

SUFFOLK LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting held on Monday 25th January 2021 via ZOOM at 19:00

PRESENT:

Jo Woodward (JW)	President
Amanda Norman (AN)	Captain (Chair)
Belinda Rowe (BR)	Vice-captain
Hermione Scrope (HS)	Treasurer
Di Hegarty (DH)	Secretary
Lizzie Johnson (LJ)	England Golf Representative
Annette Llewellyn (AL)	Handicap Advisor
Alice Barlow (AB)	Junior Organiser
Joan Hogarth (JH)	Venue Organiser
Philippa Bridges (PB)	Championship Organiser
Maureen Minter (MM)	Weston
Margaret Hills (MH)	Foursomes Organiser
Vicki Hunt (VH)	Senior Organiser & Senior Shield Organiser
Linda Gilham (LG)	Haskell & Stearn Organiser
Tessa Summers (TS)	Divisional Organiser
Geraldine Rose (GR)	Cranworth Organiser

1. Apologies: None

2. Welcome new members

Amanda Norman welcomed the new members Tessa Summers and Geraldine Rose to the GB committee and informed them that the GB are here to help. Amanda announced that the AGM, held by Zoom, had gone very well and she had received some positive feedback.

3. Minutes of GB Meeting

The minutes were approved and signed as a true copy.

4. Matters Arising

- Hills Jeweller's (Action DH when safe)
- EG Trophy valuation (Action AB when safe)
- Posters for the Championships and Division meetings are now completed and ready to post when clubhouses re-open. Thanks extended to Ryan Delaney who produced the posters free of charge.
Posters to be added to webpage. (Action DH)
- 1st team accommodation for County Week is not yet booked as waiting to see what Covid restrictions may apply. Stoke-by-Nayland is full but there are several hotels nearby. (Action AN)

- We have been escalated to Level 1 for access to WHS on ClubV1. (Action DH)
- No decision on how the Coronation Medals can be used for Silver and Bronze awards. GB asked to come up with suggestions at next meeting. (Action All)

5. Correspondence

An email received asking whether, because of Covid, a GP has to issue a letter for buggy usage. The member does not want to take up her GP's time and asked whether a letter declaring they were unfit and signed by her ladies captain would suffice. The GB decided this would not be acceptable as the letter can be from any medical professional ie nurse/physio. Surgeries also have telephone and e-consultant services where requests can be made. (Action DH)

England Golf have produced an analysis of the difference in the old handicap limits and the new WHS Handicap Index. The GB will take these into consideration next year for all competitions. If members are missing out from County golf because of handicap limits this will be looked at next year. Appendix 1

6. England Golf Representatives Report – Mrs Lizzie Johnson

Two members of EG have come to the end of their term and have asked if anyone from the GB would like to be taken into consideration. No one was available.

At the recent EG Eastern Region Competitions Group meeting, AN made the decision to withdraw the 2nd team from this year's competition as there is no 2nd team organiser. Money allocated to the 2nd team from the 100 Club to be carried over. LJ to advise delegates

EG have now established a working group to investigate how the Independent Golfer may benefit from a WHS handicap.

7. Handicap Adviser's Report – Annette Llewellyn

Nothing to report

Competition Organisers' Reports

- a) Championships (Main and Senior) – There is nothing to report.
- b) Haskell & Stearn – There is nothing to report.
- c) Weston – Remind clubs to send in dates for home games to MM (Action DH)
- d) Cranworth – There is nothing to report.
- e) Divisions – There is nothing to report. 1 entry received.
Would like the nett and gross prizes for individual competitions investigated.
- f) Coronation and Centenary Foursomes - There is nothing to report. 6 entries received.

g) Senior Jubilee Shield

The GB debated the request from Bungay to the AGM where no club would have a bye for more than two years in succession. Four e-mails and 3 verbal opinions had been made to the GB following the AGM which were taken into consideration (none had been in favour of the change requested by Bungay)

After discussion the GB concluded that to manipulate the draw would no longer make it a random draw, and that to do so for one competition meant it would have to be done for all county competitions. The two teams that do get a bye, winner and runner up, never have a home draw. The GB feels that WHS will even things up and make less difference to playing away.

The GB decided unanimously not to change the draw but agreed to change the wording from Preliminary Round to Round 1, Round 2, Quarter Final etc on all competitions. Bungay to be notified. (Action DH)

Representatives from each club are welcome to witness the draws made at the September GB meeting.

7. Team Reports

a) 1st Team – no report

b) Seniors Report – no report

c) Junior Organisers Report – no report.

