

## **Minutes of the Lincolnshire Ladies County Golf Association**

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the National Golf Centre, Woodhall Spa on November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014 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: Mrs Barbara Odling (Woodthorpe), Mrs Karen Smith ( Louth), Janet Turner (The Lincolnshire), Pam Leverett (Stoke Rochford, Past Captain and Lady President), Shirley Bavin (Elsham, Past Captain 1991), Val Clark (Sleaford), Shirley Senior (Gedney), Chris Whitehead (Pottergate, Past Captain), Carol Hornby ( Sudbrook Moor), Rev. Barbara Hancock ( Sudbrook Moor), Joan Betts ( Lincoln) & Jane Fox (Lincoln).

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. Helen Hewlett (Captain) Mrs. Helen McDougall (Vice-Captain), Mrs. Beverley Dolman (Hon. 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. Terry Macarthy (Handicap Advisor), Mrs. Sue Borthwick (Midlands North Rep) and 80 other members

#### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Sutton Bridge Golf Club, Emma Tipping, Burghley Park Golf Club, Rema Levers, Kathy Donnelly, Linda Davey, Gedney Hill Golf Club, Christine Walker, Anne Dickinson, Pip Harrison, Cathy Steele, Forest Pines Golf Club, Jayne Crooks, Linda Reeve, Lorna Moore, Sue Ward, Jayne Burt, Helen Hemsall, Liz Wride, Alison Johns, Betty Gresham & Pat West.

#### **2 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting November 4<sup>th</sup> 2013**

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and adopted as a true record. Proposed by Miss Rita Broughton (Lincoln) and seconded by Mrs Ann Todd (Market Rasen). 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 and the annual two day County Secretaries meeting. National County cards are sent to clubs on payment of their affiliation fees, the scheme being administered by the Lincolnshire Golf Union, each member being 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 .

The County Golf Partnership is working on ways of getting new recruits. Half of the County's golf clubs have the Golfmark accreditation and the County Academies are working well with an increased number of girls in the Academy and Rookie programmes.

The Secretary then congratulated the Captain Helen and her team on reaching the County Finals for the sixth successive year and the Vice-Captain and the 2<sup>nd</sup> team on retaining the Midland Subdivision Championship.

Finally, Mrs Dolman thanked the Executive for all their help and support over the last five years. Following the Secretary's report, the Captain made a presentation to the retiring Secretary Mrs Beverley Dolman.

## **5 Treasurer's Report**

Mrs Ireland began by congratulating Helen and the County Team for another successful year and to Nel for leading the second team to victory.

The balance sheet shows a healthy financial position and as a result the affiliation fee will remain the same and fundraising will not be required.

Affiliation fees are the biggest source of income, showing 2648 members. Members are declining, down 161 in 2014 and down 405 since 2011.

County competitions show a small surplus of £1357. Raffles raised £1330 over the year, which goes to help the Juniors.

The Junior account also shows a healthy balance. Lily Farr and Katy Langley were congratulated on organising a mixed Am-Am at Lincoln Golf Club raising £1708.

The support of the following clubs for the Juniors is greatly appreciated: Market Rasen, Belton Park, Woodhall Spa, Sleaford, Cleethorpes, Lincs Past Captains Society and the Lincs Vets.

The Patrons had made a donation of £1000.

The Treasurer also reminded clubs about putting open days on the website and County cards.

As a result of the measures undertaken over the last few years, we are now in a position to invest in some new equipment for the team. Thanks were given to Roz and Alan Smith for their donation.

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

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 and her deputy, Kathryn Johnson for their continued support and Helen and Denise who had attended every competition as County Captain and President. 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 all who enter the competitions.

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

The first competition of 2014 was the Midlands North Region 36 hole foursomes held at Spalding Golf Club. The scratch salver winners were from Longcliffe Golf Club and the nett challenge cups were won by Gillian Grant and Liz Haughton from Greetham valley.

The County Championship was won by India Clyburn (Woodhall Spa) after a closely fought match with Helen Hewlett (Seacroft). India won the Barbara Watson Trophy (best 36 holes gross), with Helen as runner up, She also won the Mary Roberts Trophy (best 36 holes gross under 30) and The Presidents Bowl (best 36holes nett).

The Butlin Trophy was won by Pauline Haggerty (Stoke Rochford) with a net 76, on countback from Andrea Smaggasgale (Kenwick Park). The Julia Sales Salver (best gross foursomes) was won by Lucy Atter (Normanby Hall) and Denise Parker (Woodhall Spa) with a gross 86.

The Senior Ladies Championship was held at Market Rasen. Dianne Platt (Spalding) won the Kathie Craigs Salver with a gross 81, and Jane Salt (Market Rasen) won the Joan Payling Salver with a net 75.

