

LINCOLNSHIRE LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the Executive Committee Meeting held at Woodhall Spa Golf Club on Tuesday 21st April 2015.

Present:

Mrs Tracey Stobart (Chairman)	Mrs Helen McDougall (Vice Captain)
Mrs Helen Hewlett (Captain)	Mrs Pat Jones (C.J.O.)
Mrs Barbara Haycox (Secretary)	Ms Clare Welfare (Fixtures sec)
Mrs Terry Macarthy (Handicap Advisor)	Mrs Ann Lyon (South rep)
Mrs Wendy Ramsden (Competition Sec)	Mrs Judith Ainsworth (League Sec)
Mrs Cindy Ireland (Treasurer)	

1) Apologies: Miss Julia Sales (President), Mrs Margaret Jacobs (SSA), Mrs Stella Goldstein (Central Rep), Mrs Pauline Smith (North Rep) & Mrs Sue Borthwick (MNR Rep).

2) Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Minutes, having previously been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed – P Jones seconded W Ramsden.

3) Matters Arising:

Vice-Captain 2016.

Helen McDougall reported that Mrs Helen Dawson had accepted the position of Vice -Captain.

Minutes.

Facility to publish the minutes, when approved, has been arranged.

League Rules.

Draft letter circulated to members of the Committee prior to the meeting, were approved. Clubs to be advised on completion of 2015 season.

4) Correspondence:

Minutes from England Golf and press releases re Lincolnshire players.

Request from Toby Thorne, Championship Manager, for volunteers to help with scoring at the Senior Women's Amateur Championship at Woodhall Spa.

LGP newsletter, which was circulated to all clubs.

LGU newsletter

5) Captain's Report:

Since the last meeting there have been 2 coaching sessions with Jonathon Yarwood including some new players.

The first friendly match against Seacroft Board was played in March. The team won 3 ½ / 1 ½.

All the new kit has arrived – shirts and jackets for the 1st team and Juniors. A photograph of the team will be sent to Alan & Roz Smith, who kindly made a donation towards the costs.

6) 2nd Team Report:

There was nothing to report. First match is on July 27th 2015.

7) Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported the following bank balances:

Savings	£22634,
C/A	£20085,
Team	£2200
Juniors	£3016,
Total	£47936.

This represents a healthy balance but includes £10,000 competition income and we must bear in mind, the added expenditure in hosting County Week 2016.

80% of affiliation fees have been received, Numbers are 1% down on last year. 10 clubs (Belton Park, Belton Woods, Forest Pines, Humberston, Lincolnshire, Louth, Pottergate, Seacroft, Thorpe Park & Toft) will be sent a reminder.

Our insurance premium is down from £684 to £379.

4 people are still to cash their refunds from the Autumn meeting.

8) Secretary's Report:

At the County secretary's conference, held at Woodhall Spa, presentations were given by David Joy, Portas Consultants and Gemma Hunter. Topics included growing the game in England, changes in the structure of England Golf and CDH, course rating and CONGU changes for 2016.

9) Competition Secretary's Report:

Entries to competitions to date:

Championships	16,
Butlin Trophy	31,
Pairs	27.
Spring Bronze :	
Day 1	46,
Day 2	23 pairs.
Senior Championships	22.
Betterball	
North	44,
South	76.
Am-Am	18 pairs.
MNR Girls Championships	4 (3 Staffs 1 Leics.).

Planning meetings were attended at Lincoln (Championships), Spalding (Spring Bronze) & Blankney (Betterball South).

The difference paid by LUGC & LLCGA for the use of courses was discussed. The Equality provisions dictate that both men and women should pay the same facility fee/donation to the host club.

Wendy Ramsden produced a draft document re 'General Conditions of Competition' which was circulated to Committee members prior to the meeting. Wendy will update the document in line with the discussion that took place. The final approved document will be posted on the website.

10) Junior Organisers Report:

Funding has been received from the County Partnership and will be used to run the Order of Merit on the short game at Woodhall Spa. There will be two groups – handicaps and non-handicaps. 12 girls will be invited to each group. There will be 6 sessions with a fee of £5 per session. There has been a good response. The handicap group includes most that attended last year, while the non-handicap group are new girls.

