

Minutes of the Lincolnshire Ladies County Golf Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the National Golf Centre, Woodhall Spa on November 7th 2016 at 10.30 am.

The Chairman began by asking for a few moments silence in respect of the following members of the County Association who had passed away during the year: Ann Creasey (Boston West), Sue Henderson, Mary Everitt, Peggy Jennings (Lincoln), Marita Jordan (Boston), Ann Green (Elsham), Mary Herd (Sleaford, Sue Jones (Greetham Valley), Joan Pike (Cleethorpes), Nancy Vernon (Market Rasen) & Joan Davies (Canwick Park).

Mrs Stobart, the County Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing those members of the County Executive sitting on the top table.

Present: Mrs Tracey Stobart (Chairman), Miss Julia Sales (President), Mrs Helen McDougall (Captain) Mrs Birdie Dawson (Vice-Captain), Mrs Barbara Haycox (Honorary Secretary), Mrs. Cindy Ireland (Treasurer), Mrs. Judith Ainsworth (League Secretary), Mrs. Wendy Ramsden (Competitions Secretary), Mrs. Pat Jones (Junior Organiser), Mrs. Margaret Jacobs (SS Advisor), Mrs Kathryn Johnson (Deputy Handicap Advisor), Mrs. Sue Borthwick (Midlands North Representative) and 80 other members

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Pottergate Golf Club, Gedney Hill Golf Club, Di Smith, Alison Johns, Emma Tipping, Ann Kent, Sophie Beardsall, Anne Dickinson, Denise Parker, June Willows, Terry Macarthy, Lesley Collins, Rosemarie Lawton, Lorna Moore, Tilly Lawrence, Ann Todd, Rikki Czajkowski, Jules palmer, Carol Mirfin, Gemma Leak, Jackie Rahill & Liz Holbrook

2 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting November 2nd 2015

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and adopted as a true record. Proposed by Liz Moses and seconded by June Miller. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3 Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

4 Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that there had been four Executive meetings, a Finance meeting a Representatives meeting and four Lincolnshire Partnership meetings and the annual two day County Secretaries meeting. A change in the issue of County Cards for 2016 will be continued in 2017. The scheme is administered by the Lincolnshire Golf Union and cards are downloaded from the LUCG website. Every member is entitled to a card. Club open days had been put onto the diary page of the County website free of charge but flyers, entry form and results can be put onto

the Club competitions section at a cost of £15.00. Clubs were reminded to advise the Secretary any changes to their Lady Secretary, Club Delegate and Handicap Secretary. Lincolnshire hosted County Match week at Holme Hall and thanks go to Tracey, Julia, Helen, Wendy, Terry and Helen for their help in the organisation of the event and to Holme Hall Golf club, who were very accommodating for all our requests and particularly to Jeanette Urry, Lady Captain, and her team who worked tirelessly throughout the week.

5 Treasurer's Report

Mrs Ireland began by reporting that the association has a healthy financial position and as a result the affiliation fee will remain the same.

There are 2598 members, exactly the same as 2015. As from 1st November, affiliation fees will be collected in 'real time' not as in the past when fees were due on 1st January based on the number of members at the 30th June the previous year. In theory the new collection system is designed to generate a more accurate return of numbers.

County competitions show a small surplus of £841 and the raffles raised £1351, with proceeds going to the Juniors.

Team expenses are up but the County hosted County Match Week, which involved considerable extra costs. £4500 was received from England Golf to offset some of the added costs.

2nd Team costs are slightly up due to extra travelling to matches.

Added expense will be incurred over the next few years as every course has to be rated again.

The support of the following clubs for the Juniors is greatly appreciated: Belton Park, Woodhall spa, Louth, LVLGA and the Lincs Past Club Captains Society.

The Patrons had made a donation of £1000.

The Treasurer also reminded clubs about putting open days on the website for a fee of £15 and that every member is entitled to a County Card.

Thanks were given to Phil Smith for auditing the accounts and to the ladies for their support of the County competitions and raffles.

Special thanks to Wendy for her efficiency and her detailed breakdown of each competition and wishing her well in 'retirement'.