There was a disappointing turnout for the Bronze Spring Meeting at Elsham. The Bronze champion and winner of the Gwen Bamber Trophy (best Stableford points) was Susan Letby of Kenwick Park with 35 points. On Day 2, the Mary Mundy Salver (Betterball stableford) was won by Pam Hayward and Kay Smart of Kenwick Park with 38 points. Kenwick Park also won the Dorothy Marshall Shield with 94 points.

Mrs. Ramsden thanked the County Reps, Polly Brettle, Clare Welfare and Janet Spencer-Knott for organising the three County Betterball days. The North, played at Cleethorpes, was won by Gill Kapka and Alison Fletcher winning the Isabel Halmshaw and Betty Gresham Salvors. The Edna Whitehouse and Chris Means Salvors were played for in the Central Division at Boston Golf Club and won by Sue Sykes and Elaine Houlton from Kenwick Park and in the South, the Isabel Halmshaw and Betty Gresham Salvors were played for at Woodhall Spa and won by Sheila Doughty and Liz Haughton from Greetham Valley. There were no presentations at these events.

The Autumn meeting due to be played at Grimsby Golf Club was cancelled due to flooding and was unable to be rearranged. There is still confusion regarding the Silver and Bronze shields. Mrs Ramsden advised clubs that in both cases the ladies captain can nominate teams of four players from the entries received, the winner being the best three out of four scores added together. In 2015, the Bronze Shield will be played at Spalding and the Silver Shield at Belton Park.

The County Am-Am was held at Kenwick Park Golf Club and proved to be a great success. The winners playing at their home club were Julia Sales and Tracey Stobart, together with Helen Hewlett from Seacroft and Helen McDougall from Lincoln. Next year's competition is at Sleaford and will again be a two tee start.

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 2015 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. The small yellow cards had been produced to act as an additional reminder of competitions. The dates for the Championship meeting at Lincoln have been changed due to a clash with the English Senior Women's Amateur Championship and will take place on 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Mrs Ramsden invited Mrs Chris Means and County Captain, Helen Hewlett to present the trophies to the winners of the three County Betterball competitions.

## **7 2<sup>nd</sup> Team /Vice Captain's Report**

The first match on 30<sup>th</sup> June played at Sleaford against Nottinghamshire resulted in a win 8-1 – a good start to the season. The return match held at Sherwood Forest on 13<sup>th</sup> July resulted in a loss 7½ - 1½. The next match against Leicestershire on 4<sup>th</sup> August at Blankney captained by Helen Hewlett was won 6½ - 1½. The results meant that in the final match against Leicestershire a win of 7-2 was needed to secure a place in the final. The match was played at Glen Gorse on 17<sup>th</sup> August and the team dug deep and secured the victory to make the final.

The final was played at Stoke Rochford on 29<sup>th</sup> August. The team played some great golf and retained the title of Midland Sub Divisional Champions beating Staffordshire 6-3.

Mrs McDougall had enjoyed being part of the winning team both as player and captain and thanked everyone who had played - Alex Smith, Beth Shippin, Lily Farr, Hannah Vaughan, Harriet Wilson, Liz Haughton, Rachel Woodcock Denise Parker Rita Broughton and Lois Williamson – youngest player age 14.

## **8 Junior Organiser's Report**

Mrs. Jones congratulated the County Captain Helen and her team for getting to the County finals again and Vice – Captain Helen and her team winning the Sub divisional final.

Mrs Jones started her report by detailing the girls' achievements outside the county. These are attached to the minutes.

Juniors who won their club championships – Lois Williamson – Boston , Lily Farr – Gainsborough and India Clyburn – Woodhall Spa.

Junior league matches – won two, lost two and halved one.

The friendly match against the boys held at Waltham Windmill was cut short due to bad weather. The match halved.

The Spring and Summer stablefords and Lady President's Day were all cancelled due to lack of numbers.

Results of County competitions: Closed Championship at Lincoln Golf Club – Junior Champion Lily Farr (best gross), U18 Champion Lily Farr (Gainsborough), U16 Champion, Lois Williamson (Boston), U14 Champion Matilde Kedzlie (Spalding), Jenny Wren (Best nett) Matilde Kedzlie and most improved for 2013 Lois Williamson. U21's Championship at Stoke Rochford – Gross winner Billie-Jo Smith (Woodhall Spa), Best Nett Ellie Haughton (Greetham Valley) and U13's Isabel Haughton (Greetham Valley).

The Chicks and Imps are still popular and thanks go to Alison Johns and Steve Cooper for their help. For the first time a Flag 50 competition was held for girls without or a high handicap.

The girls have had a chance to play on the short game area at Woodhall Spa and some have progressed to the Bracken course, thanks again to Alison Johns for her help.

