

LINCOLNSHIRE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the Executive Committee Meeting held at Woodhall Spa Golf Club on 3rd April 2023

Present:

Mrs Sheilah Mitchell (Chairman)	Mrs. Barbara Haycox (President)
Miss Sophie Beardsall (Captain)	Mrs. Tracey Stobart (Vice-Captain)
Mrs. Gilly Grant (Past Captain)	Mrs. Kathryn Johnson (Secretary)
Mrs. Helen Long (Competition Secretary)	Mrs. Terry McCarthy (Handicap Adviser)
Miss. Angela Scurr (MNR Rep)	Mrs. Margaret Jacobs (Course Assessor)
Mrs. Polly Brettle (League Secretary)	Mrs Helen Grinham (Competition Team)
Mrs. Di Rafferty (Course Assessor)	Miss. Sally Bowker (Fixtures Secretary)
Mrs. Lynn Exley (Website Co-Ordinator)	

Chairman, Sheilah Mitchell, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Di Rafferty was welcomed to the meeting, as Course Assessor for the South of the County.

The Chairman asked all present to give a brief introduction of themselves.

1) Apologies – Cindy Ireland, Margaret Yelland, Lesley Elliott & Cathy Lee

2) Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Minutes, having been circulated, were approved and the Chairman then signed a copy.

3) Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

4) Correspondence:

Kathryn had received the following emails:

England Golf – Certificate for the EG Awards for nomination in the Trailblazer Category

Email from Mark Romasiuk regarding Level II Referee Course

Email from Millfield Ladies to say that the Ladies Section had closed, but some ladies had re-joined the newly formed Millfield Golf Club.

Email from James Crampton with dates of EG Competitions in 2024

Letter from Justin Rose Telegraph Junior Golf Championships with Entry Form

5) Captain's Report

Teams:

9 juniors and 15 members of the first, second and senior squads attended a coaching get together at Elsham on the 19th March. There was a 9 hole match against the juniors which was tied 3 – 3, followed by a classroom session where Dave and Dane introduced us to Vision 54. I am extremely grateful to the professionals as all of this was provided free of charge on this occasion.

With the success of the junior coaching, I realise the benefit of a senior squad made up of 1st, 2nd and senior team members working with Dave and Dane through next winter. We can either join with the juniors, or have separate sessions on the same day as we did on the 19th. Yet to be decided, but it is something we must be doing.

Dane has offered to help with course set up for County Match week at Holme Hall, and also having a session with the first team (once selected) to talk through course planning.

Next on the calendar for the adult squads is the festival of golf at Woodhall Spa on the 14th April, which is providing short game coaching and an opportunity to play 9 holes of the Bracken course.

On the 16th April, the first team have a warm up match against Yorkshire at Ganton. A very strong team of 8 will play foursomes in the morning and singles in the afternoon, and will stay the night before given the travelling time. I have asked the fixtures secretary to look at a return match in 2024 in Lincolnshire. I am delighted to see that we have 29 players registered for the 36 hole qualifying day at the county championships. Including Tilly Garfoot, our defending champion, and a number of promising juniors. I have a list of 9 players to chase in the next week, so fingers crossed we will crack the 30.

Selection for the first team takes place on the last day of the championships, and as ever we will be considering handicap, performance in the championships, other recent events, and experience. I have checked some availability for match week in June, and it is looking good for us to field the best players we have.

New scratch competition:

Thank you to everyone involved in making the Helen Dobson Trophy competition happen this year. Finding a venue at a weekend wasn't easy, and there has been plenty of work involved in publicising and setting it up. Helen Hewlett has ordered the trophy and we have got all the main prizes sponsored. We need 23 entries to break even, but with 29 playing the champs and 42 in the seniors I would expect us to manage that number. 5 have entered already.

County Reps Meeting

I attended the meeting on the 16th Jan at Woodhall with the county reps and managers from England Golf. It was a very interesting morning and we had some good discussion and debate from those who attended. I hope that this engagement has in part led to the increase in those registering for our competitions. The afternoon was more focused on England Golf initiatives, and perhaps needed more voice from working ladies and juniors in the room.

