

Minutes of the AGM of the LVLGA held at the Golf England Headquarters Woodhall Spa on Monday 1st November 2021

The Captain Margaret Jacobs welcomed the 27 members present along with 10 committee members

1. Apologies

Helen Woolley, Beverley Dolman, Margaret White, Jayne Crooks, JulieAnn Sims, Janet Spencer Knott, Eileen Dowling, Patsy Davies, Cathy Lee, Jules Palmer, Helen Grinham & Jean White

2. Minutes of the 2019 AGM

The minutes were proposed as a true record by Norma Varley and seconded by Elizabeth Holbrook. They were signed by the Captain.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

4. Treasurers Report

Maggie Muir said that when she took the job of treasurer over from Hilary little did she realise that it would be such a roller coaster. There was the nightmare of the covid lockdown which resulted in every event run by the LVLGA being cancelled meaning that everything was carried over to 2021 including the subscriptions.

The next innovation was the introduction of Golf Genius which is certainly not an intuitive system and has caused many problems but it has made handling the money side of competitions a lot easier, as entries and refunds can be made on line. Maggie thanked all the ladies who had coped magnificently with the entries through the system.

This year 21 ladies joined and ladies from 2020 automatically rejoined. The committee decided that subscriptions would remain the same for 2022, i.e. £3 for the year plus a £5 joining fee for new members. Entries for the betterball events were down but this phenomenon was evident across both club and county events. The Ashby Decoy betterball made a profit of £129.83 and the Boston one made a profit of £165.14. Both events were saved by the raffle and in the case of Boston by the clothes man, so a big thank you for your generous support. The Autumn Medal competition had to be cancelled due to lack of support. It is difficult to move away from an individual competition as there are so many

cups that have been donated for individual play. We are having one last attempt at an individual competition in 2022 which will be at Blankney in September.

As match expenses and course fees continue to rise you will unfortunately see a small rise in the competition entry fees. We will continue to pay for match meals which will be reduced to one course.

A simplified statement of accounts is attached to these minutes as most of the subscriptions had rolled over from the previous year.

Current account: £663.45 CR Reserve account: £2009.44 CR

5. **Competition Secretary's Report**

Yvonne Cook said she had had a very interesting start as competition secretary what with the effects of covid and the introduction of Golf Genius so as entries to competitions could be done on line.

Competitors would each receive a start sheet and the result emailed.

After many Zoom meetings with Dawn Cunnington from the County Executive and Judith Gorman we successfully set up and ran both Spring Meetings.

The first Spring meeting was at Ashby Decoy on the 24th May. 68 ladies entered despite full covid restrictions being in force. The weather was kind and the Chaplin Trophy was won by Viv Lister and Yvonne Cook from Ashby Decoy with a score of 40 points.

56 players entered the Spring meeting on the 19th July, a very hot day. Ann Hodgson and Barbara Vipond from Boston won the Chaplin Trophy with a score of 42 points.

Yvonne thanked both Ashby Decoy and Boston for their help and generosity in making both days so successful.

Unfortunately the Autumn meeting which was to have been held at North Shore had to be cancelled due to a lack of entries. Hopefully next year entries will improve.

Yvonne thanked all the members for their support over the last two years and hoped for a good golfing season in 2022.

6. **MVLGA Report**

Birdie Dawson the Lincolnshire rep reported that there were 29 ladies from Lincolnshire who were members, this is a drop from 38 four years ago but it was hoped that 2022 might see some more people wanting to join.

The MVLGA AGM will be held at Kirkby Muxloe Golf Club on Wednesday 3rd November 2021.

The season started with the Championship at Stoke Rochford on Thursday 20th May. The weather conditions were atrocious, but the event was well attended considering the lockdown had only just been lifted. Sophie Beardsall from Greetham Valley and Vice County Captain won the Championship with a very commendable gross 77, Marcella Tuttle from Links Newmarket was 2nd on count back. Pam Watson from Stoke Rochford won the Division B prize with a net score of 75, Birdie thanked Stoke Rochford management, caterers and lady members for ensuring the day ran smoothly. She also wanted to take the opportunity of thanking Elizabeth Holbrook for running the competition. Elizabeth is the recently retired MVLGA rep and during her time in office worked extremely hard on behalf of the LVLGA and has certainly earned her retirement.

The AMAM was held at Droitwich on Wednesday 30th June. Only 13 teams entered as it clashed with the Regional County Week. There were no Lincolnshire entries.

The 4BBB was played at Copt Heath Golf Club Warwickshire on the 19th July on what was one of the hottest summer days of the year. There were 92 entries with Birdie Dawson and Cindy Ireland representing Lincolnshire and they came 11th out of the 46 pairings.

The 3 ball alliance was held at Bedford and County on the 13th September. Two teams from Lincolnshire entered. Elizabeth Holbrook, Pat West from Spalding GC with Lynn Exley from Gedney Hill and Birdie Dawson, Jo Dawson from Kenwick Park with Cindy Ireland from Woodhall Spa. Elizabeth Pat and Lynn finished with a score of 71 points whilst Birdie Jo and Cindy came in tied 8th with a score of 73 points. The winners from Overstone Park and Delapre came in with 78 points.

