

## Lincolnshire Ladies County Golf Association

Minutes of the Representatives Meeting held at Woodhall Spa Golf Club on Monday 8th September 2014.

### **Present:**

Mrs. June Miller (Chairman/Stoke Rochford), Mrs. Cindy Ireland ( Treasurer/Blankney), Mrs. Helen Hewlett ( Captain/Seacroft), Mrs. Beverley Dolman (Secretary/Greetham Valley), Mrs. Judith Ainsworth (League Secretary/Elsham), Mrs. Sue Lambert (MNR/Market Rasen), Mrs. Pat Jones (Junior Organiser/Greetham Valley), Mrs. Terry Macarthy ( Handicap Advisor/Blankney) ,Mrs. Wendy Ramsden (Competition Secretary/Waltham Windmill), Mrs. Margaret Jacobs (S.S.A./Ashby Decoy), Ms. Clare Welfare (Fixture Sec/Central Rep./Seacroft) Mrs. Janet Spencer-Knott (South Rep/Blankney), plus representatives from, Lincoln, Carholme, Spalding, Louth, Woodhall Spa, Sleaford, Boston, Sutton Bridge, Kirton Holme, Stoke Rochford, Blankney, Millfield, Toft, Woodthorpe Hall, Belton Woods, Kenwick Park, Elsham, Sudbrook Moor, Waltham Windmill, Belton Park, Boston West, South Kyme, Cleethorpes, Market Rasen, Grimsby, Laceby Manor, Burghley Park, Holme Hall.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Executive members sitting at the top table. She then went on to congratulate the County 1st team for qualifying for the National County Finals to be held at Belton Park 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> September and wished them luck.

### **1) Apologies:**

Helen McDougall (County Vice Captain), Denise Parker (President), Hilary Calvert (Boston), Cei Chaplin and Forest Pines, Beryl Clay and Tydd St. Giles, Margaret Parry and Pottergate, Polly Brettle (North Rep), Liz Wride (Market Rasen)

### **2) Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

The Minutes of the previous meeting on 2nd September 2013, having been circulated, were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by: Pauline Smith (Grimsby) and seconded by: Clare Welfare (Seacroft)

### **3) Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising.

### **4) Election of Divisional Representatives:**

The Chairman thanked Polly Brettle (north), Clare Welfare (central) and Linda Searle (south) for their hard work during the last two years and also to Janet Spencer-Knott who had taken over from Linda who had retired due to illness.

No nominations had been received, but Pauline Smith (Grimsby/north), Barbara Vickers (Louth/central) and Sue Palmer (Sleaford/south) agreed to take on the positions if no other candidates came forward.

The Executive had nominated the following to take office after the AGM in November and would ask the meeting to ratify these appointments at the AGM

President: Mrs. Julia Sales, Chairman: Mrs. Tracey Stobart, Secretary: Mrs. Barbara Haycox.

5) **Standard Scratch Score Assessor's Report:**

As reported last year the ladies are now working with the LUGC to rate courses for Standard Scratch. Several training sessions had been held last year but unfortunately, due to illness, neither of the County men had been able to attend any sessions this year. Di Platt our South area SSA has attended further training through England Golf this year.

The teams are resuming practice sessions on 6<sup>th</sup> October at Pottergate GC and it hoped to start working on 9 holes courses during 2015 although the County men still require a further member on their team.

Woodhall had requested completion of ratings for the blue tees on the Hotchkin course, eleven holes in all. Unfortunately, the new tees did not conform to CONGU requirements, so a temporary SS has been issued based on yardages.

Sandilands has had a reduction of 102 yards on their 16<sup>th</sup> hole reducing the par from 5 to 4. This did not affect their S.S.

The alteration to several bunkers on The Manor Laceby has not altered the Ladies SS, but the men's course had new yardages and has been allocated a SS based on the old system previously used by the English Golf Union.

Mrs. Jacobs reminded clubs that any alterations to their courses, whether it is bunkers, hazards, plantations or yardages must be reported to the SSA. Contact details for either Mrs. Jacobs (north) or Mrs. Platt (south) could be found on the County website.

