

LINCOLNSHIRE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the Executive Committee Meeting held “virtually” on 15th March 2021

Present:

Mrs Sheilah Mitchell (Chairman)	Mrs Cindy Ireland (President/Treasurer)
Ms. Sophie Beardsall (Vice-Captain)	Mrs. Birdie Dawson (Past Captain)
Mrs. Kathryn Johnson (Secretary)	Mrs. Polly Brettle (League Secretary)
Mrs Dawn Cunnington (Competition Secretary)	Mrs. Helen Long (South Representative)
Mrs. Terry McCarthy (Handicap Adviser)	Miss. Angela Scurr (MNR Rep)
Mrs Margaret Yelland (Central Representative)	Mrs. Margaret Jacobs (SS Assessor)
Mrs Helen Grinham (North Representative)	

Due to the Coronavirus “lock down” the meeting was held over the Internet. The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone on line, especially to Stacey Mitchell, who has come back on the Committee as County Junior Coordinator. Everyone joined with her in congratulating Stacey on this appointment.

1) Apologies: Gilly Grant, Clare Welfare, Elaine Lilley

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:

James Crampton – England Golf (EG) had issued Fixtures for 2022 and 2023 (circulated)

Toby Thorne – EG had issued details of the English Womens County Finals (circulated)

Simon Wilson – EG had issued information regarding Insurance

Notification of the forthcoming Election of Directors at the AGM 22/4/21

Details of the EG Midlands East Meeting on 29th March

Mark Ramasiuk – EG has taken over as County Support Officer

EG have issued new details of the Womens Medal Competition. This prompted a discussion regarding the change of format. The Committee felt that this was a retrograde step and it was agreed that we would write to EG to inform them of our feelings. Cindy agreed to draft a letter to EG.

Due to lockdown there were no Officers Reports.

5) Golf Genius

Dawn reported that most competitions are ready to be opened for registration. On the Master Roster 222 golfers have now registered, and there were 12 entries already for the Seniors Championships. All the competitions are set for “pending payments” i.e. payments aren't debited to accounts until closing date.

The LWGA website has been set up for registration/signing in plus the Event Schedule has been embedded into the website. The Juniors have made a very good start, and the Ladies Vets have two events open for registration.

Dawn had prepared a “flyer” for sending out to clubs for onward transmission to all lady members, this gives a link to the registration and event schedule portal. Different logos have been set up for the LWGA and the LVLGA.

A discussion took place on the County Championships which were re-arranged due to COVID restrictions and were provisionally booked for 5th and 6th August, a 2 day fixture instead of 3 day. Details will follow once confirmed.

Juniors will register for County Championships through their own registration process not the LWGA.

Sheilah is looking into a review of conditions of competition. Dawn confirmed that at the moment registration is on a first come first served basis and anyone wanting to enter after the maximum has been reached will go on to a waiting list.

It was agreed that for this year, there will be no presentations after the competition, unless circumstances change.

Dawn was thanked for her hard work in getting all the competitions on to the Golf Genius Software.

As a result of the change in the way that we sign up for competitions, a revamp of the website has taken place, and Kathryn asked if the “Matches” section on the drop down menu on the first page of the website could be amended. The information regarding matches has previously been documented under “News” on the website and the information was out of date. This was agreed.

On the subject of competitions during 2021, it was agreed that where possible, with the Clubs agreement, we would offer food separately on the day of the competition. This would allow for some ladies who were still not comfortable going indoors to eat.

Sheilah informed the Committee that she had asked Tracey Stobart to draft up a disclaimer for all managers of the Golf Genius software to sign to ensure that everyone is aware of the confidentiality of the information stored on the software.

6. Junior Golf

Stacey Mitchell gave a short presentation of the aims and set up of the Junior Girls within the LWGA. It was agreed that the Section would be renamed Lincolnshire Girls Golf Squad, which was agreed by all the Committee. After a meeting of the Junior Team a motto had been presented under the IMPS banner, which stood for Inspire, Motivate, Passion and Success, everyone agreed that this was forward thinking. The full report drawn up by Stacey is attached to these minutes.

Sheilah thanked Stacey and her team for the very pro-active approach being taken and all the Committee gave her their full support and confirmed that we would all help out at meetings, and competitions throughout the year. It was suggested that we should have a Junior AGM and this was something that Stacey would take to the Section. It was agreed that perhaps the County Junior Captain could address the Reps meeting in September. Stacey reported that there had been evidence of negative experiences for

junior girls at golf clubs, and this was something she was keen to address. The LWGA were meeting up with the LUGC and this subject will be brought up to see if the Union have had similar experiences with junior boys. It was also agreed to ask the County Support Officers for their guidance as well. Stacey asked if all the ladies could provide names of Junior Organisers at their respective golf clubs.

7. Calendar Update

Clare had provided an up to date Fixture List for the juniors and the LWGA. This had been circulated. Clare asked to be kept informed when any changes were made.

8. Leagues

It was agreed that the Handicap and Scratch Leagues would be extended until 3rd September this year. This will give time to ratify the results in time for the league finals to be played in the second half of September.

9. Independent Golfer

Angela gave a comprehensive report as to the situation with the on-going discussions on the Independent Golfer. She advised that a meeting would be held with the CEO of England Golf on Wednesday 28th April and there are regular meetings of the working group, the minutes of which are published on the England Golf website.

Any Other Business

Helen G asked for clarification on the status of meals at the Betterball Competitions, and it was agreed that we would ask the clubs if they could offer a choice of meals on the day that the ladies could choose and pay for independently of the competition fees.

Polly asked if we could send out the new match sheets for the attention of the Team Captains at each golf club, as sometimes ladies are using out of date sheets.

Sheilah has sourced a Silver Salver for those ladies entering who have a handicap index over 35. She will send out the details to the Committee.

Polly reminded the Committee that we had agreed to address the subject of the pictures that are awarded to League Winners at the AGM. Many of the pictures are in need of repair; this would be discussed at a later meeting.

The meeting closed at 12 noon and the next meeting is scheduled for the 21st June, when it was hoped that we could attend at Woodhall Spa in person, this will be confirmed at a later date.

Signed Date