The Team Championship was held at Harmsworth on the 4th 5th, and 6th October. The two Lincolnshire teams did well but were not in the prizes. Jayne Crooks got the 3rd net prize, so well done Jayne.

Birdie finished by saying she hoped next year would bring a renewed confidence with regards to the pandemic and travelling to the Midlands for golf competitions and she looked forward to seeing everyone.

7. **Vice-Captain's Report**

Running the B Team had been a fabulous experience. Having only ever played as an A team member before Judith had never given much thought into organising a team of 16 players.

Margaret had been a great help advising on all the problems of recruiting a team from a very large area.

There were 32 ladies who wanted to play and only 5 played in all three matches.

The first match was against Northamptonshire at Oundle Golf Club which on a glorious day was won by 5 -3.

The second match was played at Stoke Rochford against Leicestershire and Rutland which was lost 5 -3. Judith thanked the club for their hospitality and for providing an excellent meal.

The third and final match was against Nottingham at Beeston Fields and after another enjoyable day the team won 5 – 3.

Judith hoped lots of ladies would offer to play on the teams in 2022 as it is a great opportunity to make new friends and play new courses

The fixtures are on the website along with details of who to contact.

Judith thanked all the ladies who had played in the team in 2021

8. Captain's Report

Margaret felt very honoured when Nicky asked her to be her Vice-captain and during her year as Vice-Captain she had enjoyed running the 'B' team and was very pleased to meet many players whom she hadn't known before.

Then Covid happened and we were in limbo for a year. This year, some normality returned once again, but many ladies were, understandably, still reluctant to get out and about, hence the lower number of entries into our competitions.

With the very positive uptake of the uniforms we now look like a team and the good news is that we won all of our inter county matches this year. It is a very long time since this was last achieved.

The first match took place on a lovely day on the Bracken Course at Woodhall Spa against Northants which was won 5 -3

The second match was played against Leicestershire on another good day at Melton Mowbray Golf Club and that was won 5 1/2 – 21/2.

The third match was played against Norfolk at Sherringham Golf Club and another win 5 -3
The final match against Notts at Ashby Decoy was won 41/2 – ½ . Nottinghamshire could only field 10 players.

The last match of the season was the traditional friendly match between the County and the LVLGA held at Holme Hall which was lost 41/2 – ½.

Margaret expressed her gratitude and thanks to all the clubs who had hosted the matches this year.

She also thanked the committee for all their hard work behind the scenes, especially Judith and Yvonne for dealing with the online bookings on Golf Genius. Margaret finished by saying that she would take away some lovely memories of the last 2 years.

Colours were awarded to

Sue Borthwick, Susan Brown, Gill Chatterton, Judy Cade, Moira Wilson, Annie McCulloch, Margaret Stern, Norma Varley, Margaret Yelland

This year has been the first time colours have been awarded to B team players`

9. Incoming Captain's Address

Judith began by congratulating the outgoing Captain Margaret on a very successful two years as Captain and especially for leading the A team to a 4 nil victory in their matches, a great achievement. Judith hoped Margaret would continue to play for the A team next year and thanked her for engaging and encouraging the members with her enthusiastic and friendly attitude to get back to golf after their year off.

In 2022 Judith hoped we would be lucky enough to enjoy the golf in good health and sunshine and she was really looking forward to being Captain. She was also hoping to increase the numbers playing in the Spring and Autumn Meetings, with the reps actively promoting the competitions in some lovely venues that have been arranged. Judith thanked all the clubs who have given their courses free of charge for the matches with a small fee being paid for the Spring and Autumn Meetings. She also thanked the committee for their time, knowledge and support, which she was sure would make her year as Captain easier and fun. She said that if members had any questions they should contact her.

Finally Judith introduced Jackie Friend as her Vice Captain and pointed out that geographically they couldn't be further apart with Judith in the North and Jackie in the South

of the County but she was confident that they could have a good working relationship. Jackie had been a delight to play with on the B team this year and she is looking forward to running the B team next year.

10. Amendment to the Constitution

It was proposed that the post of Membership Secretary along with the addition of the qualifying age of 55 for membership be added to the Constitution. Both amendments were passed unanimously.

11. Appointment of Officers

The committee decided that for the incoming year the committee would remain same due to the disruption caused by the pandemic.

Treasurer: Maggie Muir,

Membership Secretary: Kathryn Johnson,

Secretary: Chris Clarke,

Competition Secretary: Yvonne Cook,

MVLA Rep: Birdie Dawson

Regional Reps

South : Nicky Plumtree, Norma Varley,

Central: Pam Shepherd, Janet Spencer Knott,

North: Hilary Morley and Patsy Davies

Explanation of the duties of a rep

Nicky Plumtree gave the meeting a clear and concise explanation of the duties of a rep. The role of a rep is to support the Committee especially during the Spring and Autumn events selling raffle tickets and being available on the day to help in any way.

Reps are also available to help members. The contact details will be on the County website so if anyone wants help or advice they can make contact with the rep or of course any committee member.

We will also try and promote the LVLGA around the area especially in Clubs who have no members. It would be great to get some new ladies to join us.

Dates for 2022

The dates for all our 2022 fixtures are on the county website

Date of the 2022 AGM

Monday 7th November 2022 at 1 pm

A short period of silence followed whilst we remembered the members we had lost during the last 2 years