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

The Scratch League winners of the North division for 2014 are Woodhall Spa with Greatham Valley winning the South. The final was played at Spalding on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August. Both teams played excellent golf but the final winners were Woodhall Spa.

Holme Hall, Lincoln, Belton Park and Woodhall Spa have withdrawn from the Scratch League for 2015 leaving only two teams. The Scratch League is therefore not felt to be viable in its present form and will not be played in 2015.

Several ideas came from the floor with regard to changing the way the Scratch League could be played and these would be discussed by the Executive at their next meeting, in an attempt to re-start the League in 2016. It was also discussed how to get more people playing in these matches e.g. more matches at weekends and setting up pre-arranged dates to be sent to clubs as the men do. Mrs. Lambert, the MNR, asked clubs to be more pro-active with regard to getting ladies matches at the weekend in order not to exclude business ladies, many of whom were lower handicap players.

7) **Proposal to go forward to the AGM:**

**a) Change of County Divisional Regions for County Betterball Competitions:**

For the purpose of County Betterball competitions the Executive are recommending the following changes to our three regions. This will mean that competitors will not have to travel so far within their region. It would also even up the number of clubs and players in each region.

Gainsborough and Market Rasen would be moved from Central to North

Boston, Boston West and Kirton Holme would move from Central to South

Blankney, RAF Coningsby and Woodhall Spa would move from South to Central

The trophies would remain the same for each region.

Proposer: Mrs. Helen Hewlett    Seconder: Mrs. Helen McDougall

Clubs were asked to take back this proposal to their clubs and discuss before the AGM when any questions could be raised.

8) **Dates and Venues for 2015:**

The secretary thanked the representatives who had brought their Open dates to the meeting. These would be put onto the diary page of the County website. Clubs who had not yet finalised their Opens could send details to the Secretary in due course. Clubs were reminded that they could advertise their Opens by sending a pdf. copy of their flyers and entry forms to the secretary. The cost is £15 and clubs could advertise as many competitions as they wanted for this price. Start sheets could also be put on the website.

8) **Any Other Business:**

Mrs. Clare Welfare, the County fixture secretary asked clubs to check the County website for County competitions (diary page), before choosing dates for their Open competitions in order to avoid clashing. [www.lincolnshireladiesgolf.co.uk](http://www.lincolnshireladiesgolf.co.uk)

Mrs. Spavin (Holme Hall) brought up the position of 7/8 handicap allowance in competitions. Mrs. Macarthy (County Handicap Advisor) confirmed that\*\* in future CONGU were changing the ruling of allowing 7/8 allowance and would look into the matter further and report back on 2015 CONGU changes at the AGM in November.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked Woodhall Spa for allowing us to use their facilities and the meeting closed at 11.20 a.m.

\*\* All betterball competitions must be played off ¾ handicap until CONGU decide otherwise.

Signed .....

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## HANDICAP LEAGUE RESULTS 2014

Division 1	North - winners <b>Elsham A</b> South - winner <b>Toft</b>	Relegated - <b>Forest Pines</b> Relegated - <b>Stoke Rochford</b>
Division 2	North - winners <b>Cleethorpes</b> South - winners <b>Blankney A</b>	Relegated - <b>Elsham B</b> Relegated - <b>Sleaford</b>
Division 3	North - winners <b>Ashby Decoy</b> South - winners <b>Belton Woods A</b>	Relegated - <b>Holme Hall A</b> Relegated - <b>Lincoln B</b>
Division 4	North - winners <b>Market Rasen B</b> South - winners <b>Belton Woods B</b>	Relegated - <b>Seacroft</b> Relegated - <b>Boston West</b>
Division 5	North - winners <b>Holme Hall B</b> South - winners <b>Greetham Valley</b>	Relegated - <b>Immingham</b> Relegated - <b>Burghley Park B</b>
Division 6	North - winners <b>Manor Laceby</b> South - winners <b>Tydd St. Giles</b>	