



**Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at  
Fynn Valley Golf Club at 10.30am**

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| Lils James (LJ)        | President                                  |
| Amanda Norman (AN)     | Captain (chair)                            |
| Tanya McGregor (TM)    | Vice-Captain                               |
| Carol Deslandes (CD)   | Treasurer                                  |
| Di Hegarty (DH)        | Secretary                                  |
| Lizzie Johnson (LiJ)   | England Golf Representative                |
| Annette Llewellyn (AL) | Handicap Advisor                           |
| Sue Hayward (SH)       | Junior Organiser                           |
| Joan Hogarth (JH)      | Venue Organiser                            |
| Tessa Summers (TS)     | Divisional Organiser                       |
| Geraldine Rose (GR)    | Cranworth Organiser                        |
| Vicki Hunt (VH)        | Senior Organiser & Senior Shield Organiser |

- 1. Apologies**, Caroline Emeny, Maureen Minter, Philippa Bridges, Charlie Garrord
- 2. Minutes of GB Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Agreed as a true copy

- 3. Matters Arising**

- Development days poster –
- Abusive Behaviour at County Match Week. Code of conduct to be amended for players, members, relatives and spectators. (Action SH)

- 4. Correspondence**

None

- 5. England Golf Representative's Report**

LJ attended an England Golf (EG) meeting on 30/11 re Womens Regions and whilst nothing has as yet been decided it was a very constructive and positive meeting. At the same meeting there was a majority representation in favour of unification of counties.

Delegates have asked if it would be possible to know what The 100 Club surplus funds would be used for in advance so to encourage more members to join. Decision pending by GB.

EG have asked for a 3 players competition, but it is unclear if this is via the clubs or counties. (Action LJ)

EG have enquired about Independent Golfers playing in County competitions. As there are currently only 7 iG lady golfers in Suffolk at present the GB decided that this would not be viable, but the numbers will be monitored.

EG are encouraging counties to merge the ladies and men to diversify

VH confirmed that if EG decide to hold a Senior's competition, the seniors would be pleased to apply and play.

## 6. **Handicap Adviser's Report** – [Appendix 1](#)

EG contacted to ask if we had had any issues with Club's handicaps. As we have had very few queries this year, we believe the Clubs have none. If EG wants Dot Golf to be updated that it is felt that EG should approach the clubs directly, as the clubs are not always amending members records when they move or die.

AN thanked AL for all her hard work over the last 3 years.

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

a) **County Championship** – it was agreed that a gross prize should take priority, and the Nett prizes to continue as it worked very well this year. AN thanked PB for her support for the last 3 years. [Appendix 2](#).

b) **Divisions** – we need to try and encourage more people to play. Email to go out to all members as well as club house. [Appendix 3](#).

c) **Weston** – Div 1 will still be in random order and Div 2&3 handicap index order. AN thanked MM for her support over the last 3 years. [Appendix 4](#)

d) **Haskell & Stearn** – The current tee times should allow sufficient time for lunch if played in the recommended foursomes format ie playing partner should be on the hole near to where the ball played from the teeing area is expected to come to rest. [Appendix 5](#)

e) **Cranworth** – [Appendix 6](#)

f) **Coronation and Centenary Foursomes** – nothing to report

g) **Senior Jubilee Shield** – next year neutral grounds. [Appendix 7](#)

## 8. **Team Reports**

a) **1<sup>st</sup> Team Report** – nothing to report

b) **Seniors Report** – New seniors to be considered aged 50+ with a handicap index of up to 14. [Appendix 8](#)

c) **Junior Organisers Report** [Appendix 9](#)

SH has had regular meetings with the Mens' Union and there are plans to join the girls and boys together on the same pathways. The development training for juniors just starting at golf will be at three hubs next year: Bungay, Woodbridge and Bury St Edmunds. We hope more juniors will make use of this free training. It was agreed that County will pay £5000 toward junior development. There will be a charge of £35 a year for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> team players which will include their training.

d) **2<sup>nd</sup> Team Report**

All training for the teams has been booked at Felixstowe Ferry and are on the website

**9. Treasurer's Report** – A good year with sponsorship

**10. Incorporation.** – Good to go following a resolution to be voted on at the AGM. Once approved there will likely be a short delay while the bank accounts are transferred across. (Action CD & DH)

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

SH has completed to safeguarding session and will be giving a 15-minute talk to all on the GB to ensure our compliance in the Jan 23 meeting. (Action SH)

**12. Website** – is up to date. Eunice Gray is happy to help with the website and is now updating news items. Contact forms have been updated to show 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> contact for each club.

