

Minutes of the Representatives Meeting held at Woodhall Spa Golf Club on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**PRESENT:**

Mrs Tracey Stobart (Chairman), Miss Jane Crooks (President), Mrs Helen McDougall (Captain), Mrs Birdie Dawson (Vice-Captain), Mrs Cindy Ireland (Treasurer), Mrs Polly Brettle (League Secretary), Mrs Pat Jones (Junior Organiser), Mrs Terry Macarthy (Handicap Advisor), Mrs Karen Cox (Competition Secretary), Mrs Margaret Jacobs (SS Assessor), Mrs Jackie Friend (Representative South), Mrs Margaret Yelland (Representative Central), Mrs Barbara Haycox (Secretary) plus representatives from Burghley Park, Waltham Windmill, Louth, Belton Park, Market Rasen, Kirton Holme, Canwick Park, Cleethorpes, Kenwick Park, Ashby Decoy, Toft, Woodthorpe Hall, Greetham Valley, Lincoln, Laceby Manor, Sleaford, Seacroft, Holme Hall, Spalding, Belton Woods, Grimsby, South Kyme, Boston, Blankney, Stoke Rochford, Millfield, Tydd St Giles, Elsham, Woodhall Spa, Elsham, RAF Coningsby, Sudbrook Moor and Gainsborough Golf Clubs.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Executive Members.

**1. Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Sheilah Mitchell (North Representative), Beverley Dolman, Elaine Lilley, Yvonne Cook, Viv Lister, Norma Varley, Carol James, Margaret Quantrill, Lynda Ramscar, Gedney Hill, Sutton Bridge, Normanby Hall, Forest Pines, Pottergate, Boston West and Gedney Hill.

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Joan Smith (Woodthorpe Hall) and seconded by Liz Moses (Belton Woods).

**3. Matters arising:**

Scratch League: To be reviewed, feedback from participating clubs requested. Consensus at the meeting was that it worked well and players had enjoyed the format.

Equality Survey: All clubs had been sent the results. The Chairman did a short presentation on the findings. Thanks were given to Julia Sales and Clare Welfare for collating results.

**4. Election of Divisional Representatives:**

Election of representatives: None required.

Nominations were invited for the positions of MNR Representative and Marketing Officer on the Executive Committee.

**5. Standard Scratch Score Assessors Report:**

Margaret started by detailing her role. Along with Di Rafferty they were responsible for assessing courses from the red tees. The degree of difficulty for each hole is measured to calculate the standard scratch. The men carry out the same procedure for the white and yellow tees.

Training of new members by Joy Hunter has enabled the South team to rate Sudbrook Moor, Sutton Bridge, South Kyme and Sandilands and the North team to rate Woodthorpe Hall, Millfield, Grange Park, Laceby Manor and Carholme. Clubs to be visited this year are The Lincolnshire and Tydd St Giles with Elsham on the list for 2018.

Any clubs wishing to be given priority or having major changes should contact Margaret.

Margaret is cautiously optimistic that the bulk of the courses will be rated by 2020.

Sue Annibal (South Kyme) was advised that when England Golf had assessed the paperwork, they would issue a standard scratch and inform the club.

**6. League Secretary's Report:**

Polly thanked members of the Executive for advice given in her first year as League Secretary and announced the date – 15<sup>th</sup> September - and venue – Sleaford - of the Handicap League Final between Cleethorpes, winners of Division 1 North and Toft, winners of Division 1 South. Polly went on to announce the results for the handicap league, which had been sent to all participating clubs together with details for the 2018 divisions. Boston West have

withdrawn from the handicap leagues and it has been decided to leave Division 5 South with only 3 clubs as fixtures have already been arranged. She asked that all results are sent on the correct result form by the home team. The full result is needed in the event of a count back. The amended results sheet for 2018 will be available to download from the website in 'pdf'; word versions are available from the County Secretary. The results pages will be amended ready for 2018. Clubs with two or more teams in the League are reminded to retain a copy of their handicap list for all matches A, B and C teams should they need to be referred to on the match day or at a later date. Home team Captains to send results by post or e mail as soon as possible after the match has been played, specifying whether it is the A, B or C team results.

Clubs were advised that the County cannot interfere with individual clubs policies on league matches, only set out the conditions and rules of play and to confirm matches in writing and verbally nearer the date to avoid confusion. The League rules were amended last year to state that where possible clubs should offer a weekend date for matches to ensure all members have an opportunity to play in matches and where possible this should be adhered to.

Rule 16 re use of buggies has been amended from:

The use of motorised buggies will only be allowed on production of a current medical certificate. The riding on or carrying of clubs is not permitted for any non-exempt player

*to: Players must walk at all times during league matches, unless permitted to use a golf buggy by the League Secretary. Permission will be given to those players having a current medical condition existing on the day of the relevant match, who have given prior notification to the League Secretary and the Opposing team Captain/Representative. The Association will take each player on trust and will not enquire into the nature of any said medical condition, nor will it require evidence by way of a medical certificate as proof of such condition.*

*The buggy shall be for the sole use of the player and her equipment. Hiring of the buggy shall be the sole responsibility of the player. Players are expected to familiarize themselves with the Health & Safety policies of the host club insofar as it relates to ride on buggies.*

The Scratch League has been reintroduced for 2017. The teams were Cleethorpes, Blankney, Woodhall Spa and Gainsborough in the North and Stoke Rochford, Greetham Valley and Sleaford in the South. The matches were played home and away with the final to be played on 5<sup>th</sup> September at Boston between Woodhall Spa and Greetham Valley. The format has been a team of 3 players in the banding of up to 5 handicap, 6-10 and 11-15 with each player playing their opposite number off scratch. A team may substitute a player from a higher band but still play in band order. Comments on the format are welcomed. Any team wishing to join the Scratch league for 2018, please advise as soon as possible.

League Division winners were asked to send a representative to the AGM to receive their picture. Clubs, who had not returned pictures, were asked to send them to Elsham Golf Club.

## **7. Any Other Business:**

The Chairman highlighted the remaining County events for 2017. All clubs should have received County dates for 2018. Any clubs wishing to advertise events on the website should contact the Secretary.

AGM 2018: Proposal to be put forward that to accommodate members who are unable to attend the 'main AGM' - To trial a meeting to be held prior to the AGM to receive reports in advance of the main meeting.

Proposed: C Welfare (Seacroft), Seconded: L Moses (Belton Woods). Agreed – 5 abstentions

Constitution – amendments to go to the AGM:

1: 4.g Delete County Training Officer – add Marketing Officer

2: 5c Delete County Training Officer – add Marketing Officer

3: 9 Rearrange order of business

4: 11 b Delete second Monday – replace with first Monday

5: 15 Delete on 1 January each

6: Add clause

Proposed A.Smaggasgale (Kenwick Park), Seconded P Squire (Lincoln). All agreed

Vote taken and all five proposals - agreed.

Handicap League team selection.

Questions were raised re team selection. Views expressed by Clubs to be discussed at the next Executive meeting to resolve the difficulty some clubs are experiencing.

Susan Brown (Canwick Park) asked if there was any interest in friendly matches for over 65's. Anyone interested to contact the Secretary in the first instance.

There being no other business the President thanked all those attending and Woodhall Spa for the use of their facilities. The next meeting would be Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018, and closed the meeting at 11.50 a.m.

Signed..... Date.....