



**Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at  
Fynn Valley Golf Club at 10.30am**

Lils James (LJ)	President
Amanda Norman (AN)	Captain (chair)
Carol Deslandes (CD)	Treasurer
Di Hegarty (DH)	Secretary
Lizzie Johnson (LJ)	England Golf Representative
Annette Llewellyn (AL)	Handicap Advisor
Sue Haywood (SH)	Junior Organiser
Joan Hogarth (JH)	Venue Organiser
Philippa Bridges (PB)	Championship Organiser
Geraldine Rose (GR)	Cranworth Organiser
Vicki Hunt (VH)	Senior Organiser & Senior Shield Organiser
Caroline Emery (CE)	Foursomes Organiser

Via Zoom - Tanya Mcgregor and Charlie Garrord.

**1. Apologies**, Bud Pratten, Maureen Minter, Tessa Summers.

**2. Minutes of GB Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Agreed as a true copy

**3. Matters Arising**

- Expense Form – CD completed the new form, and this will be emailed out to the GB members (Action DH)
- Incorporation timeline – see under finance
- Handicap limits for Competitions 2023 – sent via email 26<sup>th</sup> July
- Development days poster – ongoing (Action SH)
- Safeguarding compliant – SH completed
- Forms for website – All complete
- Nigel Birrell trophy – Trophy brought, and Nigel Birrell will present at the AGM.

**4. Correspondence**

Email received from Jo Woodward about a caddies verbal abusive, and threatening behaviour, to the Captain (AN) and President (LJ) at county match week. The verbal abuse was delivered within a car park in front of all the other county teams and juniors. This behaviour will not be tolerated by the SLCGA and breaches the safeguarding rules for adults and juniors. The GB will be taking advice as what actions they may take. (Action SH)

**5. England Golf Representative's Report**

The delegates have asked why the handicaps have changed, and they were informed that it was working on an average slope of 125.

The delegate also would like the Jubilee to be on set dates. The GB will enquire if clubs can allow a set date for the Jubilee for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. (Action DH)

The delegates have agreed to fund a new laptop with the 100-club money, which has now been purchased.

LJ intends to step down after 2023.

## 6. **Handicap Adviser's Report** – Nothing to report

AL has produced the rules for 4BBB - [Appendix 1](#)

AL will resign from the GB for 2023 to take up her role as captain of Woodbridge. AN thanked her for giving us plenty of notice.

## 7. **Competition Organisers' Reports**

a) County Championship - [Appendix 2](#)

b) Divisions – it was agreed that from next year, when a player who played in Division 3 or 4, then reduced their handicap, they can play in Division 2 in September as well. [Appendix 3](#)

c) Weston – There is nothing in the rules that states that a new player cannot play in the final round even though they have not played in previous rounds.

Report - [Appendix 4](#)

d) Haskell & Stearn – [Appendix 5](#)

e) Cranworth – [Appendix 6](#)

f) Coronation and Centenary Foursomes – [Appendix 7](#)

g) Senior Jubilee Shield – [Appendix 8](#)

The semi-final had to be changed due to the extreme heat. One of the courses could not get the tee times required, so had to organise another date that suited both teams.

There was an issue with a player (A) wanting to loan her partner (B) a club. This is allowed, but once loaned to player B she should not have more than 14 clubs, and once leant, player A may not use it again for the rest of the round.

The players need to be made aware that they need to have 5 competitive (qualifying) cards, in a rolling year.

Speed of play must be adhered to. Once at your ball 40secs to take your shot when safe to do so. No more than 3 minutes to look for a ball. In a 4BBB nine holes should not take more than 2 hours 15 minutes. It is the captain's responsibility to ensure pace of play.

Caddies will be allowed for all interclub competitions as from next year and must ensure their player keeps up with pace of play.

## 8. **Team Reports**

a) 1<sup>st</sup> Team – [Appendix 9](#)

County match week 2023 is at Wensum Valley on 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July

b) Seniors Report – [Appendix 10](#)

c) Junior Organisers Report

We are losing players from the top and not got many new ones coming along. SH is working with Trevor Mason to have a programme to bring new juniors, girls, and boys, along. SH is looking to arrange competitions against the Suffolk Boys, 1<sup>st</sup> Ladies team, Senior team and some inter club teams.

d) 2<sup>nd</sup> team – [Appendix 11](#)

2<sup>nd</sup> Team match week 2023 is at Bungay on 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Training for teams will continue at Felixstowe Ferry

**9. Treasurer's Report – [Appendix 12](#)**

The vouchers used for prizes will only be valid for 6 months so that they are redeemed by the end of the financial year.