A full copy of the accounts is attached to these Minutes.

6 Competition Secretary's Report

Mrs. Ramsden thanked the Executive, particularly Mrs. Macarthy for their continued support and Helen, who had attended every competition as County Captain. Thanks were also given to the host clubs, their managers, Lady Captains and members for all their help and to everyone who had donated raffle prizes and buying tickets, the proceeds going to the junior Girls to promote golf in Lincolnshire and all who enter the competitions.

A full set of results can be found at the end of this report.

The County Championship, held at Market Rasen, was won by Helen Hewlett (Seacroft) for the ninth time. Emma Tipping (Greetham Valley) was the runner – up. Helen won the Barbara Watson Trophy (best 36 holes gross). The Presidents Bowl (best 36 holes nett) was won by Beth Shippin (Blankney), who also won the Mary Roberts Trophy (best 36 holes gross under 30 years of age).

The Butlin Trophy was won by Tilly Lawrence (Market Rasen) with a net 74. The Julia Sales Salver (best gross foursomes) was won by Pat West and Dianne Rafferty (Spalding) with a gross 84.

The Senior Ladies Championship was held at Grimsby. Pat West (Spalding) won the Kathie Craigs Salver with a gross 79 and Julie Palmer (Blankney) won the Joan Payling Salver with a net 73.

The Spring Bronze Meeting was held at Boston West. The Bronze champion and winner of the Gwen Bamber Trophy (best Stableford points) was Jane Briggs (Kenwick Park) with 30 points. On Day 2, the Mary Mundy Salver (Betterball stableford) was won by Olive Gooderson and Christina Leggett (Spalding) with 37 points. Woodhall Spa won the Dorothy Marshall Shield with 80 points. Three County Betterball days were held and thanks go to the representatives, Pauline Smith, Stella Goldstein and Ann Lyon, for organising these days. The North was played at Ashby Decoy, the winners of the Isabel Halmshaw and Betty Gresham Salvors were Sarah Harris and Emma Rooke with 42 points, Central at North Shore, the winners of the Chris Means and Edna Whitehouse salvors were Rosemary Reed and Sally Reed with 39 points and South at Spalding was won by Lynda Double and Angela Roper with 45 points.. There were no presentations at these events.

The Autumn meeting was played at Cleethorpes. The Brocklesby Cup was won by Judith Gorman (Cleethorpes) , nett 70 and the Elsham Centenary Salver – best gross – was won by Gill Kapka gross 74. Cleethorpes won the Lincolnshire Shield with a nett 220.

The Coronation Cup was won by Elaine Barker (Cleethorpes) with 33 points on a count back from Sue Letby (Kenwick Park).

For the Silver and Bronze Shields, Lady Captains can nominate teams of four players from the entries received, the winner being the best 3 out of 4 scores added together. The Bronze Shield, played for at the Spring Bronze meeting, will be at Laceby Manor in 2017 with the Silver Shield being played at Boston.

The County Am-Am was held at Elsham Golf Club. The winners were Tracey Stobart (Kenwick Park), Helen Hewlett (Seacroft), Helen McDougall (Lincoln) and Julia Sales (Kenwick Park) with 89 points.

Clubs were asked to encourage their members to enter County Competitions. Entries had been down in all competitions. The package that had been left for clubs at the desk contained details and entry forms for 2017 Competitions plus a notice detailing all competitions. Entry forms could also be downloaded from the County website, where start sheets and results will be published. Mrs Ramsden concluded by thanking everyone for their support.

7 2nd Team /Vice Captain's Report

The first match was played at Burghley Park against Leicestershire on 27th June. Lily Farr and Lois Williamson, won their foursomes match and after lunch the team (Ellie and Liz Haughton, Alex Smith and Cindy Ireland) secured a win 5 ½ – 4 ½ .

The return match was at Park Hill on the 3rd July. The result for the team was a loss 6 -3 (Lucy Hull, Harriet Wilson, Tilly Kedzlie, Lily Farr, Alex Smith and Lois Williamson).