No helpers have come forward for Junior competitions. AB suggested asking captains at venues for helpers/volunteers from their club to assist. All agreed with this. A list of requirements to be produced. JH would be happy to help at Bury. (Action AB)

d) 2nd Team – AN has asked a few people and Charlotte Garrod is interested to take over the team from 2022. She is from The Suffolk. The GB agreed to co-opt her as 2nd team organiser. (Action AN)

8. Treasurers Report

Preliminary budget has been completed. Appendix 2 .

The affiliation fees of £1,740 are the fees from the 2nd return of Clubs for 2020 which are the new members from the date of each club's annual subscription date.

Aldeburgh kindly donated a cheque for £50. A letter of thanks will be sent (Action HS)

Competition prizes and gratuities for this year will be the same as agreed last year at the finance subcommittee held in January.

HS attended a virtual meeting for the county treasurers. EG were giving Covid grants to struggling golf clubs, although HS has not been made aware of any that were taken up in Suffolk. A discussion on what each county should do, and how

they should act, for non-payment of affiliations fees. It was agreed that it should come from Counties and not EG. Non-payments of affiliations fees could invalidate the insurance that EG take out on our behalf.

The WHS will not tie up exactly with what the counties have re membership, but it will be better than the old system. There is no confidence as of now in the new system for EG to directly collect the affiliation fees. This will be reviewed in 18 months to two years' time.

Di Buxton has kindly donated her 100 club winnings back to the County.

9. **Safeguarding & Child Protection Responsibilities Annual Review –**

Mark and Jenny Barlow have both attended the Safeguarding & Protecting Children online classroom. AN & JW to attend in February.

Following the online classroom, they were informed that no child under 16yrs of age should be contacted via a social media platform like WhatsApp. Two groups are to be set up for contacting the Juniors for emergencies or competition cancellations, one for over 16yrs and one for the parents of under 16yrs. Safeguarding policy has been updated. (Action AB)

10. **Website** - Up to date with Blue Book and entry forms

11. **Any Other Business**

Zoom meeting with Maggie Hart and Charlie Wilderspin re County mixed Pro-Am competition at Gorleston – looking at Sat 10th or Sun 11th Sept 2022, 18-hole 4BBB medal, Shotgun start at 1pm which will allow 88 players, (44 teams). Handicap Index limits need to be decided upon for men and woman for the elite competition. Next meeting arranged for August/September to agreed final dates. Contact Charlie to see what the limit was when last played. AN would like to attend next meeting. (Action DH)

AN and LJ had attended a ERCG meeting about moving to a corporation to protect their GB members in case of liability. The GB agreed we should change from an Association to Incorporation which will cost around £5000. A sub committee has been set up to investigate the costs and paperwork involved consisting off AN, JW, BR and HS. Three quotes to be obtained as a starting point.

AN is happy to continue for another two years, JW is still hoping to pimp up the county buggy.

The GB will hold monthly meetings to assess if competitions should go ahead.

Date of Next meeting: Monday 8th March 2021 19:00 via Zoom

Chairman

Date

Appendix 1 - England Golf Handicap Index

The information identifies the number of golfers within each handicap limit and the new adjusted WHS handicap index for this number of golfers currently recorded on the WHS platform.

For example under the CONGU system there were 4506 male golfers with a handicap of 1.4 or below. Taking the same number of golfers under the new WHS takes the handicap index down to 0.1.

	Handicap Limit	No. of Golfers	Handicap Index (WHS)
Men	1.4	4506	0.1
	4.4	14141	2.7
	7.4	46091	6.4
	8.4	59025	7.3
	9.4	74251	8.8
Women			
	6.4	1481	5.7
	15.4	9852	14.7
	18.4	16039	17.6

Please note that the figures highlighted above are total number of golfers within the handicap range and is not broken down further by age and this information was not available under the CONGU system.

The Championship dept. has made the following changes for 2021:

	2020 Handicap Limit	Change	2021 Handicap Limit
English Women's Amateur	6.4	-1.0	5.4
English Women's Stroke Play	6.4	-1.0	5.4
Senior Women's Amateur	15.4	N/A	15.4
Senior Women's Stroke Play	15.4	N/A	15.4
English Girls U18	18.4	-9.0	9.4
English Girls U16/U14	18.4	-6.0	12.4

The handicap limit for all handicap events (England Golf Captains, Senior Series, England Women's Medals, PING, etc) have all been increased to 54.

Appendix 2



SLCGA Budget
2021.pdf