The annual fundraiser at Greetham Valley raised £450.00 and Junior captain Katy Langley and Vice-Captain Lily Farr organised a mixed Am-Am to help raise funds for the County. This was held at Lincoln Golf Club in September and raised £1707.50.

Thanks went to the ladies sections who have donated money to the Juniors, to the parents, County Captain Helen, Vice-Captain Helen, Di Platt and Wendy Ramsden, for printing the Junior newsletter.

### **Lady President's Day**

Unfortunately the competition wasn't played this year; it is becoming difficult to get enough players in an increasingly busy golfing calendar. Mrs Parker went on to say how much she had enjoyed her two years as President, attending County fixtures, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> team matches even playing, most junior fixtures and watching the 2<sup>nd</sup> team win the divisional final as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> team getting to the National finals in both years. She congratulated the Juniors on a well organised charity Am-Am.

Following the Lady President's report, the County Captain made a presentation to the retiring president, Mrs Denise Parker.

## **9 Midland Representative's Report**

Mrs Borthwick began her report by outlining her role as Midland Region North Representative. The Strategic Framework for England Golf 2014-2017 has been put in place, which aims to increase participation and funding of golf. It includes initiatives at County and Club level.

At a regional level, the focus has been on the seven competitions for which the region is responsible. The Medals final, Australian Spoons and County Match Week are overseen by England Golf and successfully run by MRN in 2014. The timing of the Australian Spoons to be reviewed for 2016. Of the three events the Region control – the Queen of Clubs had an entry of 43, doubling the entry of the old Ladies Championship; both gross and nett prizes are awarded. The Region has clarified that it is up to Clubs to nominate who and how they choose their representative. The foursomes event is to be continued but at a more central location and the Girls championship will continue in its current format.

The region is working with England Golf to clarify funding and sponsorship of events. An IT project to centralise event information is to be introduced to improve continuity and efficiency. Dates for 2015 and locations are attached to the minutes and the committee are working on dates for 2016.

## **10 Handicap Advisor/Liaison Officer's Report**

Mrs Macarthy reported on several small changes to the CONGU manual at the beginning of 2014. Active handicaps have become 'Competition' handicaps and the date in which the 12 month period started changed from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> March. The other main changes concerned Category 1 players submitting Supplementary Scores. All handicap Secretaries were sent the information and clubs were asked to advise any change of Handicap Secretary. Several clubs had been visited during the year to give advice to new handicap secretaries on the working of Club 2000, all other queries being answered by telephone or e mail.

The subject of handicap allowances when playing better ball competitions was raised at the Representatives meeting and clubs were advised that Appendix F of the CONGU manual gives the handicaps for the different formats of competitions.

## **11 Scratch Score Assessor's Report**

Mrs Jacobs reported that the ladies were now working with the County men rating courses for S.S. Di Platt, the new assessor for the South, had attended training courses arranged by England Golf. Practice sessions have been undertaken and the plan is to commence assessment of 9 hole courses in 2015. Woodhall Spa, Sandilands and Laceby had been visited to re-assess the S.S. Delegates were reminded to report any alterations to their courses to the Standard Scratch Assessor.

## **12 League Secretary's Report**

Woodhall Spa (north) won the Scratch League after beating Greetham Valley (south) at Spalding. The score was 2-1.

The County Handicap League was won by Elsham (North) who beat Toft (South) at South Kyme. The score was 3-1. Congratulations to Elsham on winning the handicap league for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year. The League Secretary thanked Spalding and South Kyme for courtesy of their courses for the finals.

There will be no scratch league in 2015 due to withdrawal of 4 of the 6 teams but the Executive will discuss a possible solution for 2016. The question of offering 3 playing dates for league matches was raised at the Representatives meeting, clubs were asked to email their views on the introduction of offering three dates to include a weekend.

Results of the Handicap League are attached. All results have been sent to clubs together with details of next year's Handicap Leagues. There have been no changes to the league rules for 2015. 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 on the day for every home match 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.

South Kyme has joined the handicap league for 2015 and will play in Division 6 South.

Mrs Ainsworth thanked County Captain Helen for her help and support during 2014 and Terry Macarthy for refereeing the two finals.

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

### **13 Captain's Report**

Mrs. Hewlett reported that the year had started with a coaching session with Jonathan Yarwood focusing on the short game and this had proved beneficial..

Friendly matches against Seacroft Board and Lincoln men were played in April, the team lost both matches. The match against the County men was cancelled due to lack of players.

County week was held at The Leicestershire in Leicester. The team included new faces due to Emilee Taylor and Jess Wilcox turning professional at the beginning of the year. The team was India Clyburn, Emily Slater, Billie-Jo Smith, Sophie Beardsall, Emma Tipping, Kirsty Condon, Jess Schiels, Helen McDougall and Helen Hewlett. The team won all five matches reaching the finals for the sixth year running, the only team to have achieved this.