The home match against Nottinghamshire was played at Canwick Park on 5th July. After the morning foursomes the team were 3-0 down but some great play in the afternoon singles the match ended in a draw 4 ½ - 4 ½ . (Lucy Hull, Lois Williamson, Ellie and Liz Haughton, Lily Farr and Alex Smith.

The final match was played at Stanton on the Wolds on 18th July. The match finished in a draw 4 ½ - 4 ½ (Lily Farr, Alex Smith, Lois Williamson, Harriet Wilson, Ellie and Liz Haughton). The result meant that Nottinghamshire went through to the final by one game and played Staffordshire, who were the eventual winners.

Mrs Dawson thanked all the players and was looking forward to next year.

8 Junior Organiser's Report

Mrs Jones started her report by detailing the achievement of Tilly Garfoot (age 13), who qualified for the MNR Medal Final played at Penn Golf Club, which she won with a nett score of 63. She qualified for the Grand Final at Frilford Heath but was unable to play due to holiday.

Lois Williamson won the Boston Ladies club championship for the third year in a row. She is joined by Ellie Haughton in the England Golf U18 Regional training squad.

The Junior Match Play final at Carholme Golf Club was won by Ellie Haughton.

Eight girls received County colours in 2016.

Squad coaching at Woodhall Spa began in February as did the County Chicks. This is for girls with no or high handicaps and is run at Woodhall Spa, Gainsborough and Toft.

The annual match against the Boys was played at Laceby Manor. The girls winning 3 ½ - 1 ½. Four out of the ten girls were playing in their first match

The annual fundraiser was held at Gainsborough Golf Club in April, with 12 teams taking part.

Thanks to all who played and Ping for the prizes.

The Jennings and Peggoty Cups were held at Lincoln. Gross winner was Ellie Haughton and the nett winner was Isabel Haughton, both of Greetham Valley.

The results from the Junior County Championships held at Spading Golf Club are as follows:

Junior County Champion 2016 – Tilly Kedzlie (Spalding) lowest gross 79

U18 Champion – Lois Williamson (Spalding) gross 81

U16 Champion – Tilly Kedzlie (Spalding) gross 79

U14 Champion – Tilly Garfoot (Spalding) gross 96

Best Nett – Courtney Martland (Lincoln) 94-24-70

Most improved Junior for 2015/16 – Eden Inglis (Spalding)

The three champions played at Shifnal Golf Club in the Champions of Champions.

Tilly, as Junior County Champion, also played in the first girls/ladies Champion of Champions held at Woodhall Spa.

Winners of competitions run by the Patrons and LUGC:

Patrons – Courtney Martland (Lincoln) 39 points, Tilly Kedzlie (Spalding) 32 points and Tilly Garfoot (Spalding) 32 points.

Stamford and Nicky Molson – Tilly Kedzlie (Spalding) gross 78

Woodroffe Wallter – Best gross 36 holes – Ellie Haughton (Greetham Valley) 162 and best nett – Georgia Mann (Woodhall Spa) 88-24-64.

Les Johnson – Tilly Garfoot (Spalding) 91-18-73

The Order of Merit begins in May and runs every month until August. The winners are:

Group 1 Eden Inglis (Spalding), Group 2 Freya Woodiwiss (Woodhall Spa) and Group 3 Teigan Ward (Lincoln).

2016 saw a change in the Junior Leagues finishing with a festival of golf played in August at Trent Lock. Throughout the year, the first team played 36 holes against two different counties on one day. The second team league was split into east and west – (Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire) and (Derbyshire, Shropshire and Staffordshire) respectively – playing 18 holes to give an east and west league winner. 140 girls played at Trent Lock, including a 9 hole competition for girls with high or no handicap and the final matches in the league were played. The 1st Team League was won by Staffordshire, Lincolnshire finishing 3rd.

The 2nd Team final was between Derbyshire and Lincolnshire, with Lincolnshire winning the 2nd Team Salver. The team comprised of Tilly Garfoot, Eden Inglis, Courtney Martland, Kazzia Fox, Amy Fletcher, Hollie Markham (Gainsborough) and Isabel Haughton.