**13. Any Other Business**

Bramford course has had an independent course rating and has been rated the same.

At a recent Open which Bramford won, the results sheet was disparagingly defaced. The GB agreed that this is totally unacceptable. It is felt that Bramford ladies do so well due to the ongoing training they get and on course guidance from their Professional, Sarah Wilson.

Organisers can submit news items to CD for the Suffolk Golfer magazine. CD to notify team deadline dates. (Action CD)

**Date of next GB meeting:**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023 AGM

**2023**     Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January  
              Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Note change of date  
              Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September  
              Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Meeting closed at 12:30

D Hegarty

Hon Secretary

## Appendix 1 – Handicap Adviser's

This has been a relatively quiet year, with no Covid interruptions.

Apart from receiving handicapping enquiries, there is little to report.

I feel that we are all getting used to WHS and its idiosyncrasies.

The Governing Body felt that the time was right to review the handicap ranges for the divisions and county knockouts. The playing formats for the Weston and Cranworth have been tweaked and the rules for the 4BBB and the Senior Jubilee Shield have been verified.

I have been in this post since the start of 2019 and have therefore been in from the start of WHS and all its teething problems. Together we have coped with the changes.

I am proud to say that I've been asked to be Ladies Captain at Woodbridge next year and am standing down as County Handicap Advisor.

I would like to wish my successor well. I believe that I am leaving everything in a good place.

Annette Llewellyn

Handicap Advisor SLCGA

## Appendix 2 - COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

The Main Championships were held at Rookery Park Golf Club on 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May. There were a similar number of entrants to the previous year with 21 players for the Strokeplay with 12 going through to Scratch Matchplay and 4 going through to Handicap Matchplay on the Saturday.

Strokeplay - 1<sup>st</sup> Gross and winner of the Woodbridge Challenge Bowl was Alice Barlow. 2<sup>nd</sup> Gross and winner of the Maggie Ivor Jones Plate was Amanda Norman. 1<sup>st</sup> Nett and winner of the Berendt Handicap Jug was Juliette Coffey. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nett was Melissa Coffey

Matchplay - Scratch

Winner of the Churchman Challenge Cup was Alice Barlow and Runner-up and winner of the Lady Eddis Silver Box was Lils James. Semi-finalists were Sharon Luckman and Abbie Symonds.

Matchplay - Handicap

The winner and recipient of the Presidents Plate was Jasmine Points. Runner-up was Christine Kubitzek.

This was the first year introducing the Handicap matchplay competition and worked well, with some very close matches.

The Seniors Championship was held at Diss Golf Club on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July. There were fewer entrants this year with only 19 starting. There were some very close scores with 4 going through to Scratch Matchplay and 4 going through to Handicap Matchplay.

Strokeplay winner was Kristina Matthews and Runner-up was Lynne Barrett.

1<sup>st</sup> Nett was Rebecca Draper and 2<sup>nd</sup> Nett Clare Charlwood.

Stroke Matchplay winner was Kristina Matthews with Runner-up Ann Fosker.

Handicap Matchplay winner was Rebecca Draper with Runner-up Kerry Enever.

Philippa Bridges

## Appendix 3 - DIVISION MEETINGS

**DIVISION 4** (hcps 32.0 +) was held at Royal Worlington on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022. We had 17 entries.

The day went well and RW were generous hosts.

Julie Neal from Bramford won the individual with 38 points and the Shield was won by Stowmarket.

**DIVISION 3** (hcps 25-31.9) was held at Rushmere on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

We had 24 entries on a sunny but very windy day

Amanda Boutell from Fynn Valley won the individual with 34 points while the Belstead Shield went to Diss.

**DIVISION 2** (hcps 18-24.9) was held at Ufford Park on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022.

We had 21 entries.

Di Hegarty representing Fynn Valley won the best gross with 89 and the Joan O'Meara Shield was won by Ufford Park .

**DIVISION 1** (hcps up to 17.9) was held at Newton Green on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022. We had 28 entries.

Abbie Symonds representing Ipswich won the best gross with 69 and the team Shield went to Bury St Edmunds.

### **SCORING**

At Newton Green for the first time the host club set up the competition, did the scoring using their computer for sign in and results (just like an open competition held at their club). It is hoped that this will be the norm from now on as all golf clubs are computerised. This will save a lot of work for the SLCGA Secretary and mean that only the Organisers will need to attend the Division Meetings.