The team then went on to represent the Midlands North Region at the National Finals at Belton Park. With a team of six players, Lincolnshire finished fourth and the Captain thanked the players and supporters who came along to watch and Graham Miller, personal team photographer.

Kirsty Condon, Rachel Woodcock and Billie-Jo Smith were awarded County Colours.

Our annual Executive v. Lincs Vets. Match was held at Laceby Manor Golf Club and was won by the Vets team.

Congratulations were given to India Clyburn on being crowned County Champion and all other County winners. Players were thanked for their support of County events.

County 2<sup>nd</sup> Team were congratulated on retaining the Midland Sub Divisional Trophy.

Among the notable achievements by lady County members were Cindy Ireland from Blankney who won the Midlands Vets Championship, Pat West of Spalding, who captained the winning Senior England team in the Home Internationals, Gill Lamming of Sleaford who qualified to play in the BMW Golf Cup International Finals, Trudi Galloway of Belton Woods who reached the EG Medal finals and Muriel Wanless of Greetham Valley who plays 18 holes each week off a handicap of 31 and is 90 years old. India Clyburn was also congratulated on her many successes in 2014.

The Vice-Captain and Executive Committee were thanked for all their support. Particular mention was made of the work done by Wendy Ramsden in her role as Competition Secretary.

### **Adoption of Reports**

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

Proposed by: Julia Sales (Kenwick Park) and seconded by Ann Lyon (Sleaford)

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the Reports

**14 Election of Officers:**

President:	Miss Julia Sales	Nominated by Mrs Helen Hewlett Seconded by Mrs. June Miller
Chairman:	Mrs Tracey Stobart	Nominated by Mrs June Miller Seconded by Mrs. Cindy Ireland
Secretary	Mrs Barbara Haycox	Nominated by Mrs Helen McDougall Seconded by Mrs. Beverley Dolman
North Representative:	Mrs Pauline Smith	elected at Representatives Meeting in September
Central Representative:	Mrs Stella Goldstein	elected at Representatives Meeting in September
South Representative:	Mrs Ann Lyon	elected at Representatives Meeting in September

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

County Captain made a presentation to the three retiring representatives Clare Welfare, Janet Spencer-Knott and Polly Brettle.

**15 To introduce the new President:**

Mrs Denise Parker, the retiring President then introduced the incoming President, Julia Sales and presented her with her badge.  
Julia Sales then replied.

The Chairman then announced the winner of the Junior raffle for a signed Solheim Cup flag, Helen McDougall.

**16 To introduce the new Chairman**

Mrs Miller thanked everyone for their support during her time as Chairman and introduced the new Chairman, Tracey Stobart

**17 Any Other Business**

Proposal: to change the County Divisional Regions for the County Betterball Competitions from 2016. County Captain outlined the reason for change, to equalise size of divisions.  
Proposed by Helen Hewlett, seconded by June Miller. Agreed.

Julia Sales thanked June Miller and Tracey Stobart for chairing the meeting and Woodhall Spa for allowing us to use their facilities.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 11.55.

Signed.....

Date .....

India Clyburn – 5<sup>th</sup> Harber Hall Invitational  
 7<sup>th</sup> Helen Holme Scottish Open  
 County Ladies Champion  
 Critchley Salver runner up  
 Represented England Girls at European Championships  
 Woodhall Spa ladies Champion  
 Scottish Junior Ladies Open winner  
 Won English Girls  
 Represented England at Home International winning all 6 matches  
 Loosing semi-finalist at British Girls  
 Birkdale Scratch Trophy winner  
 Represented England Ladies at Home Internationals  
 Represented England at Junior World Championships in Canada  
 Set a new course record at Daily Telegraph Junior Golf Championships – Quinta do Largo  
 Won Junior Telegraph  
 Emily Slater - Played Callaway World Junior Championships in USA  
 Lily Farr - Champions of Champions at The Nottinghamshire, 2<sup>nd</sup> in U18's  
 Midland North Region Championships at Trentham Golf Club  
 Matilde Kedzlie-4<sup>th</sup> nett  
 Four Counties at Lutterworth  
 Lois Williamson –Best Gross  
 Team Scratch Trophy - Lincolnshire won – Lois Williamson, Lily Farr & Matilde Kedzlie  
 Billie-Jo Smith - Represented England at U16  
 5<sup>th</sup> Scottish Girls U16's  
 English Girls - India Clyburn, Emily Slater, and Lois Williamson & U15's Billie-Jo Smith  
 U16 Regional training Squad  
 Billie-Jo Smith & Lois Williamson