lynne and Debbie had asked clubs for feedback following completion of the Haskell and Stearn competitions. The results were discussed. The majority of clubs who responded wanted the Haskell final to remain on the same day as the Stearn final. The Haskell final will be held on Monday 1st October 2018. Discussion regarding booking venues for finals of knockout competitions. It was agreed to continue to book the venues for the final when teams are known in the semi-finals.

Debbie had received correspondence from a club who said that their course may not be available to host the semi-final of the Stearn if required. It is a condition of entry to the competitions that course should be available. Debbie will contact the club concerned to reiterate this.

ACTION: DA

e) Cranworth – Rosemary Woodhouse – Report received

This is Rosemary's last meeting as Cranworth organiser. She was thanked for organising the Cranworth.

Rosemary suggested that there should be two county representatives present at the finals. There was an accident at the Cranworth final and as there were two representatives present it enabled Rosemary to make sure play wasn't interrupted whilst the other representative was able to stay with the injured player until the ambulance arrived. If Rosemary been the only county representative, it would have been very difficult situation to manage. The rest of the day ran according to plan. It was noted that Diss were excellent hosts.

f) Coronation and Centenary Foursomes – Dianne Clarke
Nothing to report.

g) Senior Jubilee Shield – Tessa Summers – report received
Hermione thanked Tessa for organising the Senior Jubilee shield and wished her good luck for her captaincy at Aldeburgh.

8. Team Reports

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

Vanessa has formed an organising committee for the 2018 County Match Week championships being held at Woodbridge. The committee will consist of Vanessa, Judy Hamshere, Sheila Jarvis, Jeanette Longman and Mo Pearson. This committee is a subcommittee of the GB. Vanessa will report back to the GB.

Vanessa is organising a 'Promotions Day' which has been suggested by Kevin Lovelock and Mark Jillings at Ipswich in April. County players will attend and play ten holes with three lady captains. It is hoped to build on the success of county team the past year to try and recruit/engage more ladies into the game. More information will be available nearer the time.

b) Seniors Report – Tessa Summers – report received

Tessa was also thanked for organising the seniors. It is proposed that Anne Archer will be take over from Tessa following the AGM.

c) Junior Organisers Report – Eloise Aldous – Report received Appendix C

Golf Sixes - Vanessa has met with the SGU, Waldringfield Golf Club and the Golf Foundation to discuss a legacy that has been left, initially to Waldrginfield Golf Club, but in their closure, has been donated to the SGU. The purpose for this legacy is to be spent on junior golf development and initial talks have taken place on how this will support junior golf, both girls and boys, in the county. Details are still to be confirmed but it is likely that the Golf Sixes will be replicated with an annual trophy.

9. Treasurer's Report – Hermione Scrope

Hermione guided everyone through the accounts. She confirmed Suffolk Golf Day raised £1,166. She thanked Chris Lynch-Bates for organising the day. The Junior accounts have now been merged with the SLCGA accounts. Annual accounts have been distributed.

10. County Captain's Meeting – Vanessa

The minutes from the meeting have not yet been received. Main point from the meeting was the formation of an East Region Competition Group to co-ordinate regional competitions.

11. GB Nominations for 2017

Nominations - Mo Pearson, President and Maggie Porter, divisional organiser were ratified at the September meeting.

The following nominations were ratified at this meeting:-

Anne Archer – Seniors and Senior Jubilee Shield

Irma Suttle - Cranworth

Sharon Luckman has resigned from her position as Vice Captain. Vanessa currently working on finding a replacement for Sharon and will inform everyone in due course when a replacement is identified.

12. Blue Book Update

Carol is updating on the entry forms for the county championship competitions. Still some venues to book for 2018. It was agreed not to print the GB contact detail cards next year, feedback is that these were not used.

13. AGM Agenda and Arrangements

The AGM agenda and reports will be sent to everyone by 13th December 2018

Volunteers needed on the day

Selling Draw Tickets – 2 – Jenny and Di

Kitchen – 4 – Rosemary, Penny, Lynne

Attendance Register and Apologies – 2- Chris Lynch Bates, Debbie Anthistle

Narrator – repeating questions from floor (if necessary) – Chris Lynch Bates

Assist with setting up hall – Agendas on chairs – Di and Rebecca

100 Club Draw will be made at the end of the AGM – before the presentations - Rebecca

14. Requests and Resolutions

An email was sent to Ladies' Captains asking for any requests and resolutions.

Only one response was received suggesting the draw for the knockout competitions is held after the AGM. The knockout draw was held in September no one from the clubs attended. It was thought that if the draw was held after the AGM this would not improve attendance.

