

LINCOLNSHIRE LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the Executive Committee Meeting held at Woodhall Spa Golf Club on Thursday 7th January 2016.

Present:

Mrs Helen McDougall (Captain)	Miss Julia Sales (President)
Mrs Birdie Dawson (Vice-Captain)	Mrs Pat Jones (C.J.O.)
Mrs Barbara Haycox (Secretary)	Mrs Terry Macarthy (Handicap Advisor)
Mrs Judith Ainsworth (League Secretary)	Mrs Cindy Ireland (Treasurer)
Mrs Wendy Ramsden (Competition Sec)	Mrs Margaret Jacobs (SSA)
Mrs Helen Hewlett (Past Captain)	Ms Clare Welfare (Fixtures sec)

The President chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chairman and welcomed Mrs Birdie Dawson (Vice-Captain)

1) Apologies: Mrs Tracey Stobart (Chairman) , Mrs Stella Goldstein (Central Rep), Mrs Pauline Smith (North Rep), Mrs Ann Lyon (South rep) & Mrs Sue Borthwick (MNR Rep)

2) Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

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

3) Matters Arising:

Correspondence James Crampton: England Golf will run the English Club Team Championship competition in 2016.

County Match Week: first meeting held with the Manager and Lady Captain of Holme Hall.

Junior Trophy: base has been extended.

Equity: further research to be carried out re constitution.

4) Correspondence:

Minutes and newsletters from England Golf.

Vivian Saunders & England Golf re affiliation fees.

Matthew Fletcher, Sandilands re encouraging ladies golf at the club. Advised to contact the County Development Officers.

England Golf re help at tournaments.

5) Captain's Report:

Helen reported that there would be no group coaching in 2016 but players would be able to arrange individual sessions. Attended the LVLGA AGM.

6) 2nd Team Report:

There was nothing to report.

7) Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported the following bank balances:

Savings £20645.12

C/A	£9699.93
Team	£3000.45
Juniors	£1962.36
Total	£35307.86

Only 8 clubs have paid their Affiliation fees, all have reduced members. Forest Pines finally paid their 2015 in October. Humberston Park is still outstanding but in hand.

Jayne Crooks thanked the County for the support for the teams who played in the Midland Vets Team Challenge. The A team were 4th and the B team 6th. Andree Burt won the over 65 gross prize.

Thanks were extended to Phil Smith for auditing the accounts and he made the following observations:

BACS payments: Committee approval required to make payments. All agreed.

Accounts would need to be professionally audited should the balance exceed £50,000.

Invoices: there were several missing and are needed to substantiate payments made.

Cindy asked that invoices/receipts be provided and details of any payments made by cheque.

Mileage rate increased to 45p per mile.

8) Secretary's Report:

The Secretary thanked all who helped at the Representatives' meeting in her absence and at the AGM.

Request for low handicap data sent to all clubs.

9) Competition Secretary's Report:

Since the last meeting we held the Midlands North Girls Championship at Ashby Decoy on 6th August. There were 24 entries with handicaps ranging from 1-16, however 3 pulled out leaving 21 players (Notts 3, Leics 4, Shrops 3, Lincs 3 Staffs 6 & Derbys 2). The winner – Best Gross 36 holes was Sophie Johnson (Telford GC) with a score of 153 gross. The team event winners were Staffordshire, scratch and handicap. 9 girls entered the challenge (Lincs 5, Leics 3 & Staffs 1). Katie Symonds (Aston Wood GC) won the gross competition with Isabel Haughton (Greatham Valley) the runner up. The handicap winner was Amy Fletcher (Gainsborough GC) with Tilly Garfoot (Spalding GC) the runner up. A report has been sent to the MNR committee. Thanks to Ashby Decoy, the ladies of Ashby and all who helped on the day.

The Autumn Meeting was held at Belton Park with 66 entering the Silver competition and 18 in the bronze section. The Brocklesby Cup – best nett - winner was Kim Davies (Belton Woods), runner up Helen Hewlett (Seacroft) who won the Elsham Centenary Salver – best gross. The Coronation Cup – best Stableford points in the bronze competition – was Margaret Barkway (Spalding) with 36 points.

The final competition, the Am-Am was oversubscribed. 30 teams took part at Sleaford Golf Club and the winners were Helen Hewlett, Helen McDougall, Tracey Stobart & Meg Illingworth with 88 points. Thanks to Judith for her help.

2016 entry forms were handed out at the AGM or posted to clubs not attending. All forms are on the County website. There are a couple of club opens on the same day as County competitions, clubs to be advised as soon as possible of fixtures for 2017.