The junior team 'get together' in February was successful, although only 5 holes were played in the afternoon due to bad weather. The girls got on well together and it is hoped that another session will be run later in the year.

The Chicks' coaching, limited to 8 girls per session, has been well attended. Alison Johns has finished her block, Steve Cooper has added 3 more dates and Neil Curtis has 4 planned for later in the year.

The Junior Fundraiser was held at Greetham Valley. All money raised went to support Alison Johns, who has been selected to take part in the Transplant Games in Argentina. Our thanks are extended to Ping, who provided the prizes and also gave a carry bag, which was raffled. The winning team was from Spalding, comprising 3 Juniors and 1 Adult, who returned a score of 90 points. A total of £433 was raised.

The annual Girls v Boys match was played at Spalding the day after the fundraiser. Eight girls played in pairs and for 4 of them it was their first match. 3 of the 4 matches went to the 18th and the two Tilly's won the fourth 6&4. The match result was a loss 2 ½/ 1 ½. The Junior section would like to thank the Lady President Julia for her support.

The first Junior League match against Nottinghamshire at Seacroft was abandoned due to bad weather.

The Peggotty and Roger Jennings competition, run by LUCG, was held at Lincoln Golf Club. The winner was Lois Williamson, who won both cups. It is the first time in many years that this has been achieved.

The Spring Stableford & Flag 50 competitions were held at Blankney. The Stableford winner was Ellie Houghton from Greetham Valley and the Flag 50 competition was won by Ellise Rymer from Gainsborough.

11) Midland North Regional Representative's Report:

No report

12) Handicap Advisor/Liaison Officer's Report:

Mrs Macarthy reported on a Handicap Seminar that she had attended at Newark, along with 3 Committee members. The first session was mainly dedicated to the aims of England Golf with regard to getting more people into golf and particularly getting new participants of golf to join a club.

The meeting then went on to course rating and how that was progressing. They also touched on slope index and how that would work, if and when it is adopted.

The final session was dedicated to what changes are being proposed to the CONGU manual due in January 2016.

The following changes are possible/probable, though not all has been finally decided upon:

Supplementary scores

Category 1 3 during the year

Category 2 5-10 during the year.

Players will be able to return a supplementary score from any club of which they are a member.

9 hole supplementary cards will be available.

Maximum handicap will be 40.4 for both Men & Ladies (subject to change).

Handicap allowance in 4 Ball Betterball will be a mandatory 90%.

Reference date will revert back to 1st January as from 2016. This will probably mean the dates for the Annual Review will change. At the moment it should be carried out between 1st November and 1st March.

Exceptional Score Reduction (ESR) will now be extended to include exceptional score increases.

Further seminars for Handicap Advisors hopefully planned for later in the year when details of changes have been finalised. Advisors then to inform Clubs.

13) League Secretary's Report:

No report.

14) Standard Scratch Assessors Report:

Mrs Elaine Johnson of Ashby Decoy has agreed to join the SSA team.

Joy Hunter has attended the first practice session at Pottergate.

15) Partnership Report:

The Chairman and Secretary attended the AGM today followed by a committee meeting.

The business plan has still to be completed. The name of the group is to be changed to Lincolnshire Development Group.

5 clubs – Lincoln, Boston West, Market Rasen, Ashby Decoy and Stoke Rochford – have obtained the new Golf Mark accreditation. 24 are on the old scheme with several due for a review.

Lincolnshire has been chosen as the focus county for players with a disability.

16) AOB:

1. Scratch League.

A questionnaire will be sent to clubs seeking their views on the re-introduction of the Scratch League in 2016.

2. Championships 2016

The format to remain for 2016 but to be reviewed at the July 2016 meeting.

3. County Logo.

Request received from Staffordshire, host of County Week, for a copy of our logo. Several variations forwarded onto them.

4. Twitter & Facebook.

Accounts to be set up.

Before closing the meeting, Tracey congratulated Helen on her appointment as manager of the Vagliano Trophy 2015 & Curtis Cup 2016 teams.

Please note a change of date for the next meeting, Thursday 16th July at 12.00 at Woodhall Spa.

Signed Date