15. Any Other Business

Website – Rebecca has been researching new website providers. It is estimated that it will cost between £3,000 and £4,000 to develop a new website. It was agreed to go ahead with this expenditure providing the website is up and running by March 2018. Amanda will let Rebecca know the name of the company which developed a website for a local football league. Rebecca will obtain two more quotes.

ACTION: RE

Entry closed on 14th November 2017 for the coronation Medal. Di has the cards and will notify the winners.

ACTION: DC

Members from the GB meet recently with SGU. The SGU have the Suffolk Mixed Foursomes trophy, they have offered their support to the SLCGA for next year's competition,

Hermione thanked Rosemary, Tessa, Di and Jenny who finish their terms of office today and presented each of them with a memento. She also thanked Chris Lynch Bates who is retiring this year.

Julie Latimer Jones has also decided to retire, Hermione on behalf of the GB expressed her grateful thanks to Julie for all her work over the years.

Eunice, Di and Rebecca registered their intention to retire from the GB at the end of 2018.

Date of AGM and next GB meeting:

Saturday 13 January 2018 – 10.30am – Kesgrave Memorial Hall

Monday 15 January 2018 – 10am – Fynn Valley (followed by Competition Organisers meeting – I will suggest to competition organisers who don't attend GB to arrive at Fynn Valley at 1.30pm.

Date of Next meeting:

Monday 15th January 2018 at Fynn Valley

Chairman

Date

APPENDIX A – Handicap Report

England Golf have sent out some changes to handicapping, supplementary scores, non qualifying scores and 9 hole competitions-a little more detail below in my report.

England Golf have asked County Handicap Secretaries to attend a meeting at Kings Norton GC on February 15th. This is to give more details of the world wide Handicapping System which we are heading towards. There will be workshops for club Handicap Secretaries at a later date.

From January first the following changes will be in place:

The recording of Non Qualifying Scores in competitive golf in non qualifying competitions away from the home club. This is in Opens, singles, Am-Am and 4BBB. These scores must be submitted by the player to their own club to assist with handicap review.

Retirement of Club and Disability H/C's to be replaced with a new Cat 5 for men and Cat 6 for women and men up to a maximum h/c of 54.0

Unlimited supplementary score card submissions with the removal of one per week limit.

The option of 9 hole Medal competitions and 9 hole Open competitions.

This information has been sent to all clubs

Eunice Gray
County Handicap Advisor

APPENDIX B - First Team Report

Based on our success in 2017, I am keen to strengthen and broaden our squad for 2018. A letter was sent out to every Lady Captain in Suffolk affiliated clubs as well as advertised on the SLCGA website and Twitter feed, inviting any/all players with a handicap of 5 or below who would be interested in joining the Suffolk Ladies Squad, to come to an open morning and explore the possibilities with myself and Kevin Lovelock. I am disappointed to report that no one has come forward and taken up the offer. However, my hope is that there may still be some interest and that there is still time to encourage participation and gain new team members. Please do encourage those from your own clubs to get in touch.

Our first training session will take place on Sunday 3rd December at Ipswich Golf Club. Our focus, once again, will be building a strong team unit, working on short game and discussing tactics for CMW to be held at Woodbridge Golf Club, 18-22 June 2018.

I am currently working on the schedule for the forthcoming year with regards to training sessions and practice matches and will circulate these to the team when confirmed.

Vanessa Bell
County Captain

APPENDIX C - Junior Organisers Report

There has been no more to add to the last report in regards of last years golf!

However, Ian and I spoke a few weeks ago and we have set up the new training for next year and the results of this were:

We have changed the format this year to make it only 5 training sessions but to make them longer and also run through lunch, we have asked them to bring lunch with them unless told otherwise.

The dates are:

14th Jan

25th March

13th May

3rd June

8th July

Everyone will attend at 10-11.30 and then it is just 1st team until 3.

Would it be possible to get Lunch provided to them?

Hopefully, with this new format it will help the girls and their parents, so it is not a long journey for only a few hours. This will also make it more beneficial for their improvements as they get a full day of coaching!

I have been approached by Adam Trett (The Suffolk) and Simon Byford (Bury St Edmunds) as they would love to help work with the girls, I would like to put this forward to you to discuss the thoughts on running a few sessions with these alongside the sessions with Ian. Both guys are great guys, friendly and very good professionals I think they would be great for extra coaching!

This year has been tough for the Junior Match play championship, this is different from the Ladies as they play each match on different days throughout the months. However, due to the Championship being later this year the Match play has not been completed because we are coming to a busy time of year! In the next meeting we should look at this and see what the best thing to do is.

Eloise Aldous
Junior Organiser