

LINCOLNSHIRE LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the Executive Committee Meeting held at Woodhall Spa Golf Club on 11th July 2016.

Present:

Mrs Tracey Stobart (Chairman)	Miss Julia Sales (President)
Mrs Helen McDougall (Captain)	Mrs Birdie Dawson (Vice-Captain)
Mrs Barbara Haycox (Secretary)	Mrs Helen Hewlett (Past Captain)
Mrs Cindy Ireland (Treasurer)	Mrs Terry Macarthy (Handicap Advisor)
Mrs Judith Ainsworth (League Secretary)	Mrs Wendy Ramsden (Competition Sec)
Mrs Margaret Jacobs (SSA)	Mrs Pat Jones (C.J.O.)
Mrs Sue Borthwick (MNR Rep)	Mrs Pauline Smith (North Rep),
Mrs Ann Lyon (South Rep)	

1) Apologies: Ms Clare Welfare (Fixtures sec) & Mrs Stella Goldstein (Central Rep)

2) Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Minutes, having previously been circulated and after correction of spelling, were approved and signed.

3) Matters Arising:

Flags – Leicester & Nottingham are interested in purchasing but decision on selling to be decided after the next MNR committee meeting.

Amendment to ‘Conditions of entry to competitions’ is in hand.

4) Correspondence:

Newsletters from England Golf

An enquiry via the website from a member re opportunities for working ladies to fully partake in competitions & matches. The Secretary had responded by telephone outlining the efforts being made by the County to encourage clubs to be more inclusive. Discussion took place and when results from the equality survey are collated the County will be able to present them to England Golf and clubs.

Richard Latham re 125 Anniversary competition to be held in September. Agreed to enter a team.

Lacey Manor – request for consideration to host County Competitions.

England Golf – re collection of affiliation fees from 2017. Secretary and Treasurer to liaise with LUGC.

5) Captain’s Report:

Helen reported on County Match Week. The team finished in fourth place but had played well but just fell short. The week was won by Staffordshire who won all of their matches. Holme Hall Golf Club were thanked for hosting a successful week.

Helen congratulated Helen Hewlett on being part of the winning Curtis Cup management team.

6) 2nd Team Report:

To date three matches have been played – won 1, halved 1 & lost 1.

Final match is against Nottingham on 18th July. There is a possibility of reaching the Sub – divisional final, depending on the results of the final two matches.

7) Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported the following bank balances:

C/A	£10476.35
Savings	£20648.72
Team	£4143.60
Juniors	£2865.93
Total	£38134.60

Affiliation fees – all paid by the end of May.

The returns so far show that there are 2599 members, up by 1 on 2015

County Match Week – cost to date £7597.74.

Debit card – HSBC have advised that in order to issue debit cards a clause needs to be added to the constitution agreeing to the issue of cards to individuals.

After lengthy discussion and vote, agreed to make a donation of £800.00 to support the Lincolnshire team playing in the MVLGA Team Championships.

8) Secretary's Report:

County Match Week. The Secretary thanked Tracey, Julia, Wendy and Terry for their help at the event and endorsed the comments by the Captain on the role of Holme Hall Golf Club in hosting a successful event.

County Match Week 2018 – Hollinwell Golf Club

9) Competition Secretary's Report:

Since the last meeting the following competitions have been played: County Championships hosted by Market Rasen. 15 players entered the qualifying round with 13 going through to the match play on day 2. County Champion 2016 is Helen Hewlett (Seacroft) winning for the 9th time, the first time in 1985. The runner – up was Emma Tipping (Greatham Valley). Helen also won the Barbara Watson Trophy. The Mary Roberts trophy was won by Beth Shippin (Blankney), who also won the Presidents Bowl. Other winners, Sophie Beardsall best nett am and Lucy Hull best nett pm.

26 players entered the Butlin Trophy and was won by Tilly Lawrence (Market Rasen) with a nett 64.

56 players contested the Julia Sales Trophies, won by Pat West and Di Rafferty (Spalding) with a gross 84.

CSS for all competitions was 75 reductions only. £222 was made on the raffle.

The Senior Ladies Championships was held at Grimsby. 23 players entered and the winner of the Kathie Craigs Salver was Pat West (Spalding) with a gross 79 and Julie Palmer (Blankney) was the winner of the Joan Payling Salver with a nett 73.

The Spring Bronze meeting was held at Boston West. 37 players entered the Gwen Bamber Trophy. Jane Briggs (Kenwick Park) was the winner with 30 points and the winners of the Dorothy Marshall Shield were Woodhall Spa with 80 points.

25 pairs entered the Mary Munday Salver, which was won by Olive Gooderson & Christina Leggett (Spalding) with 37 points.

£177 was made on the raffle.

Wendy thanked Terry for her assistance at the competitions. Problems had occurred with the Club 2000 system and the solution is to delete all 990 players and start again. Tracey, Julia and Helen were thanked for their support.

The County Betterball competition was held at Ashby Decoy. 64 players played and the winners of the Isabel Halmshaw and Betty Gresham Trophies were Sara Harris & Emma Rooke (Elsham) with 42 points. The raffle raised £168. Thanks to Pauline for organising the event.

County Betterball central was held at North Shore. 80 players entered and the winners of the Edna Whitehouse and Chris Means Trophies were Rosemary Reed & Sally Reed (Woodhall Spa) with 39 points. Rosemary was County Champion in 1959 and is 80 years old. Instead of a raffle, each player was given a ticket for a draw to win a hamper donated by the County Captain. North Shore also gave a fourball voucher. Thanks to Stella for organising the event.

