

LINCOLNSHIRE LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the Executive Committee Meeting held at Woodhall Spa Golf Club on Monday 21st July 2014.

Present:

Mrs. June Miller (Chairman)	Mrs. Helen McDougall (Vice Captain)
Mrs. Helen Hewlett (Captain)	Mrs. Denise Parker (President)
Mrs. Beverley Dolman (Secretary)	Mrs. Pat Jones (C.J.O.)
Mrs. Terry Macarthy (Handicap Advisor)	Ms. Clare Welfare (Central rep/fixtures sec)
Mrs. Wendy Ramsden (Competition Sec)	Mrs. Janet Spencer-Knott (South rep)
Mrs. Judith Ainsworth (League Sec)	Mrs. Sue Lambert (MNR)

Also in attendance: Mrs. Tracey Stobart and Mrs. Barbara Haycox

The Chairman welcomed our two observers. She then went on to congratulate the County Captain and her team for their success at County Week in June.

1) Apologies:

Mrs. Margaret Jacobs (SSA), Mrs. Cindy Ireland (Treasurer)

2) Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Minutes, having previously been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3) Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

4) Correspondence:

The secretary had received various pieces of correspondence from England Golf, including the Annual Report 2013, the final Strategic Plan for England Golf 2014-17, the Details of the County Ladies Finals at Belton Park 15th-19th September and a renewal reminder for DBS for Mrs. Joan Would.

A letter had also been received from the LUGC inviting the President, Captain and Secretary to play in the Jubilee Challenge at South Kyme on Sunday 12th October. Regretably, this date clashed with Lady Presidents Day and therefore apologies would be sent from the Captain and President. The Chairman agreed to stand in.

5) Captain's Report:

A match v. the Lincoln scratch team was held on 27th April, which was lost 3-1.

Due to various problems it had been difficult to field a team of 6 on each day of this year's County week at the Leicestershire Golf Club. However, the girls came through and remained unbeaten at the end of the week despite some very tough matches. There were two new girls in the team this year, Kirsty Condon and Billie Jo Smith. The girls are looking forward to the Finals at Belton Park.

All three County Betterball competitions had now been held and thanks were given to everyone who had helped to organise these days.

6) 2nd Team Report:

On 30th June a 2nd team match was held at Sleaford against Nottinghamshire. The team was Beth Shippin, Rachael Woodcock, Helen McDougall, Harriet Wilson, Hannah Vaughan and Alex Smith. The foursomes resulted in a 3-0 win, whilst the singles were won 5-1 giving an 8-1 match win. This was Beth and Hannah's first County match.

The return match was held at Sherwood Forest GC on 13th July. This time the team was Rita Broughton, Harriet Wilson, Lois Williamson, Helen McDougall, Hannah Vaughan and Alex Smith. This was 15 year old Lois's debut in County matches. Unfortunately, the result was not quite so good away from home, losing the foursomes 2 ½ -1/2, and the singles were lost 5-1 giving a final total loss of 7 ½ - 1 ½

7) Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer had sent her report and began by congratulating the Captain and her team for their result at County week.

The bank balances were as follows:

Current account	£3,360.67
Junior Account	£1,115.33
Team Account	£3,461.41
Savings Account	£22,622.25

Although showing a healthy balance there would be about £6,000 less after the County Finals, Autumn meeting and Am-Am had been played. Competitions had made a profit of £956.34 overall to date but no facility fee had been requested as yet for the County BB South.

Monies owing from England Golf for the MNR Foursomes competition in April, had still not been received. Affiliation fees have still not been received from Horncastle and Forest Pines. These are being chased up through the LUGC.

The Executive noted that the Championships are still making a big loss and it was agreed to look at the possibility of altering the competition to a two day event, but this would have to be after 2015 as Lincoln G.C. had already agreed to host the 2015 competition over 3 days.

8) Secretary's Report:

The secretary began by congratulating the 1st team on their County success.

It had been a quiet time but there had been a number of pieces of correspondence from England Golf together with Minutes from various committee meetings. These had been sifted through and any relevant information passed to Executive members. There had been no England Golf Handbook this year but they had produced an England Golf Directory, giving contact details for all the Counties and England Golf personnel.

