

LINCOLNSHIRE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the Executive Committee Meeting held over Zoom on 11th April 2022

Present:

Mrs Sheilah Mitchell (Chairman)	Mrs. Barbara Haycox (President)
Mrs Cindy Ireland (Treasurer)	Mrs Gilly Grant (Captain)
Miss. Sophie Beardsall (Vice-Captain)	Mrs. Helen Dawson (Past Captain)
Mrs. Kathryn Johnson (Secretary)	Mrs Dawn Cunnington (Competition Secretary)
Mrs. Helen Long (South Representative)	Mrs. Terry McCarthy (Handicap Adviser)
Mrs. Margaret Jacobs (SS Assessor)	Mrs. Polly Brettle (League Secretary)
Mrs Helen Grinham (North Representative)	Mrs. Stacey McNicholas (Junior Co-Ordinator)
Mrs. Margaret Yelland (Central Representative)	Miss. Sally Bowker (Fixtures Secretary)

Chairman Sheilah Mitchell, opened the meeting, which was being held over Zoom due to sickness and travel difficulties.

1) Apologies - Angela Scurr

2) Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

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

3) Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

4) Correspondence:

Kathryn had received the following emails:

England Golf – Shona Dickson, CSO, was hosting a meeting over zoom for club managers/secretaries, which will be held on 14th April between 3.30 and 4.15 p.m.

Editor of Golf News 24 had sent an invite to “Meet the President”, which is a feature running which invites Presidents from the various counties to introduce themselves etc. This was passed on to Barbara Haycox.

England Golf – An email had been received regarding the running of a Level 3 TARS (Tournament & Referee Course) which is being held at Formby Golf Club. This is run by the R&A; Tracey Stobart had agreed to be put forward for this course.

England Golf – Emily Green had sent an email confirming that all affiliated clubs had a responsibility to host County Events, when practically possible.

England Golf – Benchmarking

An Email had been received from Luke O'Regan who is a student of Journalism at Lincoln University, who is asking for help in writing his assignment on Women in Golf. It was agreed to pass this on to Elaine Lilley.

5) Captain's Report

On 13 March, 8 members of the 1st and 2nd team met for a get together at Greetham Valley Golf Club. We played a stableford off scratch and the resounding winner was Ellise Rymer, followed by Nel McDougall. It was good to be together again and maintaining good team spirit.

Looking ahead, we have the County Championships at Greetham Valley in May and County Week at Trentham in June. Our team will be slightly depleted this year as we will not have Billy Jo, or Ellise and India will also be unable to join due to work commitments.

We will do our best to retain the trophy.

6. Treasurer's Report

Cindy Ireland gave a summary of the financial situation:

£13,721 in the Savings Account

£13,819.32 in the Current Account

Cindy confirmed that the Junior Account had been closed to save costs

Cindy wanted to express her thanks to Jenny Holborn for auditing the Accounts.

7. Competition Secretary's Report

Dawn informed the Committee that all County Competitions were now set up and online ready for members to register.

Dawn expressed her thanks to Helen Grinham and Helen Long for their support.

We now have 583 members included on the Roster and 82 juniors.

Dawn explained that the take up for the various competitions was slow and was especially concerned for the Spring Meeting. It was agreed that we would try to promote these events as much as possible. A discussion took place about qualifying events, which seemed to be particularly slow to attract entries. There also seemed to be a concern about the increase in petrol prices which could affect how far ladies will be prepared to travel. This will be monitored.

Overall the Championships were well supported. Helen Grinham will email all the Lady Captains regarding the competitions.

8. Junior Co-Ordinator's Report

Please see attached Report

Stacey confirmed that a photo shoot was held when the new kit was presented to the Juniors, it was a great team building event.

Stacey also confirmed that there will be a fund raising competition in October at Market Rasen, the format will be 2 adults and 2 juniors.

There was also a need for more volunteers.

Stacey then confirmed that she had plans to further her career and would not be able to be as involved with the juniors next year, although she would still want to be involved where possible. Everyone congratulated Stacey and wished her the very best for the future.

9. Midlands North Report

Unfortunately due to illness Angela was unable to attend the meeting; however, she did send a report.

- Girls Championship 7th August
 - o Entry forms are now on the EG Website and MNR County websites
 - o So far 4 entries
 - o Angela would like some help on the day from the LWGA.
- England Golf – AGM 30.4.22
 - o Angela informed the meeting on the voting structure and explained her reasoning which was accepted by the Meeting.
 - o After the meeting there will be a separate meeting relating to County Regional Finals and the proposed changes which are recommending being moved from 6 regions to 4 regions in line with the Gents Structure.
- England Golf – National Golf Centre
 - o A Teams meeting was held on 8th April where the new plans for the redesign of the National Golf Centre were discussed.

10. Handicap Advisor's Report

Terry reported that things had now quietened down with regards to handicapping since the initial rush of enquiries at the start of the WHS.

Ruth Goodwin, Area Handicap Advisor had sent a report regarding General Play Cards, which seemed to be affecting the Gents rather than the Ladies.

11. League Secretary's Report

Further discussion took place on the Scratch League, in particular how the Final would be played. After much discussion it was agreed to finalise at the next meeting.

It was agreed that the pictures handed out at the AGM were well received and this will be repeated for 2022.

12. Standard Scratch Assessors Report

Margaret had still not had anyone volunteer to take over her role, she advised that there should ideally be a team of 3 assessors, 2 x men and 1 x lady, although two ladies had shown interest and were planning to meet up to discuss the role further. Margaret informed the Committee that Joy Hunter the regional assessor was stepping back and Sue Dennis from Yorkshire is to take over.

13. Any Other Business

Sheilah asked all the committee to think about succession planning for the roles on the Committee, as both Stacey and Dawn Cunnington are planning to come off the Committee next year. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Sheilah also informed the Committee that the Women in Golf Charter was progressing and she is planning to meet up with Shona Dixon and Mark Romasiuk to discuss further.

Kathryn reported that she had signed the Course Rating Funding Agreement with Jim Lammin from the LUGC. Margaret was concerned that she had not been copied in on any of this. Kathryn agreed to discuss this with Jim Lammin

The meeting closed at 12:40 and the next meeting scheduled for Monday 27th June at 11.00 a.m.

Signed Date