**10. Incorporation -**

Incorporation of Suffolk Ladies County Golf Association.pdf

It was decided to have 7 directors –

President

Captain

Vice-Captain

Honorary Secretary.

Honorary Treasurer

England Golf Representative

And another?

The address to be used would be our accounts address.

**11. Safeguarding & Child Protection Responsibilities Annual Review**

SH is on the case and will inform the GB any new information that they are required to know.

**12. Website** - up to date with new forms in situ

**13. Any Other Business**

Roto for 2023,

Wendy Walpole (Bungay) – Championships,

Charlie Woodage (Bramford) – Weston

**14. Date of next GB meeting:**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022, 10am at Bury St Edmunds, with Christmas lunch

**2023** Saturday 7 January 2023 AGM

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April (DH on holiday)

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Meeting closed at 12:20

Interclub draws completed

D Hegarty

Hon Secretary

## Appendix 1 - Clarification of rules of 4BBB for Senior Silver Jubilee Shield

In general, after handicap allowances have been applied in match play formats, the player with the lowest playing handicap plays off zero strokes relative to the other players.

The other players receive the *difference* between their own playing handicap and that of the player with the lowest playing handicap.

For 4BBB match play the handicap allowance is 90% of a players' course handicap

### Example

Player	Singles Match Play Playing H/C 100% Allowance	4BBB match play Playing H/C 90% allowance
A	10	9
B	18	16
C	27	24
D	39	35

In singles match play between player A and player B, player A plays off zero (0)

Player B receives 8 strokes in the match.

In 4BBB match play, player A would play off zero (0) strokes

Player B would receive 7 strokes, player C would receive 15 strokes and player D would receive 26 strokes

**Note:** The strokes received in 4BBB match play remain the same even if the lowest handicap player is unable to play

Taken from Rules of Handicapping January 2020

## Appendix 2 - CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT

The Main Championship was held in May at Rookery Park and the winner of the Stroke Play was Alice Barlow, who also won the Scratch Match play after Lils James had to pull out of the final because of injury. The Handicap Match play was won by Jasmine Points.

The Seniors Championship was played in July at Diss. The winner of the Stroke Play was Kristina Matthews who also went on to win the Scratch Match play. The Handicap Match play was won by Rebecca Draper.

In both cases I felt the introduction of a Handicap Match play competition added to the event. Certainly, in the Seniors championship it was a close competition on the first

day and all the players stayed to find out if they were to have a chance to play the next day in the semi-finals.

Numbers were about the same as last year for the Main Championships but slightly down for the Seniors. Perhaps they were not aware of the possibility of qualifying for the Handicap Match play and thought the cost of £45 for one round of golf was excessive. It would be interesting to compare the expenditure for both competitions.

Philippa Bridges

### Appendix 3 - DIVISIONS

#### **DIVISION 4** (hcps 32.0 +) at Royal Worlington 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022

We had 17 entries which is a little disappointing as we had 30 last year at St Audreys. The day went well. The very last competitor (and highest by 5 shots off a hcp of 48) won with 38 points. Julie Neal from Bramford.

The Shield was won by Stowmarket.

RW were very generous not charging for coffee on arrival or afterwards plus a 2 course meal for £18.

#### **DIVISION 3** (hcps 25-31.9) at Rushmere 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

We had 24 entries. Last year at Seckford we had 30.

Sunny but windy. Amanda Boutell from Fynn Valley won with 34 points.

Belstead Shield was won by Diss.

Rushmere were very helpful with an army of helpers. Delicious 2 course meal for £18 (coffee not included)

#### **DIVISION 2** (hcps 18-24.9) at Ufford Park 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022

We have 21 entries. Last year at Ipswich we had 36.

Basic 2 course meal is £20 (no coffee).

#### **DIVISION 1** (hcps up to 17.9) at Newton Green 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022

We have 28 entries. Last year at Rookery we had 23.

2 course meal is £14.50/£16 veg option (coffee not included).

### **HANDICAP RULE CHANGE**

It has worked well that on entry so long as the player's handicap is within the correct parameters then their entry is accepted and they can compete in Shield and individual competitions off their current handicap if it is below or the maximum allowed if it is above.