Thanks were extended to Alison Johns, Steve Cooper and Darren Game, all supporters during the year, Clare for doing the fixtures, clubs who had made donations, parents and to the girls.

9 Midland Representative's Report

Of the 7 events run by MNR, Lincolnshire hosted County Match Week at Holme Hall in June. Whilst the results were not what we would have wished, the efficiency, hospitality and support the County gave was second to none and received plaudits from those who played and supported the event. The other 6 events run by MNR

- 36 Hole Foursomes
- Medals Final
- Australian Spoons
- Queen of Clubs
- The Girl's Championship
- County 2nd Team Finals

have been self-funding, successful and without financial problems. However, attendance and the issue of the large area of the 6 Counties that make up the region, venues are being arranged two years ahead. To encourage entries, the Australian Spoons was moved to later in the year to give clubs more flexibility to run qualifiers and the Queen of Clubs, the club champion's competition, was changed from 36 to 18 holes. This is for a trial period of 3 years. Next year we have a bye as the Medal Finals are organised by England Golf.

Currently the representatives from all Counties are changing over, which will affect continuity but to assist with this the County have agreed to extend by one year my tenure to help the transition. As the County representative at England Golf, I have attended the AGM and conference, 2 General Meetings and a number of forums to input feedback on England Golf's proposals and strategy. Most of the work has been to start the implementation of Governance and Affiliation procedures. In addition this year has seen the changeover of the England Golf CEO. England Golf strive to secure funding for the game, assist clubs with membership and a number of county initiatives, as well as the many national competitions and development and support of the most talented players.

10 Handicap Advisor/Liaison Officer's Report

Kathryn Johnson read the report in the absence of Mrs Macarthy.

2016 saw the introduction of the new CONGU UHS manual.

A seminar was held at Kings Norton Golf Club for Handicap Advisors in January followed by another one in February at Newark Golf Club for handicap secretaries. Gemma Hunter of England Golf was invited to do the same presentation to the Lady Handicap secretaries of Lincolnshire. All the changes to the handicap system that were brought in this year are listed on page 7 of the manual.

Four Ball Better Ball Allowance is 90%, however if you play an Am-Am, Texas Scramble or Waltz, you can choose whatever fraction you wish as these are not recognised forms of golf - see Appendix F, page 72 of the manual.

The introduction of 'the continuous handicap review' (CHR) has proved difficult for the handicap service providers but hopefully all should be resolved for 2017. The manual states: 'There is now a computer generated report which flags players with 7 consecutive increases. Handicap committees are recommended to review the performance of such players giving due consideration to applying a handicap increase.' When one of these reports is generated, the handicap committee should conduct a mini annual review and apply an increase if required, the player having the right of appeal in the normal way. A player consistently playing outside their buffer zone affects the handicap of every other player in the competition.

11 Scratch Score Assessor's Report

Mrs Jacobs reported on the progress of the course rating program, which began with a few practice sessions before rating the nine hole course at Pottergate. Stewart Johnson along with Peter Rogers and Peter Britcliff comprise the men's team in the north. Further ratings completed are Humberston Golf and Country Club, Welton Manor Golf Club and Millfield. In the south, Skegness golf centre and Kirton Holme have been rated but further rating has been suspended until more men can be recruited.

There has been a change as to when clubs apply any new standard scratch allocated. Previously, any new SS was applied at the beginning of the next season but England Golf now requires the change to be applied immediately.

Clubs were reminded to advise the SSA to any changes or alterations made to the course which may affect the SS.

12 League Secretary's Report

The County Handicap League was won by Cleethorpes (North) who beat Lincoln (South) at Blankney on 9th September. The match finished 2-2 and went to sudden death with Cleethorpes winning on the sixth extra hole. Congratulations to both teams and thanks to Terry for acting as referee.

Results of the Handicap League are attached to this report.

All results have been sent to clubs together with details of next year's Handicap Leagues. Result sheets and rules can be downloaded from the County website.