County Match Week and County Championships prep

I was able to sit in meetings organised by Kathryn, Tracey and their respective teams regarding the county match week at Holme Hall and the county championships at Torksey. As a player I didn't get involved behind the scenes, but recognised then and even more so now how much we rely on the committee and volunteers to make things happen. Thank you.

Inventory of Kit

This is an inventory of the kit that I have:

Lincolnshire logo kit inventory				
	S	M	L	XL
T Shirts	2	4		
Gilet	2	3		
V neck Jumper	1		1	1
Zip up Jumper	3			1
Over jacket			2	
Towels	10			
Balls				
Brollies	2			
Wrist Bands	16			
Tablecloth	2			
Flag				
Teddy	1			

It looks like I need to order more T shirts, Gilets and jumpers to cover larger sizes. I have had an urgent request from the girls squad for team kit. We need to top up the Lincolnshire logo'd balls for County Match Week as well.

6. Vice-Captain's Report

Vice-Captain Tracey confirmed that we were well along with organising County Week at Holme Hall. She confirmed that the brochure with all the details will be ready to be sent out to all counties by 1st May. She will be going along to Holme Hall shortly to discuss the course set up with Sophie Beardsall.

A meeting was planned in early May with EG to discuss setting up the matches on Golf Genius. She confirmed that Sue Bassindale of Holme Hall had kindly agreed to supervise the buggy allocation during the week.

Angela Scurr agreed to check on the insurance details for buggy hire etc.

7. Treasurer's Report

Bank Balances:

BMM: £13772.63

C/Acc: £17051.95 (includes £2656.39 MNR)

£30824.58

EGU - Girls Pilot Funding £1000.00 has been received.

Alison Johns was asking about funding for the Chicks.

There is money available if there is a volunteer to run it.

Spalding and Belton Park have both kindly donated money to the juniors.

There has been some generous sponsorship for the junior polo shirts from Sills & Betteridge, Sennen Homes and Cranswick Pet Products.

Our insurers, who we have been with for 8 years, announced that they were no longer covering Golf Associations. Angela Scurr kindly contacted the other MNR counties to see who they used as a result we have gone with Howdens Insurers for a third of the price. £494.86 of which MNR region pay £66.56 for cover of their trophies.

8. Competition Secretary's Report

- I attended the Club Reps meeting on 16th January to highlight how they can help with promoting the County competitions and ask for a volunteer in the North.
- The Helen Dobson trophy competition in August, (Belton Park) has now been added to the list of 2023 competitions.
- An issue occurred with the Spring Meeting as this had not been run on GG before and the payments had not been set up correctly. This is now resolved.
- An issue has been raised with GG as some courses disappear when a Course "Refresh" is done.
- A meeting of the Competitions teams was held on 9th January and a team rota for pre-meetings and the actual events has been agreed. Most pre meetings have now taken place with the host clubs for 2023. Most food prices for a one course meal are about £12.
- A zoom call was held in March to discuss raffle prize tables with the competition team and Chairman. I have secured £100 from JustAudivw in Lincoln for the raffle table for the 3 days.
- The Competitions Handbook continues to be developed as new situations & changes happen.
- The Master Roster is now showing 759 people registered, an increase of approx. 7.2%. Lynn and I plan to meet to discuss the terminology and process for registering for the Master Roster and events as it is quite confusing.

- Spring Bronze Meeting...5 Day 1, 6 Day 2 – it was agreed that we would have to cancel the Meeting, but instead hold a Texas Scramble – 4 ball, any combination of handicaps on the 2nd Day 2nd June. Helen would be in touch with Boston to inform them, and send out details of the Texas Scramble to all members.
- Definition of a Junior – It was clarified that a Junior is any girl up to the age of 18 and all entry fees are waived if the girl is in full time education.
- It was agreed to cancel the Betterball Central, again due to lack of entrants, and merge the Central Clubs with the North and South. A breakdown of the north and south clubs would be provided, perhaps by using the same breakdown as the LVLGA. Kathryn agreed to provide.
- It was agreed that all the old GDPR forms could be disposed of as all forms are on the Golf Genius registration documents.

Focus for next few weeks;-

- Finalise and run the County Championships and Seniors in May
- Continue to support the team on training needs

9. Junior Co-Ordinator's Report

Unfortunately, we have not been able to appoint a Junior Co-Ordinator as yet. The LUGC have agreed to take control of all Mixed Junior Events.