Entries received to date: Butlin Trophy 1, Senior Ladies 1, Autumn Meeting 1, Am-Am 1 & Spring Bronze 1.

10) Junior Organisers Report:

Since the last meeting, the Juniors have played in the following competitions:

Girls U21 Championships at Stoke Rochford. Winner - Keymin Bowl Best Gross – Billie-Jo Smith Gross 73, Butlin Trophy Best Nett – Ellie Haughton 82-13-69 7 U13 gross trophy - Imogen Rafferty gross 91.

English Girls Open Championship played at Sherringham GC – Lois Williamson

U14/16 Championship played at Royal Cromer GC – Billie-Jo Smith, Tilly Kedzlie & Erin Brown.

Four Counties played at Rushcliffe GC – U15 nett winner Ellie Haughton, Team – runner up (Lily Farr, Lois Williamson & Tilly Kedzlie)

Champion of Champions at Melton Mowbray GC – Lois Williamson and Isobel Haughton played as age group champions of Lincolnshire.

Match play final held at Canwick Park GC – Lois Williamson & Tilly Kedzlie.

12 girls attended all day coaching, extra dates were added to the Chicks programme and more girls are in the Imps.

At the end of season ‘get together’ at Blankney GC, Jess Wilcox set up golf rounders, 5 holes of golf followed by a BBQ.

Lois Williamson has gained a place in the U18 Regional Coaching Squad, the first one since India Clyburn.

Erin Brown, Tilly Kedzlie and Ellie Haughton have gained a place in the U16 Regional Coaching Squad.

Chick’s sessions will be held at Woodhall Spa, Gainsborough and Toft in 2016. Imps and coaching to continue in 2016.

Funding application in conjunction with the men has been successful.

Junior fundraiser is at Gainsborough GC on 23rd April.

11) Midland North Regional Representative’s Report:

No report. The propose change to the second team golf championship was discussed. Barbara to contact Sue and advise of our concerns re rule 1B. Suggested wording – County Second Team matches must be played after County Week and shall not play First Team players in the Second Team.

12) Handicap Advisor/Liaison Officer’s Report:

The CONGU manual, after a number of delays, together with all the changes, are available on the CONGU website. Hard copies not yet available. A handicap workshop for Handicap Advisors is to take place on 14th January at Kings Norton GC. A series of workshops for handicap secretaries are being held around the country, however the venue most suitable to Lincolnshire is oversubscribed.

13) League Secretary’s Report:

No report. Clarification sought when clubs have 3 teams entered in the league. After discussion, it was agreed that: The lowest 8 handicap players may only play for the A team, the players whose handicaps are 9th – 16th may play for either the A or B teams and any players ranked 17th or above on the handicap list may play for the A,B or C teams. Elsham to be advised.

14) Standard Scratch Assessors Report

Two practice sessions with Harvey, Peter, Elaine and Jenny were held at Ashby Decoy. Further sessions arranged for March after which the teams should be in a position to start rating courses in April/May.

Woodthorpe Hall has undergone changes and will be assessed when work is complete.

Skegness Golf Centre, although SS has been allocated, the course will need to be reassessed and a temporary SS allocated in the Spring and will be a priority for rating action this year.

Expenses – agreed that travel expenses to be paid when rating courses.

15) Partnership Report:

Nothing to report. Next meeting is on 12th January.

16) AOB:

1. Scratch League

Discussion took place re the reintroduction of the Scratch League for 2017. Following on from the comments at the Representatives’ meeting the options were:

1. Format similar to County Week, 2. Adopt Elsham Foursomes format used by LUGC and 3.

Introduce handicap banding – 1 player from handicap 0 – 5, 1 from 6 – 10 and one from 11-15.

Agreed on option 3. Judith to write to the 10 clubs that expressed an interest in participating and then to remaining clubs to see if any further interest.

2. Junior girls

Permission requested for junior girl, who has difficulty walking, the use of a buggy with a driver in competition. Agreed.

3. Job vacancies

The following to be advertised on the website and clubs advised. Junior Organiser, League Secretary, Competition Secretary and Division Representatives.

President – also retires at the AGM, names for consideration at the next meeting.

4. Team kit

Unable to purchase yellow jumpers, discontinued. Helen to investigate the purchase of a suitable black jumper/top for use by officials when representing the County.

5. Match v Seacroft Board.

Seacroft have requested a change of date for the match, either 2nd or 16th April. Clare to liaise with Seacroft and Helen to check availability of players.

6. Flags

Helen to research costs for replacement flags.

The meeting closed at 13.55.

Date & Time of next meeting: 27th April, Woodhall Spa @10.00

Signed Date