

Minutes of the Lincolnshire Ladies County Golf Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the National Golf Centre, Woodhall Spa on November 4th 2013 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:

Jenny Price (Greetham), Gill Porter (Market Rasen), Tilly Long and Ann Wood (Elsham), Rita Wing (Seacroft), Angela Bedwell (Toft), Vera Taylor and Rae Adams (Cleethorpes), Elsie Gale (Vets Capt 1976, Dawn Blanchard (Woodhall Spa), Penny Dunderdale (Millfield), Linda Childs, Jean Spratt and Janet Leaper (Kirton Holme).

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

Present: Mrs. June Miller (Chairman), Mrs. Denise Parker (President), Mrs. Cindy Ireland (Captain) Mrs. Helen Hewlett (Vice Captain), Mrs. Beverley Dolman (Hon. Secretary), Mrs. Mairead Scott (Treasurer), Mrs. Judith Ainsworth (League Secretary), Mrs. Wendy Ramsden (Competitions Secretary), Mrs. Pat Jones (Junior Organiser), Mrs. Margaret Jacobs (SS Advisor), Mrs. Terry Mcarthy (Handicap Advisor), Mrs. Margaret Johns (Midlands North Rep) and 86 other members

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Emma Tipping, Alison Johns, Emily Slater, Sophie Beardsall, Sutton Bridge Golf Club, Joy Butler, Gedney Hill Golf Club, Ann Kent, Rema Levers, The Lincolnshire Golf Club, Julia Sales, Pam Watson, Birdie Dawson, Jayne Crooks, Yvonne Cook, Pat West, Liz Wride, Tilly Lawrence, Julie Morley and Helen Hemsall

2 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting November 5th 2012

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and adopted as a true record. Proposed by Mrs. Chris Fletcher (Gainsborough) and seconded by Mrs Penny Lendon (Lincoln). 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 three Executive meetings, a Finance meeting a Representatives meeting and four Lincolnshire Partnership Steering Committee Meetings. Since the merger, the County Union and Association had been working more closely and affiliation fees for both groups had been handled by the Union this year together with the new national County card.

Advertising Club Opens on our website had been very successful and would continue in 2014 at a cost of £15 per club.

The two day County secretaries meeting had been held in March at Woodhall and items under discussion included: lack of funding for U14's, County match week, affiliation fees, county cards, disabled golfers, problems with the CDH programme such as poor software, getting people into golf and safety issues.

At the Representatives meeting Richard Brown from England Golf gave a short presentation on 'Getting ladies into golf'. A lot of clubs expressed an interest in having a longer presentation in the New Year and we shall be contacting clubs to see if this still the case. Only eleven clubs from Lincolnshire attended the England Golf workshop in October which was focused on club affairs and the opportunity to contribute to the England Golf Strategic Plan for 2014-17.

The secretary then thanked the club representatives and secretaries for their assistance during 2013 and the County Executive. Finally, Mrs. Dolman congratulated the County Captain and her team for coming second in the County Finals and to the Vice Captain and the 2nd team who won the 2nd team Finals.

5 Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Scott began by congratulating the County Teams and was pleased to advise that fund-raising to help offset the costs of running two successful teams, had benefitted from a lunch with Alison Nicholas which had been very successful. The balance sheet showed an overall surplus for the year of £5,100.

Affiliation fees had increased this year from £5 to £6.50 resulting in an overall increase of £3,649 but this was partly offset by a decrease in membership of 107. The Alison Nicholas lunch resulted in a surplus of £1,571 and donations included a personal gift of £500 from Mrs. J. Grief to purchase team blazers, £500 sponsorship from PKF Accountants and Business Advisers and £200 from the County Vets. Thanks were given to all who gave donations.

The competitions realised a surplus of £3,204. Some made a profit and some a loss and includes profit on raffles but not all administration costs.

Sundry income has decreased substantially this year because we no longer sell County Cards, but does include the sale of sweaters and monies raised from website advertising. On the expenditure side, both administration and team expenses had remained at a similar level to 2012.

