

Minutes of the Representatives Meeting held at Woodhall Spa Golf Club on Monday 5th September 2016

PRESENT:

Mrs Tracey Stobart (Chairman/ Kenwick Park), Julia Sales (President/Kenwick Park) , Mrs Helen McDougall(Captain/Lincoln), Mrs Judith Ainsworth (League Secretary/Elsham), Mrs Pat Jones (Junior Organiser), Mrs Terry Macarthy (Handicap Advisor/ Blankney), Mrs Margaret Jacobs SS Assessor/ Ashby Decoy), Mrs Ann Lyon (Representative South/ Sleaford), Barbara Haycox (Secretary/Lincoln) 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, Sudbrook Moor, Blankney, Stoke Rochford, Millfield, Tydd St Giles, Elsham, Woodhall Spa and Boston West Golf Clubs.

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

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cindy Ireland(Treasurer), Wendy Ramsden (Competition Secretary), Pauline Smith (North Representative), Stella Goldstein (Central Representative), Norma Varley, Beverley Dolman, Gail Hunt, Helen Grinham, P Brown, J Wilson, E Lilley, S Duncan, C Branton, M Gay, Chris Fletcher, Gedney Hill, Gainsborough, Sutton Bridge, Normanby Hall, The Lincolnshire and Immingham .

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Margaret Walsh (Sleaford) and seconded by Chris Reed (Cleethorpes).

3. Matters arising:

The Secretary advised that any contact details posted on the website were in the public domain and therefore to protect members would not be placed on the website.

4. Election of Divisional Representatives:

The Chairman thanked the retiring Representatives Pauline Smith (North), Stella Goldstein (Central) and Ann Lyon (South) for their hard work over the last two years.

Nominations were received for Margaret Yelland (Central) and Jackie Friend (South). All agreed. Nomination still required for the North.

The Executive had nominated the following to take office after the AGM to be ratified at the meeting:

Competitions Secretary: Karen Cox and League Secretary: Polly Brettle following the retirement of Wendy Ramsden and Judith Ainsworth respectively.

5. Standard Scratch Score Assessors Report:

Margaret started by detailing the courses rated in the North so far – Pottergate and Humberston Golf and Country Club. Welton Manor and Millfield are to be rated this year. Due to the illness of Harvey Harrison, Stewart Johnson has taken over the position of Team Leader and is assisted by Peter Rogers and Peter Britcliff.

In the South, Skegness Golf Centre and Kirton Holme have been rated but further ratings have been suspended until a replacement for Harvey Harrison is recruited.

Margaret reported that there has been a change as to when clubs should apply their new standard scratch. England Golf require the implementation immediately, therefore clubs need to be aware of problems that may occur with ongoing competitions.

6. League Secretary's Report:

Judith announced the date – 9th September - and venue – Blankney - of the Handicap League Final between Cleethorpes, winners of Division 1 North and Lincoln, winners of Division 1 South. Judith went on to announce the results for the handicap league, which had been sent to all participating clubs together with details for the 2017 divisions. 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. Clubs with two teams are reminded to include a copy of their handicap list when sending every sheet, as soon as possible after the match has been played, specifying whether it is the A or B team results. Clubs were advised to confirm matches in writing and verbally nearer the date to avoid confusion. The League rules were amended in 2016 to state that where possible clubs should offer a weekend date for matches to ensure all members have an opportunity to play and should be adhered to. The Scratch league has been reintroduced for 2017. The teams, playing home and away in a season with the final to be played in September, are North – Cleethorpes, Blankney and Woodhall Spa and the South – Stoke Rochford, Greetham Valley and Sleaford. The format is 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. The format of the league to be reviewed at the end of the season. Comments welcomed.

7. Dates and venues for 2017:

The Chairman highlighted the two remaining County events for 2016. All clubs have received County dates for 2017 with some to be confirmed.

8. Any Other Business:

The Chairman highlighted four areas the committee are working on: 1 – information exchange between Club and County, 2 – competitions, 3 – County Championships and 4 – equal opportunities/inclusivity for all members. Constitution – amendments to go to the AGM:

- 1: 4.i County Representative – change term of office to three years
 - 2: 4.j Handicap Adviser – delete ‘who may not serve for more than twelve consecutive years’
 - 3: 4. h County Delegate – delete ‘may not serve for more than three consecutive years’
 - 4: 5.e - delete ‘Such nominations to reach the Secretary of EG by 31st October each year’.
 - 5: add clause to enable use of debit cards.
- Vote taken and all five proposals - agreed.

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 4th September 2017, and closed the meeting at 11.10 a.m.

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