### **ENTRY FEES**

These will be kept to £35 per person for 2023. To keep these fees down only a single course light meal will be provided and to be fairer to the Golf Clubs a Green Fee per player will be paid instead of a Facility Fee.

Tessa Summers

Divisions Organiser

## Appendix 4 - Weston report

The Weston 2022 season started with 21 teams involved. The finals were played at Bungay Golf Club on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2022. The teams, in the final, were

Division 1 – Ipswich vs Bury St. Edmunds

Division 2 – Rookery Park vs Halesworth

Division 3 – Brett Vale vs Diss.

Weston Trophy Winners - Bury St. Edmunds

Weston Plate Winners – Rookery Park

Weston Bowl Winners – Diss

### Divisions for 2023-

8 teams in Division 1, 8 teams in Division 2 and 7 teams in Division 3. Gorleston and Southwold are new to the Weston so must start in Division 3 (23 teams now involved).

There were rule queries, especially for the final, but Di was, as usual, very helpful. I received many comments regarding the decision to hold play-off finals this year, mostly negative as clubs seemed to feel the winner of the league is the winner of each trophy.

I enjoyed my time as the Weston Competition Organiser and thank all the SLCGA Governing Body for their support.

Maureen Minter

## Appendix 5 - Haskell and Stearn

### **Haskell**

The 2022 Haskell Trophy progressed smoothly, with all rounds being completed on time. There were a few snags finding mutual play dates, but these were ironed out.

The semi-finals were played between Rookery Park and Woodbridge at Newton Green, and Felixstowe facing Newton Green at Woodbridge. Rookery Park and Felixstowe again prevailed into the final at Bungay.

Many thanks to Woodbridge and Newton Green for hosting the semi-finals.

And so yet again Jo Woodward and Amanda Norman (Felixstowe), and Carole Bostock and Hannah Rees (Rookery Park), faced one another in the final. The match was all square at lunchtime, but Rookery Park were the eventual winners 4-- 2. There was some consolation for Amanda, who had a hole in one at the fourth.

As always, the match was conducted in a very sporting manner.

### **Stearn.**

This is the second season of the squad format for the Stearn, and overall, it seems to be working well. However constructive feedback is always appreciated.

There were a few issues regarding the Stearn in the knockout stages. These were dealt with swiftly and tactfully, with lessons being learnt, especially concerning the rules and competition guidelines.

Newton Green and Bramford played their semi at Aldeburgh, and Woodbridge faced Aldeburgh at Bramford.

Many thanks to Bramford and Aldeburgh for hosting the semi-finals.

Bramford and Aldeburgh then progressed to the Stearn final at Bungay.

This was a very close encounter, with Aldeburgh leading 2--1 at lunchtime. However, the match was tied at 3 all after 36 holes. Aldeburgh won on the second extra hole. The contest was a terrific tussle which could have gone either way.

Again, this final was played in great sporting spirit.

The weather for the finals was very kind, as indeed it had been throughout the summer.

Many thanks to Nicki McMahon for refereeing both finals.

The SLCGA would like to thank Bungay and Waveney Valley GC for their kindness and hospitality, with delicious lunchtime sandwiches and generous evening buffet. The course, as always, offered an excellent golfing challenge.

We are very much looking forward to the 2023 golfing season.

Bud Pratten.

Haskell and Stearn organiser.



## Appendix 6 - Cranworth Trophy

A field of 23 Clubs entered the Cranworth Trophy for 2022.

On the way we lost two Clubs and reinstated one. With the 'neutral' venues up and running again the first round in May got underway and the winners progressed to round two, meeting those teams that had a bye.

The final in September was hosted by Hintlesham Golf Club who made sure that everything was perfect for our final.

My thanks go out to the Club for making sure that everything went well and for all their help.

Our finalists were Bramford and Newton Green with team Captains Janet Beard and Sally Cade.

Many congratulations to Bramford who won the Cranworth Final 2022 and to Newton Green who must congratulate themselves for getting all the way to the Final.

Geraldine Rose

Cranworth Organiser

## Appendix 7 - Senior Seniors Jubilee Shield 2022

There were many close matches along the way to the final which was held at Fynn Valley Golf Club. Many thanks go to them for hosting the event which ran very smoothly. The weather was kind, the golf on show of excellent quality and the match was played in a very good but competitive spirit. Congratulations to Bramford who won over Seckford GC - a close match right to the end.