In the Junior account, the deficit had fallen slightly to £661. Both income and expenditure had fallen. Raffle monies and donations had decreased by £1,205 whilst coaching fees had also decreased.

Clubs were reminded that once their affiliation fees had been paid to the Association, members would be issued with a National County card. A list of participating Counties and Clubs could be found on the B.B.and O. Golf website.

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

6 Competition Secretary's Report

Mrs. Ramsden congratulated the Captain and Vice Captain and their teams on their successes and thanked the Executive particularly Mrs. McCarthy for their continued support and the Captain who had attended every competition in her two years in office. 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.

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

The County Championship was won by Helen Hewlett (Seacroft) for the 7th time, her first in 1985, after a closely fought match with Emilee Taylor (Holme Hall). Emilee won the Barbara Watson Trophy for the best 36 holes gross and the Mary Roberts Trophy for the best 36 holes gross (under 30). The Presidents Bowl for the best 36 holes net was won by junior Billie-Jo Smith of Woodhall Spa. The Butlin Trophy was won by Lesley Collins from Lincoln with a net 67, nine shots ahead of her nearest rival. The winners of the Julia Sales Salvagers (best gross foursomes) was won by Jess Wilcox (Blankney) and junior Billie-Jo Smith (Woodhall Spa with a gross 74.

The Senior Ladies Championship was held at Spalding where Jayne Crooks (Woodhall Spa) won the Kathie Craigs Salver with a gross 77, and Elizabeth Holbrook (Spalding) won the Joan Payling Salver with a net 73.

There was a disappointing turnout for the Bronze Spring Meeting at Carholme but Maying Ip of Lincoln triumphed with 35 points winning the Gwen Bamber Trophy and on Day 2 the Mary Mundy Salver (Betterball stableford) were won by Jill Hutchison and Margaret Crone of Lincoln with 36 points. Lincoln also won the Dorothy Marshall Shield with 89 points.

Mrs. Ramsden thanked the County Reps for organising the three County Captains' Days. The North, played at Elsham, was won by Barbara Barton and Shirley Farley of Elsham who won the Isabel Halmshaw and Betty Gresham Salvagers. The Edna Whitehouse and Chris Means Salvagers were played for in the Central Division and won by Sue Borthwick and Jackie Parker from Market Rasen and in the South, the Isabel Halmshaw and Betty Gresham Salvagers were played for at Greatham Valley and won by Kay Ropson and Hayley Taylor from Sleaford.

Next year these competitions will be renamed County Betterball North, Central and South and the County will be looking to re-organise these regions for 2015. In future there will be no presentations at these competitions, instead winning vouchers will be posted out.

The Brocklesby Cup for the best net at the Autumn Meeting held at Seacroft was won by Rachel Denton of Elsham with a net 69 and the Elsham Centenary Salver for the best gross, went to Nancy Tatham of Lincoln with a gross 80. The Lincolnshire Shield was won by Lincoln Golf Club. In the Bronze division, Jean Rasmusson won the Coronation Cup with 38 points.

Mrs. Ramsden felt there was some confusion with Lady Captains as to who was eligible for the Silver and Bronze Shields and went on to explain how the rules of entry.

The inaugural County Am-Am was held at Market Rasen Golf Club and proved to be a great success. The winners were Sue Borthwick, Helen Grinham, Tilly Lawrence and Rosemarie Laughton from the home club.

Clubs were asked to encourage their members to enter County Competitions. Entries had been down in all competitions this year particularly in the Bronze Division. The package that had been left for clubs at the desk contained details and entry forms for 2014 Competitions. Entry forms could also be downloaded from the County website.