Clubs were reminded to confirm all matches. Clubs with two teams in the league were reminded to send a handicap list on the day for every home match and ensure that sheets are annotated with A or B team. Results, on the correct result sheet, updated for 2017, should be sent by post or e-mail to the League Secretary as soon as possible after the match.

Rule 6.1 has been amended to read 'A Captain must play the lowest handicap team available at the time of selection'

The Scratch League has been re-introduced for 2017. The teams are Cleethorpes, Blankney and Woodhall Spa in the north and Stoke Rochford, Greetham Valley and Sleaford in the south. The matches to be played home and away in a season with the final in September. The format is a team of three in the banding of up to 5 handicap, 6-10 and 11-15. Each player plays their opposite number off scratch in match play. If a team do not have a player in a band they may substitute a player from a higher band but still play in band order. The format to be assessed at the end of the season.

Judith introduced Mrs Polly Brettle, Elsham, who is taking over as League Secretary.

Judith concluded by thanking all the teams for participating.

The County Captain presented the handicap league Trophy.

Mrs Betty Gresham presented the pictures to the Handicap League division winners.

The County Captain thanked Judith for her work as League Secretary and presented her with a gift from the County in appreciation.

A number of proposals discussed at the Representatives Meeting for the reintroduction of the Scratch League will be discussed at the next Executive meeting with the hope that it can be resumed but in a different format.

Mrs Ainsworth thanked County Captain Helen for her help and support during 2015 and Terry Macarthy for refereeing the final.

The County Captain presented the Handicap League Trophy.

Mrs Betty Gresham then presented the pictures to the division winners.

13 Captain's Report

Mrs McDougall reported on the warm up matches – the first match against Seacroft was cancelled due to snow but the match against Lincoln resulted in a loss 3-2.

In 2016, Lincolnshire hosted County Match Week at Holme Hall. Thanks were extended to Barbara, Tracey, Julia, Wendy and Terry for the organisation and to Holme Hall, who were perfect hosts.

The team was Sophie Beardsall, Emma Tipping, Meg Illingworth, Beth Shippin, India Clyburn, Emily Slater, Kirsty Condon and Billie-Jo Smith. Helen Hewlett was unavailable due to commitments with the Curtis Cup team in Ireland. The team won on day 1 against Leicestershire 7-2, a close match on day 2 resulted in a loss to Staffordshire 5-4, and day 3 against Shropshire was a win 51/2 – 31/2, a 5-4 loss against Derbyshire on day 4 and a 6-3 loss against Nottinghamshire on day 5.

The team finished in fourth place behind Staffordshire, who won all five of their matches.

The match against LVLGA was held at Seacroft, which resulted in a rare win for the Executive.

Woodhall Spa, celebrating 125 years, marked the occasion with an Am-Am which the Association were invited to play. Along with Julia, Helen and Cindy, we had an enjoyable day.

Congratulations were given to all County winners. Players were thanked for their support of County events and clubs that hosted County competitions and matches.

Helen Hewlett was congratulated on her role as manager to the winning Curtis Cup Team.

Among the notable achievements by lady County members were Tilly Kedzlie, Junior County Champion, Lois Williamson (Spalding), club champion for the third year in a row, Ellie Haughton, winner of the match play championships. Ellie and Lois have been selected for the U18 England regional squad. India Clyburn is on the England squad lists. Tilly Garfoot won the MNR final with a nett 65. Julia, Tracey, Jim Lammin and Les Toyne won the Presidents Trophy at Frilford Heath.

Margaret Jacobs and Penny Cairns reached the finals of the Daily Mail Foursomes at St Pierre.

Helen thanked Birdie and the Committee for their support and advised that County Match Week was being held at Matlock in 2017.

Adoption of Reports

Mrs Stobart thanked the officers for their reports. It was proposed that the reports be adopted en-bloc.

Proposed by: Chris Fletcher (Gainsborough) and seconded by Rita Broughton (Lincoln)
It was unanimously agreed to adopt the Reports

14 Election of Officers:

The following were nominated for vacancies on the Executive:

Elected at the Representative's Meeting held in September.