There had been some complaints that Minutes from various EG meetings had not been sent to the correct people and our MNR had brought this up at the EG General meeting.

9) Competition Secretary's Report:

Only 17 pairs from 6 counties entered the Midland Foursomes competition at Spalding and thanks were given to Spalding for reducing the facility fee from £500 to £100. Winners of the scratch salvers were Sarah Haslum and Suzanne Pretty of Longcliffe GC, Leicestershire with a gross 172, with Gilly Grant and Liz Haughton from Greetham Valley taking the Challenge Cups with a nett 153. A nett loss of £42.20 was made.

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The County Championships were held at Seacroft GC with 16 players entering the 36 hole competition. India Clyburn won the gross with 143.

Pauline Haggerty of Stoke Rochford won the Butlin Trophy on Day 2 with a nett 76 and the Julia Sales Salvers were won by Lucy Atter of Normanby Hall and Denise Parker from Woodhall with a gross 86 on Day 3. The nett winners were Freda Cooper and Sue Fisher of Kenwick with a nett 76 ½.

In the match play part of the Championship, India Clyburn beat Helen Hewlett on the 18th hole. The Seniors Championship held at Market Rasen was won by Di Platt of Spalding with a gross 81. Jane Salt of Market Rasen won the nett with a 75. There were 43 competitors.

The Spring Bronze meeting was held at Elsham with 32 having entered. The winner of the stableford on the 1st day with 35 points, was Sue Letby (Kenwick) on countback from Sue Waldron and Anne Brackenbury. The Betterball winners on Day 2 were Pam Hayward and Kay Smart of Kenwick with 38 points. Eighteen pairs entered.

Our three County Betterball Competitions were held at Cleethorpes (North), Boston (Central) and Woodhall Spa (South). Only 64 entered the North competition and this was won by Alison Fletcher and Gill Kapka from Cleethorpes with 46 points. The Central division with a turnout of 108 was won by Sue Sykes and Elaine Houlton of Kenwick with 42 points. 120 players entered the South competition which was won by Liz Haughton and Sheila Douty of Greetham Valley with 40 points.

This was the 1st year that a prize giving was not held after the competition and seemed to be met with a general feeling of approval.

Mrs. Ramsden thanked the divisional reps for their help organising these competitions and to the host clubs and ladies sections for their help on the day particularly with the raffles which raise money for the juniors.

The Autumn meeting is at Grimsby on 12th August and there are 62 playing in the silver division and 32 in the bronze to date. The final competition, the AmAm at Kenwick Park on 9th October has had an entry of 19 teams to date.

A discussion took place about the question of gross and nett prizes and can players take both in a competition. There does not seem to be anything written down. The Competition Secretary is attempting to write up the Conditions of Competitions and it was agreed to form a small sub-committee, to help with this matter. This would be made up of the Competitions Secretary, the Vice Captain, the League Secretary and the Handicap Advisor.

Numbers are down in competitions this year and we were asked to think of ways to increase the participation of affiliated members. Mrs. Lambert said that we should get Lady Captains and club delegates to push the events early in the year as many ladies did not look at the website and said they were not aware of the competitions.

10) Junior Organisers Report:

Mrs. Jones congratulated the County Captain on their win the County Finals and said she was particularly proud of the three juniors who had played in the team.

India Clyburn had not only won the County championship but had also been selected to play for the European Girls Team in Slovakia. India had tied in 7th position in the Paul Lawrie Tour and was the best placed amateur.

The Closed Championships at Lincoln had to be cancelled due to bad weather and has been rearranged for the 14th August.

Thanks were given to the club ladies sections who had given donations to the County Junior Section.

Mrs. Hewlett had given the Juniors two Solheim Cup Flags which have been framed. One has been bought for £500 and the second is being raffled around the County.

A junior match had been held against Derbyshire at Holme Hall and was won 5-1 by Lincolnshire.

The Chicks went well this year and has now finished for the summer.

The structured coaching with Alison Johns has gone really well and both groups are much improved.

A 'Get into golf' day was held at Greetham Valley and about 30 children attended.

Unfortunately, there are only 9 entries for the Open Championships at Stoke Rochford, but the Queen of Clubs and other competitions are also on this day, which may have impounded on the numbers entering.