7 2nd Team/Vice Captain's Report

A joint 1st/2nd team match against Norfolk was held at Boston Golf Club. The weather was dreadful and only 28 holes were played. Lincolnshire won 6 ½ - 2 ½. The first 2nd team league match was played at Wollaton Park against Notts but was lost 5-4. The following match against Leicestershire held at Park Hill was won 5 ½ - 3 ½, with Lincolnshire winning all three foursomes. The match against Nottinghamshire at Stoke Rochford was played in scorching heat, but Lincolnshire came out on top winning 6 ½ - 2 ½. The final league match, played at Lincoln Golf Club against Leicestershire was won 7 ½ - 1 ½. This enabled Lincolnshire to through to the 2nd team finals. The finals played against Staffordshire at Ingestre Golf Club started with a loss in the foursomes 2-1, although the one win by Billie-Jo Smith and Meg Illingworth was a fantastic 10-8. The girls fought really hard in the singles and finally came out winners. Mrs. Hewlett thanked everyone who had played for the second team. Many of the players were juniors and potential first team players and the it was hoped that the experience they gained in the 2nd team will hold them in good stead for the future.

8 Junior Organiser's Report

Mrs. Jones congratulated the County Captain and the 1st team on their achievements at the County Finals, and said how well the juniors had played particularly in County Week when Emily Slater and India Clyburn had played five foursome matches together and five single matches each and won all ten.

During March the girls played the boys at Immingham and this was followed by the Annual Junior Fund Raiser at Greetham Valley which raised £632. Both were played in wet and windy conditions.

In the Spring stableford at Blankney, Molly Davies of Spalding won with 43 points. The closed Championship was held at Lincoln. India Clyburn of Woodhall Spa won the U18 Championship, Billie-Jo Smith of Woodhall Spa won the Under 16 championship and Matilde Kedzlie of Spalding was the U13 Champion. The Jenny Wren Trophy for the best net was won by Billie-Jo Smith whilst the Most Improved player for 2012 was Matilde Kedzlie. The 2013 Junior County Champion is Billie-Jo Smith.

The Under 21 Open Championship was held at Stoke Rochford. The Kymin Challenge Bowl under 21 Champion was Emily Slater and the Butlin Trophy was won by Sophie Newlove of Beeston Fields.

In the Summer Stableford at Belton Park, Lois Williamson of Boston was the winner with Charlotte McCracken of Canwick Park winning the Imps Challenge.

The Four Counties held in Lincolnshire every fourth year, was held at Greetham Valley and the best gross went to Emily Lyle from Notts Ladies with Lois Williamson of Boston winning the best net with a 61. Northamptonshire won the gross team event with Nottinghamshire winning the Nett team event.

Throughout the year girls have been playing in joint competitions with the boys. Lily Farr of Gainsborough has won all the girls trophies this year, whilst Lois Williamson of Boston won the Patron's Cup at Blankney.

In the Inter-county matches the juniors played 5, won 2, lost 2 and drew 1. In the English Girls, India Clyburn, Emily Slater and Lily Farr played at Oake Manor Golf Club, with Emily finishing 3rd in a very strong field.

Billie-Jo Smith played in the U15's at Tiverton finishing 10th, whilst Emily Slater, India Clyburn and Billie-Jo Smith all played in the Scottish Ladies Junior Open. India got to the semi-final at the Old Course, St. Andrews.

Erin Brown from Boston played in her first regional competition at Kibworth Golf Club in the Midland North Challenge. India Clyburn and Emily Slater both played for the County 1st team, whilst Lily Farr, Harriet Wilson and Billie-Jo Smith all played for the County 2nd team.

India Clyburn won through to the Faldo Grand Final at Greenbrier Golf Club, West Virginia USA. She finished 9th in her age group and 63rd overall.

Emily Slater won the British Junior Golf Tour and goes onto the Callaway World Junior Championships in San Diego in 2014. She was also fifth in the Critchly Salver at Sunningdale and 2nd in the Bridget Jackson at Hansworth.

Lois Williamson and Billie-Jo Smith have both been picked for England Golf Regional U16 training.

The Chicks have again been a great success with 30 girls attending training with Alison Johns at Woodhall. Five have not got a club handicap. Joan Wold was unfortunately unable to continue with the Imps this year and this was taken over by Trevor Ireland and Peter Rogers with help from Margaret Johns.

Thanks went to the ladies sections who have donated money to the Juniors and to the Junior committee for their hard work running the Junior Events and to Wendy Ramsden for printing the Junior News letter. Also the parents, the County Captain and Lady President.