**Vicki Hunt**  
**Senior Organiser**

## Appendix 8 - Captain & Senior Organiser's

First of all, huge thanks to **Sandlings Properties** who are sponsoring the Seniors team. This has enabled us to provide team kit at a very reduced price and has helped with other team expenses.

Originally planned for March 2020 then March 2021, we were at last able to have our pre-season get-together at Ipswich golf Club in March this year - third time lucky! 36 ladies attended and, after sandwiches and a catch-up, we headed out on to the course for an 18 hole 4BBB fun competition. As with all the Seniors matches and events, photos and results are on the Suffolk website. Many thanks to Ipswich golf Club for hosting us, the course was playing very well and the sandwiches and cake were delicious!

What a relief it was to have a more or less normal season. All our matches were played as planned apart from with the Suffolk Junior Girls where we had to cancel the match due to the difficulty in finding a suitable date - hopefully we will be able to rectify that next year.

### **East Region Senior Women's League**

The inaugural year of this league went ahead as planned with Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk initially taking part and Cambs & Hunts subsequently joined as well. The format for these matches is 6 singles played off scratch though, this year, we still played 4BBB against Cambs & Hunts. Next year Bedfordshire will be joining the league which is excellent news. We are hoping to finalise the rules for the league over the winter months.

We performed well against strong opposition and were very pleased to have come joint second with Essex, Hertfordshire came first. The results were as follows and more detailed accounts can be found on the County website.

**v Hertfordshire @ Bury St Edmunds** - A draw 3 / 3

**v Cambs & Hunts @ Brampton Park** - Suffolk won 3/2.

**v Essex @ Wanstead** - Suffolk won 4 1/2 to 11/2

**v Norfolk @ Ipswich** - Norfolk won 3 1/2 to 2 1/2

### **Other matches**

We played two other matches this year, both 4BBB, against Norfolk Vets off scratch and against Bedfordshire off handicap:

**v Norfolk Vets @ Dunston Hall** - A draw 2/2

**v Bedfordshire @ Mount Pleasant** - A draw 2/2

My thanks go to all the players who participated and/or stood 'in the wings' as reserves and also to the golf clubs who kindly hosted our matches and who looked after us very well both on and off the course.

It has been fantastic to have so many Suffolk senior ladies keen to take part in this section again this year. We had a squad of 12 ladies who have a handicap below 9 who played in the league matches and a pool of over 20 other ladies for our other matches.

Remember: If you are aged 50 or over, have a handicap index of 14.0 or below, and are interested in representing the County at Senior level please contact me - details are on the Suffolk Ladies website. Those of you who have already registered your details with me need not reapply, I will be contacting you all in the new year! Do not forget to enter the Seniors Championship to be held at Aldeburgh Golf Club at the beginning of July 2023 - details on the website.

Mrs Vicki Hunt

Senior Captain

## Appendix 9 - Junior Organiser's

This has been my first full year since taking over from Alice Barlow. Despite the information left for me it has been a learning curve particularly the computer programme. I would like to say a big thank you to Di Hegarty for her patience in trying to teach me.

I met with the new Junior Captain Juliette Coffey before the Spring meeting to hear from her about future friendlies and to encourage her as Captain to feel she could step up in her role.

The year of Competitions began with the Spring Meeting at Woodbridge Golf Club. The course was looking very good, and all the girls enjoyed the challenge, particularly the second hole which led to several balls rolling off the green into the pond! Despite this Sophie Kubitzek with a medal round of 74 NET 70 was the winner. Talia Brewer won the net with 75.

Due to Covid restrictions the award for player of the year was presented to Sophie Kubitzek and the most improved player Jasmine Potter at the Spring Meeting in Woodbridge.

This year the Junior Championship was held jointly with the boys at Halesworth. This was the first time a joint event had been held. Everyone felt it went well and should continue to be joint in 2023. The winner was Juliette Coffey 161 medal score, best net score Melissa Coffey.

The Stapleford competition was won by Abigail Hope with 43 points.

Natasha Gregory was awarded a certificate for a hole in one.

We arrived at County Week on August 1<sup>st</sup> at Bar Hill. My first experience and attending on my own was a little daunting. However, the organisers Beds and Bucks were so supportive and friendly they made it much easier for me.

The girls played very well but sadly we did not have the strongest team, this led to them battling to win their games. I was very impressed with their attitude and their commitment to the team. Juliette had provided each team member with a goody bag on arrival, and this was a great moral booster. She led the team well as their Junior Captain. Those parents who attended I thank them for their support and a particular thankyou to Ken Coffey for his help.