### **ENTRY FEES**

These were increased to £35 per person for 2022 (which included a 2 course meal). Next year only a 1 course meal/snack will be provided as a way of keeping costs down.

### **FACILITY FEES/GREEN FEES**

In March 2021 I was told we paid facility fees for the Division Meetings as follows:-

Up to 30 entries £175

31 to 50 entries £200

51 and above £250

The above sounds very cheap now and some Clubs are wanting Green Fees per person. I know the above makes life very difficult for booking courses and the Treasurer! It is important to not make a loss but also if fees are too high then entries will fall!

Tessa Summers  
Divisions Organiser

#### Appendix 4 - WESTON REPORT

The finals for the Weston this year will be played on 18<sup>th</sup> September at Bungay Golf Club. Finding a venue has been very difficult for Di but it has now been agreed, thank you Di.

Division 1 – Ipswich vs Bury St. Edmunds

Division 2 – Rookery Park vs Halesworth

Division 3 – Brett Vale vs Diss

(Division 3 came down to points won in each singles match from games to confirm who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in this Division, Diss won with 88, Fynn Valley 66 and Hintlesham 56).

Comments I have received concerning the play-off finals in 2022 have all been that, moving forward to 2023, the winner of the league is the winner of each trophy.

I also had a query concerning a lady having only one eye and requesting her caddy coming on the green to line her ball up for her. What are the rulings concerning this, please? Apparently, this wasn't mentioned till until the ladies were ready to start their match. Surely an earlier request should have been made so a definite ruling could have been sort like medical buggies!

I would like to add I have enjoyed my time as the Competition Organisers' Reports Organiser, it has been quite educational.

Maurine Minter

#### Appendix 5 - HASKELL and STEARN REPORT

The Haskell and Stearn trophies have progressed relatively smoothly, due in part to the fantastic weather.

The Haskell has reached the semi-final stage in good time, with only a few blips over scheduling. Our thanks to Newton Green and Woodbridge for hosting the semis.

There have been a few issues regarding the Stearn, but these were dealt with tactfully. Certainly, lessons have been learnt, giving clarity to the competition rules and guidelines. The eight-player squad format with AM and PM foursomes, seems to be working well. Together with neutral venues, this relatively new system, is overall preferred. Again, our thanks to Aldeburgh and Bramford for hosting the semis.

The final for both trophies will be on Sunday 2nd. The county is most grateful to Bungay for hosting this event.

I have enjoyed my first year as Stearn and Haskell organiser, and everyone has been kind and appreciative. Many thanks to Di for her help. I haven't learnt much about golf, but quite a bit concerning ladies and golf!!

Bud Pratten

#### Appendix 6 - CRANWORTH REPORT

The Cranworth Final will be played at Hintlesham GC on Thursday 22nd September between Bramford and Newton Green. This year has not run as smoothly as my first, mainly due to the new '5 card rule' and the problems with 'host' venues after the draw was made. Many thanks go out to Di Hegarty for her help and advice on some of those long days trying to sort out the problems. I am looking forward to next year when the format changes to 18 holes and twelve-hour days will be a thing of the past.

Geraldine Rose

#### Appendix 7 - CORONATION & CENTENARY FOURSOMES REPORT

I'd like to express my gratitude to Di for taking over the main responsibility at each of the venues that hosted the above competitions in July '22. I promise to be fully available for the next 2 years and to ensure I don't have a diary clash.

Di has reported on both competitions as per the reports on our website with the list of winners and photographs. Hopefully we can promote the Centenary Foursomes a bit better next year in terms of venue and date as I do think the Gorleston Lady Captains Charity Day the preceding day greatly affected the number of entries this year, with only 9 pairs competing. The Coronation Foursomes on the other hand was a great success with 22 pairs which included a couple of last-minute cancellations due to Covid or similar.

Caroline Emeny

#### Appendix 8 - JUBILEE SHIELD REPORT

All rounds have now been played apart from the final which is on 11 September at Fynn Valley.

Unfortunately, in the quarter-finals, one player had not had the requisite number of cards and so was penalised -9 holes meaning that the club lost the match. (Mike Rees was consulted as to what to do in this type of scenario).

