

LINCOLNSHIRE LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the Executive Committee Meeting held at Woodhall Spa Golf Club on 27th April 2016.

Present:

Mrs Tracey Stobart (Chairman)	Miss Julia Sales (President)
Mrs Helen McDougall (Captain)	Mrs Barbara Haycox (Secretary)
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.)
Ms Clare Welfare (Fixtures sec)	Mrs Sue Borthwick (MNR Rep)
Mrs Pauline Smith (North Rep),	Mrs Ann Lyon (South Rep)
Mrs Stella Goldstein (Central Rep)	

1) Apologies: Mrs Helen Hewlett & Mrs Birdie Dawson

2) Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

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

3) Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

4) Correspondence:

Newsletters from England Golf

James Crampton – re introduction of a new competition - Women and Girls County Champions – to be played at Woodhall Spa on 11th September. Entry forms passed onto Competition Secretary and Junior Organiser.

England Golf – Pace of play document

5) Captain's Report:

Helen reported that the match against Seacroft was cancelled due to bad weather and is to be rearranged at the end of the season.

The match against Lincoln, played on 24th April, resulted in a loss 3-2. The team being Helen Hewlett, Beth Shippin, Sophie Beardsall, Meg Illingworth, Helen McDougall, Kirsty Condon, Liz & Ellie Houghton, Tilly Kedzlie and Lois Williamson

6) 2nd Team Report:

There was nothing to report.

7) Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported the following bank balances:

C/A	£24505.32
Savings	£20648.72
Team	£3000.45
Juniors	£3221.04
Total	£51601.57

The juniors held a successful fundraiser at Gainsborough raising £435.
Affiliation fees – the following are still outstanding – Forest pines, Market Rasen, Pottergate, Seacroft, Thorpe Park and Toft. Reminders have been sent out.
The returns so far show that there are 2309 members, down by 41 approximately 1.7%.
Insurance premium is up by 7% to £409.44

8) Secretary's Report:

Attended the Secretary's Conference at Woodhall Spa. There were presentations by Gemma Hunter – world handicapping system, Craig Wagstaff and Rod Flint on various topics re England Golf and Phil Harvey re collection of affiliation fees in 'real time'.

9) Competition Secretary's Report:

Entries to competitions to date: Championship 17, Butlin 24, Foursomes 26 pairs, Senior Ladies 25, Spring Bronze 31, pairs 21, BB central 17 teams, BB south 15 teams, Autumn meeting silver 8, bronze 2 & Am-Am 20 teams.

Discussion on the use of buggies in competition took place – to be allowed with appropriate certificate. The conditions of entry to be amended to state that the committee is the competition committee and not the executive committee – to include Chairman, Secretary, Captain, Competition Secretary, Handicap Advisor and junior Organiser.

10) Junior Organisers Report:

The Junior year started in February with Chicks sessions held at Woodhall Spa, Gainsborough and Toft. Most sessions are full and include 14 girls who are new to golf.

14 girls attended an all-day coaching session at Woodhall Spa with Alison Johns and Steve Cooper.

The annual match against the boys, held at Laceby Manor resulted in a win 3 ½ - 1 ½. The team – Lois Williamson, Courtney Martland, Tilly Kedzlie, Eden Inglis, Erin Brown, Tilly Garfoot, Georgia Mann, Ellise Rymer, Amy Fletcher and Hollie Markham - included 4 who were playing in a match for the first time.

Erin Brown has withdrawn from the U16 Regional squad.

The first of the Junior league matches were held at Coxmoor. It has a new format – teams play 2 matches against two counties. Lincolnshire won 6-0 against Shropshire and 4 ½ - 1 ½ against Derbyshire.

A festival of golf organised by the 6 Junior Organisers will be held in August. Details to be advised nearer the date.

Five girls – Georgia Mann, Courtney Martland, Tilly Garfoot, Eden Inglis and Freya Woodiwick – have been awarded a grant of £50 for coaching.

10 teams played in the annual fundraiser at Gainsborough Golf Club. Ping donated the prizes. A total of £435 was raised.

11) Midland North Regional Representative's Report:

The rules for the 2nd team have been reviewed and updated.

Attended EG AGM.

12) Handicap Advisor/Liaison Officer's Report:

Category 1 audit carried out in January and sent to the Regional Advisor.

CONGU manuals have been issued to all clubs.

Attended a handicap workshop for handicap advisors at Kings Norton and presentation to handicap secretaries at Newark Golf Club covering the changes to the handicap system. Arranged for Gemma Hunter to give the same presentation to Lincolnshire handicap secretaries.

13) League Secretary's Report:

The proposal for the Scratch League 2017 circulated to all clubs. To date 9 replies with Blankney, Sleaford and Cleethorpes entering a team.

Handicap League progressing with results received from most leagues. Elsham C joined in League 6 North and advised that lowest 16 handicap players are ineligible to play for the C team as agreed at the last meeting. A reminder to be sent to clubs re submission of results and rules. Queries were resolved and include use of buggy, extension to the deadline for playing match and short notice to change of date – all covered in the rules.

14) Standard Scratch Assessors Report

Practice sessions during the winter were hampered by bad weather and difficulty in getting everyone together. The first rating is in June at Pottergate. Stewart Johnson, Ashby Decoy has joined the team.

15) Partnership Report:

Focus is on getting more players into golf. There is a need for more clubs to use the Get into Golf website to advertise their offers and the hope is that the involvement of Sky Sports will boost numbers and interest in golf. A Facebook page – Lincolnshiregolf – has been set up. Shona Dickson has offered to attend the Reps/AGM or any club to discuss ways of recruiting ladies. A family day is in the planning stage for 2017.

Funding for bursaries has been agreed for Juniors, with 5 girls being identified for receipt of funds.

At the AGM, Tracey Stobart, Helen McDougall and Barbara Haycox were nominated as the representatives from LLCGA.

16) AOB:

1. County Week

Booklet produced with the help of Tracey and Wendy. Holme Hall have been very helpful. It was agreed to send a donation of £25 to the clubs providing refreshments at the halfway house – Holme Hall, Ashby Decoy, Lincoln, Kenwick Park and Elsham. Referee's expenses to include lunch and travel.

2. Flags

After discussion it was agreed to purchase 9 flags in total – 3 for Lincolnshire and 6 for County Week. Sue to take a proposal to the next MNR committee meeting for the other 5 Counties that they make a contribution to the purchase costs. The flags would then be used at all MNR events.

3. President

To be discussed at the next meeting

4. Committee meetings

It was agreed that the 'reports' meeting in October revert to a full meeting.

5. Equity/Constitution

Constitution and role of officers to be reviewed at the next meeting. Julia to send out a questionnaire to clubs to establish equity with men. The appointment of a marketing officer to be discussed to promote competitions.

6. Jumpers

Unable to order further yellow jumpers but supplier found for black fleece/jacket.

The meeting closed at 13.10.

Date & Time of next meeting: Monday, 11th July 2016, Woodhall Spa @10.00

Signed Date