I was very proud following County Week to be given positive feedback from other teams which highlighted the friendly and engaging manner the girls showed in each game they played.

I enjoyed attending County Week, being with the girls, feeling it helped me to become more familiar with them and hopefully for them to get to know me.

I would like to say thank you for the gift of flowers and the card. It was a lovely surprise, and I was very touched by the words expressed in the card.

The Autumn meeting was held at Fynn Valley it was a little disappointing that the numbers entries attending was low. Despite this it was a positive game with Sophie Kubitzek winning with a medal round of 82 and Josie Knights winning the net score of 76.

The following day we played Junior/Lady foursomes. Once again, the turnout was low, and I hope we can encourage more entries for next year. I have made the decision not to hold the Autumn meeting and the Foursomes on the same weekend hoping this will support more attendance.

The foursomes were won by Imogen Potter and her Partner Diane Leeder with 36 points.

I would like to thank Di Hegarty for playing nine holes with Jessica one of the young girls who has been coming to the development group. It was a positive experience for her and for Georgie another youngster who was not eligible to enter but enjoyed the experience of playing.

There have been several friendlies played and I would like to thank Aldeburgh, Felixstowe, Thetford, Bungay, and Ipswich. Friendly against Norfolk girls at Thetford.

The feedback from the friendlies played was once again very positive in respect of the friendly way the girls played and engaged.

We played in the Eastern Region Team event at Thetford. This is mixed handicap event and Juliette led as Captain, Josie Knights and four of the girls who have been attending the development group through the summer. They all enjoyed the experience and loved playing for Suffolk. We are organising the event next year on the 17<sup>th</sup> September at Hintlesham Golf Club. The venue chosen for the easy access for the teams.

Training has been ongoing at Felixstowe and I thank Andrew and Rob for their ongoing support and guidance to the girls. It has at times been disappointing regarding attendance and I would like to encourage all first and second team girls to put dates in their diary and take advantage of the training. It is also important as attendance enables the team to become more co-essive. To support the girls working as a team I would like to request that parents are not in attendance.

We had four develop training days with eight girls. This was held at Woodbridge. I thank Calvin Sherwood for his input and training. The girls who attended have all gained from the time and being able to play several holes on the forest course which made the day more interesting. Four of the girls Chloe, Izzy, Abigail and Shannon have all improved their handicaps over the summer and have been asked to join Suffolk girls second team.

We were very grateful this to receive a donation from MSC Via David Woolnough and the Suffolk Lady Veterans. This enabled each girl to receive a team shirt and long-sleeved mid layer top.

Plans for 2023.

The future is looking brighter for girls and golf. I have been working with the Junior boys' team members over the summer.

Trevor Mason Chair of Suffolk Junior boys and I have been in contact and had meetings. I was invited to attend a meeting with the all the members of the boy's junior team committee on the 31 October 2022. This was to discuss a new document which has now been approved by Suffolk Golf Union to build a system. A development pathway for girls and boys. In working together, we are looking to provide three 'coaching hubs' in the County where boys and girls will be invited. These will be for training and development and a pathway for each Junior will be put in place. There are several professionals who have put themselves forward to work within the three hubs.

There is also a proposal to arrange a new competition 'nines' which will be a follow on from golf sixes. This will be arranging nine-hole matches between clubs using different formats. I have been involved in the planning and this will be available for boys and girls with several of the competitions being qualifiers. This will support juniors obtaining a handicap. This format also has the support of Suffolk Golf Union. I

am attending a meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> November at Seckford when a number of golf clubs are going to be present to hear about this plan and sign up to the format.

Funding has been agreed by the Suffolk Junior Boys and we will need to consider the funding from Suffolk Junior Girls.

I would like to thank Juliette Coffey for being Captain sadly her last year with the Juniors as she has reached 18. I know from speaking with her she has a lot to look forward to going onto university here or in America to study engineering. She has been a valuable member of the team and her input and team membership will be missed.

I would also like to thank the parents for their time and commitment to driving their girls to the many venues this year. Without this support from parents, we would not have the team of juniors who have played so well this year.

I am hopeful I am now at a stage where I am beginning to understand and make plans. I will still need Di Hegarty as computer knowledge is still sadly lacking. I look forward to the next year and the exciting changes being made to promote Junior Golf. Working with the Junior Boys' team will ensure that we encourage more growth in junior golf.

**Sue Hayward**

**Junior Organiser.**