11) Midland North Regional Representative's Report:

Mrs. Lambert reported on the MNR's recent meetings. They are still working on the regional events post 2014, but it is now understood that England Golf are not taking over these events and regional events must be self-funding in future. England Golf will only run the final of events.

The committee is working on changes to venues and formats to try and increase entries. The foursomes venue for 2015 has been relocated to a more central location and the format of the Open Girls Championship is being discussed at the next meeting to see if they could include a Ladies Championship. It was general felt by the meeting that this would be too long a day to fit everything in. Some of the lower handicaps feel that there is not enough competition for them.

At the England Golf General Meeting on 2nd July an induction course for new delegates was included. MNR are currently reviewing this as it was felt that it could be improved.

At the EG AGM an increase to affiliation fees was agreed possibly from 2017. This would be increased from £7.25 to £8.25. The Strategic Plan 2014-17 was approved by the meeting, but the motion to reduce the number of AGM's was not

12) Handicap Advisor/Liaison Officer's Report:

Mrs. McCarthy had visited RAF Coningsby to assist a new Handicap Secretary in the workings of Club 2000. Other queries had been answered by e-mail or telephone.

Handicap Advisors are now receiving Minutes from the Handicap and Course Rating Committee Meetings.

Ruth Goodwin has not been appointed as Regional Handicap Advisor. She will be the contact if the Handicap Advisor is unable to answer a local query.

13) League Secretary's Report:

Holme Hall have withdrawn from the Scratch League for 2015. The League Secretary was not sure if they would continue with their matches for 2014.

A query had been received concerning non-playing Captains giving advice to their players during a league match. It was agreed by the Executive that non-playing Captains could give advice.

The end of the league season was 12th August and to date, there were still 33 handicap league and 5 scratch matches to be played.

With the withdrawal of Holme Hall, there would now only be 5 clubs competing in the Scratch League in 2015. The Executive thought that it might be possible to do away with the two regions and let the remaining clubs play each other home and away. The League Secretary would write to these clubs for their opinion.

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14) Standard Scratch Assessors Report:

There was nothing to report from the SSA, however, she was concerned that the LUGC representatives are nowhere near ready to start assessing courses, despite numerous attempts to get them out on the course.

15) Partnership Report:

Six girls are now on the Academy programme and 21 girls are in the Rookie programme which is an increase on last year.

22 Lincolnshire clubs now have the Golfmark accreditation and 10 of these have made use of the Junior Development grant which is available to Golfmark clubs.

The Golf Roots programme has two schools participating, one of whom is Bannovallum 14+ girls group.

Janet Inman from the Lincolnshire Sports Partnership gave details of grants available. Anyone wanting details of any grants should contact Shona Dickson at the Golf Partnership.

It was agreed not to have a stand at the Lincolnshire Show this year.

Harvey Harrison, the LUGC secretary, had tendered his resignation from the Partnership Steering committee and would be replaced by Keith Farrow as the LUGC representative.

16) AOB:

a) Girls Closed Championship: The Junior Organiser had been approached by the LUGC to see if we were happy to hold the boys and girls closed Championships on the same day and course. They would find the course and pay the affiliation fee. Woodhall Spa would be the venue for 2015. The meeting agreed that we should go ahead with this proposal.

b) Retiring Officers: Julia Sales had agreed to be our next President. Tracy Stobart would take over as Chairman and Barbara Haycox as secretary. These would be ratified at the AGM. No other nominations had been received.

All three county representatives would be retiring at the Reps meeting in September and the secretary would write to the clubs asking for nominations. Under the rules of the Constitution, a representative could not serve more than two years consecutively.

The Competition Secretary and the Junior Organiser had completed their five year term of office but had opted for re-election for a further year.

c) Reps. Meeting: The secretary would write to clubs giving full details. It was agreed that we should not seek to increase the County Affiliation fees. The proposal to change the divisional areas in 2016 would be put to the Reps. meeting.

The meeting closed at 14.25 and the next meeting will be the Reps. meeting held at Woodhall Spa Golf Club at 10.30 a.m. on Monday 8th September 2014.

Signed Date

