

## Minutes from Suffolk Delegates Meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> August at Southwold GC.

1. Apologies; Haverhill, Hintlesham, Newton Green, Thorpness & Stowmarket
2. Matters Arising. The proposed additional flag and tee markers is still outstanding.
3. Inter Club & County & Regional Competitions; Update on new rules and processes.
  - Buggy requests, please ensure these are sent to the SLCGA in good time. We are receiving many requests within 2-week deadline.
  - Pace of play. As Club or team captains you have a responsibility to ensure your players keep up with the pace. From 2018 the county will be using the England Golf hard card as a guide to the pace of play for all competitions.
  - Stearn from 2018 will be on natural courses.
  - Draw for 2018 county competitions is taking place immediately after the next GB meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> Sep. You are welcome to come a watch. However, the chair stressed you CANNOT participate.
  - From 2018 failure by any club to provide all paper work relating to a county comp i.e. Haskell CAN result in disqualification.
  - Failure to swap players details at the 9am deadline WILL result in a loss of the First hole for every match being played in the morning for the team who failed to comply with the rule.
  - Senior Shield and Haskell - The rules regarding offering of dates will be updated as follows: - The home club must contact their opponents within 7 days of them advancing to the next round and offer a minimum of 3 dates, these must not all be in the same week. Failure to do so within the specified time will result in loss of home advantage
  - Age for Seniors is now 50 changed from 55
4. England Golf; Update on Revised Board Proposal and Change to Regions

Prior to the meeting the chair distributed a proposed revised regional structure which has been produced by the championship department at England Golf. Unfortunately, the chair couldn't attend the meeting directly as England Golf want to keep to one delegate form each region. The group had a candid discussion about the proposed changes and agreed based on the information provided (very little) that it would negatively effect Women's & Girls Golf in Suffolk. It was agreed that we are in no position to make a true account of the proposals without further information so it was agreed that the chair will endeavour to obtain this prior to the next meeting.

## 5. Group Discussion on County Championship; Ideas how we can increase participation

The chair opened this session with the statement that we are to have an open and candid discussion and that no idea regardless of how off the wall it might seem is to be vilified.

The group had a lot of feedback about the championship the feedback consisted of;

- The county does not do enough to publicise the event
- Not in the printed press
- Do not encourage participation in the plate
- Time of the year – too early
- Do not like the format (medal)
- Feel if they are successful they will HAVE to play for the county
- Feel the atmosphere is unfriendly

The chair welcomed the feedback and agreed that there are areas which the county could look to make improvements, like communication but the format medal and the time of the year would be hard if not impossible to change. It was agreed that this information would be shared with the Governing Body at the next meeting in September.

The group did all agree that the county could introduce some form of direct communication to the handicap demographic it is looking to attract. Most people felt that they would look very favourably if they received a letter from the county captain or president inviting them to play. The group also agreed that it wasn't the prize fund that attracted players but the kudos.

## 6. 100 Club Winners

£100	Lyn Fish (Haverhill);
£50	Beverley Sampson (Rookery Park); Caroline Emeny (Halesworth);
£25	Flempton Ladies Section; Victoria Clarke (The Suffolk); Jo Woods (Bury St Edmunds); Margaret Lee (Rushmere);
£20	Nevena Pyke (Haverhill);
£10	Nina Nielsen (Woodbridge); Janice Aldridge (Seckford);
£5	Di Hegarty (Felixstowe).

## 7. Any Other Business; No AOB was raised the meeting closed at 12.05pm.

Next Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> October at Bury St Edmunds at 10.30am