There was a problem for the semi-final on 14 August as it was forecast to be extremely hot which did turn out to be the case. It was agreed that the matches could be postponed and played at the same venue by 26 August. One pair of teams said they could not organise this with the club so were allowed to play on 1 September.

Could there be clear instructions for what to do in this scenario - who is responsible for giving the ok for this etc?

## Appendix 9 - 1st TEAM REPORT

County match days 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022

It seems a long time ago.... But here is my report on county match days 2022

County match days took place at Harpenden GC 26<sup>th</sup> June – 29<sup>th</sup> June. I took a squad of 11 players plus the back up of a non-travelling reserve.

We had a tough draw playing Essex Monday morning which we lost 3-2, then we played Hertfordshire in the afternoon losing 5-0. We also lost Alice to an injury Monday morning which meant she was out of the afternoon matches, but I took it as an opportunity to play some more of the Juniors, Jasmine Points making her debut for the 1<sup>st</sup> team in the singles. Tuesday morning didn't start off much better than the day before we were playing Bedfordshire and lost 4-1. We were playing Norfolk in the afternoon and the team pulled off a great performance beating them 3-2 winning all 3 singles matches which was fantastic! This put the cat among the pigeons re the overall result of the competition with as many as 3 teams capable of winning on the final morning and we were playing one of them Cambridgeshire. Again, we lost Alice from the team, and we had players who had played a lot of golf over the 3 days who needed a rest. I decided to send out a few untried pairings in the foursomes and they performed so well, and we won the match 3-2, with Jasmine winning her first point for Suffolk.

I just would like to thank the team and their efforts they give 100% commitment to the team. So, thank you

I will certainly remember this county match days but probably not for the right reasons, but what I can say that I have given my best for Suffolk golf the years and have on the whole enjoyed my time as Captain.

I still have to arrange training for 2023 which again will be with Andrew and Sam at Felixstowe.

Amanda Norman

County Captain

## Appendix 10 - SENIORS TEAM REPORT

Our match v the Suffolk Junior Girls was cancelled, hopefully it can be organised on a suitable date next year.

Our first East Region Senior Women's League match (6 singles matches off scratch) was played in June against Hertfordshire at Bury St Edmunds GC and the match was a draw, 3 - 3, a very creditable result against tough opposition.

We played Cambs & Hunts at Brampton Park GC in July (4BBB off handicap). Suffolk won 3 - 2.

Our second East Region Senior Women's League match against Essex was played at Wanstead GC on 30 August. Suffolk won 41/2 to 11/2. This was a well-deserved result, excellent golf on a sun-baked course.



Still to play - 7 September v Norfolk Vets, 15 September v Bedfordshire and our last league match on 10 October v Norfolk.

Many thanks to all the ladies who have represented or will represent Suffolk this year, they have supported the senior's team enthusiastically.

Many thanks also to Sandlings Properties for sponsoring the Seniors Team. This has helped with the kit principally - with so many seniors it was impossible to offer everyone free kit, but we were able to considerably discount it.

Vicky Hunt

## Appendix 11 - 2<sup>nd</sup> TEAM REPORT

The County 2nd Team competed in the East Region Inter County Match Days at Colne Valley in Essex on Weds 24th to Friday 26th August for the first time since 2013.

### Team selected:

Charlie Garrod (Captain)(The Suffolk)

Molly Newson (Thorpeness)

Zoe Schofield (Rookery Park)

Charlotte Fawdry (Ipswich)

Lynne Barrett (Hintlesham)

Rachael Goldsmith (Halesworth)

Anja Carter (Seckford)

Kris Matthews (Brett Vale)

Emily Evans (Newton Green)

Sharon Davey (Fynn Valley)

It was the first inter-county 2nd team matches for everyone (except me) so it was a new experience for them all. All of them approached it with enthusiasm, determination and commitment, all being flexible and understanding as only 7 of the 10 play each match. I am very proud of how they carried and conducted themselves and they all were very grateful for the opportunity to represent their county, all enjoying the experience and excited for the future matches.

The team hadn't had the opportunity to play together before the match days apart from meeting at the training sessions at Felixstowe and some practice rounds at Colne Valley beforehand. Despite this, they bonded well together, built relationships and fought as a team courageously including caddying for each other.

We were welcomed back to the 2nd team match days by all of the other counties (Captains/Presidents/other officials) which was really nice. All of them commenting that it's great to have Suffolk back competing and how good the team were together representing Suffolk with integrity and determination in good competitive spirit.