North Representative: Mrs Sheilah Mitchell (Market Rasen)

Central Representative: Mrs Margaret Yelland (Lincoln)

South Representative: Mrs Jackie Friend (Greetham Valley)

The Chairman thanked the outgoing Representatives for their work over the last two years. The County Captain presented a thank you gift to the outgoing Representatives.

The following were nominated by the Executive:

President: Miss Jayne Crooks

Competition Secretary: Mrs Karen Cox

League Secretary: Mrs Polly Brettle

MNR Representative: Mrs Sue Borthwick

In the absence of other nominees, all appointments were carried.

15 To introduce the new President

The President, Julia Sales, outlined her activities over the last two years. The final event was Presidents day, organised by Pat Jones at Kenwick Park Golf Club. The competition was inaugurated by Ann Chambers 15 years ago to give Juniors the opportunity to play no matter their ability or age, with an adult and on a different course.

Julia then introduced Jayne Crooks, a single figure handicapper, a former member of the 2nd team and regular supporter of County events and presented her with the Presidents Brooch.

Miss Crooks made a short speech of acceptance.

The County Captain presented Julia with a gift and thanked her for all her support over the last two years.

16. Amendments to the LLCGA

The Chairman outlined the changes proposed to the Constitution to bring them in line with current EG rules – see attached.

Vote taken en bloc. Proposed by June Miller (Stoke Rochford) seconded by Karen Cox (Blankney). All agreed.

17 Any Other Business

1. The chairman reiterated the goals of the Association discussed at the Representative's Meeting to provide golf for all ages and ability and the opportunity to play and take part in all aspects of the game at club and County level.

2. The Chairman welcomed Shona Dickson and Jim Lammin (CDO) , who gave a presentation on the 7 areas they could assist clubs to recruit and retain members – Get into Golf, Golfmark, Clubhouse, supporting Junior golf, Women and Girls, Disability golf and club support.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and Woodhall Spa for allowing us to use their facilities.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 12.30.

Signed.....

Date

HANDICAP LEAGUE 2016

Division	Winners/Promoted	Relegated
1 North	Cleethorpes	Market Rasen
2 North	Forest Pines	Louth A
3 North	Kenwick Park B	Normanby Hall
4 North	Grimsby A	Holme Hall
5 North	Seacroft	Grimsby B
6 North	Elsham C	
Division	Winners/ Promoted	Relegated
1 South	Lincoln A	Woodhall Spa A
2 South	Belton Woods A	Belton Woods B
3 South	Canwick park	Boston
4 South	Greetham Valley	Tydd St Giles
5 South	Lincoln B	Spalding B
6 South	Burghley Park B	

Amendments to LLCGA Constitution

4h The County Delegate on the EG Midlands North Regional Committee who, in accordance with EG Regulations, may not serve for more than three consecutive years. The EG County Delegate will be nominated by the Executive Committee.

Change to:

4h The County Delegate on the EG Midlands North Regional Committee will be nominated by the Executive Committee.

4i One Representative, from each of the areas as divided by County Captain's Day, to serve not more than two years consecutively. Elected at the Representatives' meeting held on the first Monday in September.

Change to:

4i One Representative, from each of the areas as divided by County Betterball Day, to serve not more than three years consecutively. Elected at the Representatives' meeting held on the first Monday in September.

4j The County Handicap Adviser or Deputy as nominated by the Executive Committee, who may not serve for more than twelve consecutive years.

Change to:

4j A County Handicap Adviser or Deputy as nominated by the Executive Committee.

5e. Nominate a Handicap Adviser and Deputy for election by EG. Such nominations to reach the Secretary of EG by 31 October each year.

Change to:

5e. Nominate a Handicap Adviser and Deputy for election by EG.

16. Expenses

Any officials or nominee authorised by the Executive Committee to attend a meeting or travel on behalf of the Association will be entitled to be reimbursed out of the funds of the Association his/her 2nd class return fare and overnight expenses subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. Team travelling and hotel expenses will be paid out of the funds of the Association.

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