It was agreed to reschedule the April Stableford due to lack of entries.

10. Midlands North Report

England Golf – AGM/GM 20.04.23

- a. Voting – Sue Milner [Yorkshire Association], Moira Page [Leics. & Rutland Assoc], Dr. Jenny Denyer [Bucks] and Andrew Clotworthy [Cornwall] have been nominated and approved by the majority.
- b. Ratification for Ian Pattinson to be appointed the new Chair of the EG Board replacing Nick Coward. The MNR Group have no objection to this; he has had previous experience as Chair of the R&A, Chair of Rules of Golf Committee and Equipment Standards, Co-Chair of Admin Committee of International Golf Federation and many other committee and board duties and senior Rules Official positions for major Professional and Amateur events.
- c. GM meeting. It is again a general update similar to the regional monthly updates by the CEO and EG staff and to finalise any outstanding matters from the AGM.
- d. All information will be passed through in due course....

EG – National Golf Centre.

Due to several delaying attempts made by the WSLH Land Holdings Limited board of directors the NGC was held back so the Committee has not moved forward for some time. I suspect this may change after the AGM/GM once I have more information I will forward everything to the Executive in due course.

EG - Regional Structure meeting - 14.04.23.

The initial startup meeting should have happened some time ago, but, sadly Comps. Director James Crampton couldn't get everyone together 'in person' so an on line 'Teams' meeting has now been arranged for 14.04.23. I'm presuming he had to get it arranged before the AGM/GM so that he could inform every one of the initial discussions. It will take some time to hash everything out and I will keep the Exec informed in due course.

County Week.

- a. I have been in contact with Andrew [H.H.G.C. Manager], the Menus etc. have been slow in coming due to internal problems, the daily menus have come through, but the quote for the reception has been delayed, I hope I'll get the final information soon and will forward everything in due course.
- b. I have managed to source the photography shop nearby, thanks you Margaret Jacobs for your help. I hope to be able to use them for the printing of group photographs. I need confirmation of sizes from someone and obviously information of what needs to be done.

11. Handicap Advisor's Report

Terry confirmed that she had attended a County Workshop on the WHS on 16th March. 42 clubs were represented, with 102 delegates. Presentations were given by Mike Greener (EG Handicaps Adviser), Ruth Goodwin (Regional Handicap Adviser) and Jim Lammin (LUGC Secretary)

Terry reported that most of the queries she had received recently were all regarding clubs who had not adopted a set of Terms of Competition.

12. League Secretary's Report

Polly asked if Lynn could make the results page more prominent on the website, which she agreed to do.

A brief discussion took place on the League Trophy which was in need of TLC.

13. Course Assessors Report

Margaret reported that she now had 5 ladies in training and she was hopeful that one of the ladies would eventually agree to take on her role. Margaret asked if we would provide a uniform for the assessors for when they visit courses. This was agreed. Di reported that she had several ladies interested in training, but they had all realised that this was a lengthy process until all the trainees had amassed sufficient knowledge of the procedure.

14. Any Other Business

Kathryn read out a report from Shona Dixon, Club Support Officer, who could not attend the meeting.

A discussion took place on the allocation of the grant provided by the IG subscriptions. The grant application has to be completed by end of April and it was agreed that we would use the money for a Winter Coaching Programme for juniors and ladies.

It was agreed that we would set up a meeting to discuss the results of the League Survey from 2022. The Committee would comprise Polly, Kathryn, Gilly and Helen L. A date would be set up in early May.

Lynn took a group photograph of the Committee for the website.

Margaret Jacobs asked if there was any guidance for transgender members. It was agreed that we would take guidance from England Golf.

Tracey commented on the recent issue surrounding the Ladies Section at Carholme Golf Club. At the time the LWGA felt that it was not an issue for us to get involved in, however, EG had requested that we carry out a preliminary meeting, which we had done. This turned out to be a lengthy and involved process and it was agreed that in future we should make our position clear that we should not get involved in the internal issues at a golf club unless we felt that there was a safeguarding issue.

The meeting closed at 13.00 and the next meeting scheduled for 3rd July at 11.00 a.m

Signed Date