Lady President's Day

This was held at South Kyme Golf Club on Sunday 29th September on a dry but very windy day. The competition was greensome stableford with one lady playing with one junior girl. Nine pairs took part in the main event. The winners were Carla Clyburn and India Clyburn with 39 points. Runners up were Ruth Simpson and Erin Brown and third were Helen Hewlett and Harriet Wilson with 32 points. A separate competition was held for four young girls with no handicaps. This was won by mother and daughter Liz and Ellie Haughton with 37 points. Thanks were given to Pat Jones the Junior Organiser and South Kyme.

9 Midland Representative's Report

10 Handicap Advisor/Liaison Officer's Report

Mrs. McCarthy held a handicap seminar in March which included a presentation on the CDH and how it works. This was followed by a presentation of the Club 2000 system.

A handicap advisors seminar was held in Birmingham in April which included the CDH, handicap enquiry system, annual review and Category 1 audit followed by an open forum. Two points that were brought up were that four ball better ball competitions are played off $\frac{3}{4}$ handicap and that it is not acceptable to run non-qualifying competitions during the playing season.

Handicap secretaries were asked to be vigilant about duplications on the CDH system. Scotland and Ireland will be linked to the system from January 2014.

The Handicap Advisor had visited several clubs during the year and asked clubs to contact her if they had problems. There was also an England Golf Enquiry System which handicap secretaries could e-mail.

Mrs. McCarthy was pleased to announce that Kathryn Johnson from Waltham Windmill had agreed to be assistant Handicap Advisor.

Question from the floor: If a club held two competitions in a year and because they were restricted entry i.e. Past Captains and Granny's Cup, were non-qualifying. Was that alright?

The Handicap advisor said this would be acceptable provided the ladies' section held enough qualifying competitions during the playing season.

Question from the floor: Why do we still need handicap certificates? The Handicap Advisor said that not all clubs have instant access to the internet and until they did it would be advisable to carry a handicap certificate.

11 Scratch Score Assessor's Report

12 League Secretary's Report

Woodhall Spa (north) won the Scratch League after beating Greetham Valley (south) at Kenwick Park. The score was 3-0.

The County Handicap League was won by Elsham (North) who beat Toft (South) at Holme Hall. The score was 3-1. The Handicap Secretary thanked Kenwick and Elsham for courtesy of their courses for the finals.

Spalding have withdrawn from the Scratch League for 2014 and they were thanked for their support over the years in the Lincolnshire Ladies Scratch League.

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

Clubs were reminded to confirm all matches. Distance measuring devices are allowed in County Competitions. Clubs with two teams in the league were reminded to send a handicap list when sending their first result sheets and ensure that sheets are annotated with A or B team. Results, on the correct result sheet should be sent by post or e-mail to the League Secretary as soon as possible after the match.

Mrs. Betty Gresham was then asked to present her pictures to the League winners.

The County Captain then presented the Scratch and Handicap League Trophies to Woodhall Spa and Elsham respectively.

13 Captain's Report

Mrs. Ireland reported that the year had started with several coaching sessions for potential first team players. Jonathan Yarwood had again been engaged to help with shortgame coaching and this had definitely paid off.

Friendly matches against Seacroft Board, Lincoln men and the County men were held at the beginning of the season. The team halved with Seacroft, lost to Lincoln and beat the County men. The Captain congratulated all County event winners particularly Helen Hewlett on being crowned County Champion.

County week was held at Hawkstone Park in Shropshire. The team was Helen Hewlett, Sophie Beardsall, Jess Wilcox, Emilee Taylor, Emily Slater, India Clyburn, Emma Tipping and Lucy Atter. The team won all five matches to retain the Doris Abraham Trophy for the fifth year running, the only Midlands North team to have done so. Special mention was made of Emily Slater and India Clyburn for winning all ten of their matches. India Clyburn and Lucy Atter were awarded their County colours.