The individual games during the week mostly went to hole 17 or 18 which is a reflection of the great golf played by everyone in the team. We scored on every day even though on the majority of days they were out handicapped often playing very low single figure handicaps, especially Essex who fielded some plus handicaps. Our girls put up a good fight even being up in some matches but unfortunately often these didn't finish in our favour so the county vs county match results were frustrating as there were so many opportunities to win.

We are very hopeful that this is just the start of a great team base for next year and future years.

I'll be arranging friendly matches to build on the county match days and training dates with the ladies first team will hopefully be during the winter again as they were beneficial to the team (they all said so and used some of the techniques during the matches).

Thank you to all the support and good wishes provided to the team. Some of the 2nd team squad who didn't make the team came to caddy and be part of the team which has helped their experience and were brilliant help and support for the players. Thanks to Sarah Gotts, Jules Harboard and Vicky Elliston.

Additionally, Vicky provided her professional services to the team by way of soft tissue massages and manipulation free of charge. She has offered to be a partner to the county golf teams and asked whether her sponsorship could be promoted on our website, I have advised I will discuss this possibility with the GB.

Next year we (Suffolk) will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Inter County Match Days. Bungay have kindly agreed to be the host club and arrangements have started to organise the event, including England Golf Referees review / visit. I will be in touch again once I am further forward with the organisation to request volunteers to assist me on the day please.

Overall, I'm very proud of the 2<sup>nd</sup> team and am looking forward to the future.

Kind regards

Charlie

2nd Team Captain

## Appendix 12 – TREASURE’S REPORT

### Introduction

Since the last GB meeting the volume and variety of transactions has been significant and the software package now in use is proving to be invaluable.

### Bank Balances

As at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022, the balances held are:

Treasurer’s account	£2,555.58
Business Bank Instant	£51,471.29

The working balance in the Treasurer’s account continues to be circa £2500 and there have been no problems in transferring monies from one account to the other.

### Income and expenditure:

#### Affiliation fees

To date affiliation fees of £13,125 have been received from SG.

#### Sponsorship

So far this year an incredible £8,000 has been raised in sponsorship to support 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Teams, seniors and juniors, viz:

- Jo Woodward £1,000
- MSC £1,500
- Willis £3,500
- One Group Construction (Sandlings) £1,500
- Suffolk Vets £500

Many thanks to those who have worked hard to secure this funding

#### 100 Club

Total income received - £2790 (net £1815) 3 draws so far this year with some prizes for the August draw still to be claimed.

### Competitions:

Competitions have been fast and furious but the “season” is now drawing to a close with Divisions 1 and 2 playing in the next week or two.

For a number of competitions not all invoices have been received as yet so a full picture is not yet available. Hopefully, I will be in a better position to report more

fully on this in the next few weeks and the following figures come with a health warning!

	<b>Income received</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Profit (loss)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Championship	£885.00	£854.90	£30.10	Green fees not yet charged
Senior Championship	£900.00	£1240.60	<b>(-£340.60)</b>	
Eastern Region Seniors Championship	£1395.00	£389.90	£1005.10	Green fees not yet charged

### Treasurer's Report cont

	<b>Income received</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Profit (loss)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Division 1	£805.00	TBA	TBA	Not yet played. Cheques not yet paid in to be accounted for
Division 2	£490.00	TBA	TBA	Not yet played. Cheques not yet paid in to be accounted for
Division 3	£840.00	£668.00	£172.00	
Division 4	£630.00	£675.60	<b>(-£45.60)</b>	
Eastern Region 4s	£4410.00	£4164.60	£245.40	
Coronation 4s	£1920.00	£1029	£891.00	Not all prizes claimed as yet
Centenary 4s	£800	TBA	TBA	Green fees not yet charged
East Suffolk Golf Day	£2240.00	£2272.85	£105.15	
Suffolk Golf Day	£4800.00	£5655.00	<b>(-855.00)</b>	

### Juniors

	<b>Income received</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Jamboree	£60.00	£36.00	Agreed that monies be refunded – 2 refunds still o/s
Spring Cup	£245.00	£160.00	Relates to prizes only – no invoice for Green fees as yet

## County Match Weeks

We have had a busy year with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Junior teams. Again, I'm not in a position to provide a final update as not all invoices have been received