

LINCOLNSHIRE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the Executive Committee Meeting held “virtually” on 21st June 2021

Present:

Mrs Sheilah Mitchell (Chairman)	Mrs Cindy Ireland (President/Treasurer)
Mrs. Birdie Dawson (Past Captain)	Mrs. Kathryn Johnson (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)	Ms. Stacey Mitchell (Junior Co-ordinator)

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone on line, to our 7th Zoom Meeting.

1) Apologies: Gilly Grant, Sophie Beardsall, 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:

England Golf – Give it a Shot Campaign
WHS – Platform Education for Counties
Details of the next England Golf Update on 2nd July.

Due to lockdown there were no Officers Reports.

5) Competitions

Dawn confirmed that approx. 400 golfers have now registered on Golf Genius. Dawn also commended the team at England Golf and the helpline on Golf Genius for their help and guidance on setting up the competitions so far.

Unfortunately, the numbers entering the competitions is down on previous years, this was felt to be due partly to the uncertainty of playing competition golf and eating inside. Dawn reported that at the Seniors Championships each group registered for online scoring with the Golf Genius App which proved easy to use and helpful when completing the competition.

The Spring Meeting had been cancelled due to lack of numbers.

It was confirmed that 11 entries had been received for County Championships, and only 10 entries for the Julia Sales. After discussion it was agreed to revise the format

Stacey reported that she had received feedback that some juniors were facing adverse comments from club members when they enter competitions. The LWGA are united in their approach that junior members should be welcomed and encouraged to play in all competitions both for the County and at their own golf clubs. Any negative comments should be brought to the Committee and if necessary appropriate action will be taken.

To date only 8 entries had been received for the Betterball Central Competition and 32 for the Betterball South Competition.

As Dawn will be the Ladies Captain for Woodhall Spa in 2022, she felt that she would not be able to fulfil all her duties as Competition Secretary. The Committee congratulated Dawn on her appointment as Captain and fully understood her concerns. Helen Grinham, Helen Long & Terry Macarthy agreed to help with the arrangements for competitions, e.g. visiting host golf clubs etc. and Dawn agreed to continue with the setting up on the computer. The Committee felt that there would be enough support to run the competitions on the day.

Both Helen Long and Helen Grinham thanked Dawn for all her support in running the Betterball competitions.

6. Junior Golf

Stacey Mitchell informed the Committee of the Festival of Golf to be held at Trent Lock G.C. on 16th August, and asked for helpers on the day. There will be a raffle and prizes will be expected from each county. Stacey informed the committee that the prizes should be appropriate for junior winners.

There had been a few entries for Presidents Day, which is to be held on October 17th. This will be pushed nearer the time.

The Junior Section was starting a WhatsApp group to help with communication. Stacey explained her desire for the juniors to be given a polo shirt to help with a sense of belonging and promotion of the section. The juniors were all involved in fundraising to help with the cost with the possibility of securing a sponsorship deal.

7. Midlands North Report

Angela informed the Committee that the October Four Ball Better Ball competition was not very well subscribed, and as there had been problems with registering on Golf Genius they were accepting manual entries.

8. Handicaps

Terry had nothing to report except to say that some clubs were not adhering to the mandatory handicap allowances, for Open Days etc. Kathryn would look at the entry forms on the website and report any anomalies to Terry. We would also add something in the newsletter to remind clubs of the need to be compliant.

9. Any Other Business

Margaret Jacobs informed the Committee that, after 10 years she was going to stand down as the Standard Scratch Assessor. A replacement is therefore being sought for this position. Margaret was congratulated on all that she had achieved, and it was agreed that perhaps we should advertise this in the Newsletter.

On a similar theme Sheila advised that we should all be thinking of our successors, and she would look at putting together a succession plan, to ensure continuity.

Sheilah advised the Committee that she was working with Shona Dixon, of England Golf to work towards the County attaining the Women in Golf Charter. When a workable plan has been put together it will be sent out. It was hoped that by the end of the year we would hopefully be well on the way to achieving this award.

A lengthy discussion took place on the County Championships and the lack of entries. It was felt generally that ladies were still reluctant to commit to playing whilst the pandemic is ever present. The general consensus was not to cancel altogether as we need a County Champion, but Dawn would try to come up with a solution, that was acceptable to the county and to Boston Golf Club.

The Betterball South competition did have a reasonable entry and it was decided to proceed with this, however, there were only 8 entries for the Betterball Central Competition. A decision will be taken nearer the time as to whether this should be cancelled.

The Autumn Meeting had very few entries but it was decided to hold off making a decision until nearer the time.

The Reps Meeting was scheduled for the 6th September and it was hoped that this could go ahead at Woodhall Spa in the normal way. Kathryn would contact Woodhall Spa and reserve the room.

It was agreed to schedule a meeting to discuss the League format for the future, as there had been many concerns raised.

The meeting closed at 12 noon and the next meeting is scheduled for the 2nd August again by Zoom.

Signed Date