The team then went on to represent the Midlands North Region at the National Finals at Wilmslow Golf Club in Cheshire. The matches were extremely close. We beat Herts 5-4, drew with Gloucestershire 4 ½ - 4 ½, beat Kent 6 ½ - 2 ½ and beat Warwickshire 5-4. The final day we played Yorkshire for the title. Lincolnshire lost the foursomes 3-0, but played some brilliant golf in the afternoon singles winning 4-2 but unfortunately this gave Yorkshire a 5-4 win. Mrs. Ireland thanked the players, supporters and everyone who sent cards and good wishes, together with Graham Miller for his photographic records. The Captain also thanked June and Ron Grief from Essex, who had struck up a huge bond with team after they played at Thorndon Park in 2011.

Since then they had travelled to Devon and Cheshire to support the team and had made a substantial donation to the County this year, in order to buy blazers for the team.

Our annual Executive v. Vets. Match was held at Louth and for once was won by the Executive team.

Congratulations were given to several members for their achievements this year. Rachel Woodcock, representing Blankney, had won the inaugural queen of Clubs held at Belton Park in July. Jayne Crooks with her partner Ray Pauley won the Central England Foursomes for the second time, at Woodhall Spa. Lincoln reached the seventh round of the Mail on Sunday and won both the County Bronze and Silver Shields at the respective county meetings. Sue Anniabal, the Lady Captain of South Kyme, came second in the regional medal final with a net 67 and went on

to play in the Grand Final. Hannah Vaughan and Gill Bedofrd from Burghley Park reached the last sixteen of the Daily Mail. Rita Broughton became club Champion at Lincoln for the twenty fifth time. Several ladies had had holes in one including Marie Allwood of Burghley at the age of 79. India Clyburn qualified for the Faldo series in America and Emily Salter qualified for the Callaway Junior Championships in San Diego next summer.

We had held a very successful lunch with Alison Nicholas in March, who had given the ladies a very interesting talk on her role as Captain of the victorious Solheim team in Ireland in 2011. Thanks were given to Woodhall and Burghley for their kind donations, and to all the clubs who have kindly hosted the many County competitions throughout the year and to their members for all their help. Finally, thanks were given to the County Executive, particularly Julia Sales, Wendy Ramsden and Helen Hewlett to the Captain's family for their support.

Mrs. Ireland said it had been a huge privilege and honour to be County Captain particularly when the County was riding so high. She wished the incoming Captain and Vice Captain all the best.

Adoption of Reports

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

Proposed by: Janet Spencer-Knott (Blankney) and seconded by Polly Brettle (Elsham)
It was unanimously agreed to adopt the Reports

14 Election of Officers:

Captain:	Mrs. Helen Hewlett	Nominated by Mrs. Cindy Ireland Seconded by Mrs. June Miller
Vice Captain:	Mrs. Helen McDougall	Nominated by Mrs. Helen Hewlett Seconded by Mrs. Cindy Ireland
Midlands North Rep:	Mrs. Sue Borthwick	Nominated by Mrs. June Miller Seconded by Mrs. Beverley Dolman
Treasurer:	Mrs. Cindy Ireland	Nominated by Mrs. Mairead Scott Seconded by Mrs. June Miller

There being no other nominations, the officers were elected en-bloc

As there were no nominations for the position of Chairman Mrs. Miller agreed to continue in the position for a further year.

There being no other nominations the above officers were duly elected en-bloc

15 To install the incoming Captain and Vice Captain:

The outgoing Captain then spoke about Mrs. Hewlett the incoming Captain and presented her with the Captain's Badge.

Mrs. Hewlett then thanked the Past Captain and presented her with a gift on behalf of the County. Mrs. Hewlett then introduced the incoming Vice Captain, Helen McDougall. The new Vice Captain then gave a short speech.

16 Any Other Business

- a) Mrs. Judy Garton (Cleethorpes) congratulated the teams and those involved and said she was proud to be part of Lincolnshire.
- b) The Ashby Decoy rep. asked the meeting to note the change of date for their Ladies Open from 1st – 8th May 2014.

Mrs. Miller thanked Woodhall Spa for allowing us to use their facilities and thanked all the Executive

There being no other business the meeting closed at 12.00 noon.

Signed.....

Date