The next event is the Betterball South at Spalding. 72 players have entered. Ann to purchase raffle prizes to the value of £50.

The 90% handicap allowance has made no difference to the number of entries or moving the boundaries. The North has 8 more entries, Central 36 less and the South 24 less. Numbers vary depending on the venue.

Entries to the Autumn Meeting to date – 22 silver and 26 bronze. The closing date has been extended to 18th July.

Entries received for the Am-Am at Elsham mean it is nearly full. A further 2 teams can be accommodated.

Wendy confirmed that she was retiring at the end of the season after 6 years but offered every assistance to the incoming secretary.

A lengthy discussion took place on ways to spread the work load with the following being suggested: appoint a marketing manager to promote and produce leaflets, train another member on use of Club 2000 to assist if Terry was unable to attend, bills to be paid directly by BACS, representatives to become more involved and serve more than 2 years, are raffles and food necessary. It was agreed that a competition sub-committee should be formed to include the 3 representatives to run County completions. The Competition committee to meet to review job description.

10) Junior Organisers Report:

Tilly Garfoot (Spalding) qualified to play in the MNR Medal Final held at Penn, which she won with a nett 65. Tilly was best qualifier in all regions but is unable to play in the Grand medal Final due to holidays. It is hoped that her trophy will be presented at the Champion of Champions final at Woodhall Spa in September.

At the Closed Championships held at Spalding Golf Club, Lois Williamson won the U18 Championship; Tilly Kedzlie won the U16 Championship and Tilly Garfoot the U14 Championship. The Junior County Champion is Tilly Kedzlie and the most improved player Eden Inglis.

24 girls attended the Order of Merit held at Woodhall Spa. Three have been played with three more arranged.

The Chicks have been held at Gainsborough and Toft. Eight new recruits at Gainsborough.

The Junior second team have played matches against Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire. The match against Nottinghamshire held at Gainsborough resulted in a win 3-1 and they also won the match against Leicestershire 4-0 held at Blankney. The team, Tilly Garfoot, Courtney Martland, Izzy Haughton and Kazzia Fox, go on to play the winners of the West league.

The first Girls Festival of Golf is to be held on 22nd August when the final matches for the first team and the final of the second team league will be played. Alison Johns plus other Lady professionals will give a golf clinic and trick shot show.

11) Midland North Regional Representative's Report:

The next meeting is in August. There are 6 representatives, 3 who will retire this year. EG have stated that is up to individual County Associations to decide on the length of service for their representative. Sue agreed to continue as our Representative.

12) Handicap Advisor/Liaison Officer's Report:

Nothing to report

13) League Secretary's Report:

Scratch League update – Six clubs have agreed to play in 2017, 3 teams in the North (Cleethorpes, Blankney & Woodhall Spa) and 3 in the South (Stoke Rochford, Greetham Valley & Sleaford) playing home and away. A letter to be sent to the participating clubs explaining the format and banding.

Handicap League – is progressing with results being received for all leagues.

A problem had occurred when a player was replaced on the eve of a match as another player had reduced her handicap and was lower than the original player. Rule 6.1 states: A Captain must play the lowest handicap team available; the question is where the 'cut off' time for selection should be. Wording to be amended to: A Captain must play the lowest handicap team available at time of selection. All agreed.

14) Standard Scratch Assessors Report

Course rating has started with Skegness Golf Centre, Pottergate and Thorpe Park. Humberston Golf and Country Club due on 1st August. Peter Bintcliff has joined the team in the North. The South are short of men due to illness of Harvey Harrison. Volunteers are required and should contact Di Rafferty.

15) Partnership Report:

Still plenty of work being done around getting people into golf.

4 new clubs have signed up to the 'Get into Golf' initiative.

A further initiative 'Golf Express' is proving attractive – 9 hole/2 hour format. Clubs are encouraged to get involved – banners are available for £34.00.

Elsham held a GIG event attracting 117 attendees.

Golfmark is being promoted; a new scheme introduced enabling clubs to obtain Golfmark in stages. Clubs will have to demonstrate that they are running a lawful equality policy.

600 clubs responded to the EG survey. Once processed the results will be published.

Reports adopted 'en bloc'. Proposed by Julia Sales, Seconded by Cindy Ireland.

16) AOB:

1. President 2017

Following discussion, Jayne Crooks was proposed for the Position of president 2017 by Julia Sales and seconded by Helen McDougall. All agreed.

A review of the President's job description was undertaken.

2. Constitution

Due to lack of time, item 2 & 3 were put on hold until the next meeting.

3. Review of Officers

4. County Championships 2017

Review took place re lack of numbers and ways to increase players. Before a decision to change the format, clubs to be contacted to try and ascertain why players do not enter.

5. Juniors

Request that the old surplus jumpers be used. Agreed

6. Representatives meeting

Positions to be filled – Competition Secretary, League Secretary, Junior Organiser and 3 Representatives.

Competition Secretary – no nominations to date.

League Secretary – Polly Brettle (Elsham)

Junior Organiser – Kirsty Condon had expressed an interest in becoming involved with the coaching. A suggestion was made that Pat and Kirsty share the role with Pat looking after the competitions and Kirst the coaching. Pat to liaise with Kirsty.

Representatives – Jackie Friend (Greetham Valley) and Margaret Yelland (Lincoln) have expressed an interest. Secretary to ask for nominations when sending out details of the meeting. Pauline and Stella are willing to serve a further year.

The meeting closed at 13.15.

Date & Time of next meeting: Representatives Meeting, 5th September Woodhall Spa @10.30

Executive Meeting: 17th October 2016, Woodhall Spa @10.00

Signed Date