

LINCOLNSHIRE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

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

Present:

Mrs Sheilah Mitchell (Chairman)
Miss Sophie Beardsall (Captain)
Mrs. Kathryn Johnson (Secretary)
Mrs. Helen Long (Competition Secretary)
Miss. Angela Scurr (MNR Rep)
Mrs Helen Grinham (Competition Team)
Mrs. Di Rafferty (Course Assessor)

Mrs. Barbara Haycox (President)
Mrs. Tracey Stobart (Vice-Captain)
Miss. Sally Bowker (Fixtures Secretary)
Mrs. Terry McCarthy (Handicap Adviser)
Mrs. Polly Brettle (League Secretary)
Mrs. Margaret Yelland (Competition Team)
Mrs. Lesley Elliott (Competition Team)

Chairman, Sheilah Mitchell, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting, and congratulated County Captain Sophie Beardsall and her team for their magnificent victory at the MNR County Week.

1) Apologies – Cindy Ireland, Margaret Jacobs & 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:

A letter had been received from Lincoln Golf Club, regarding suggestions to change the Scratch League terms of play. This was briefly discussed and it was decided that we would refer it to the League Review Meeting to discuss further.

England Golf had sent an email regarding Governance Support

Golf Genius had sent an update email

An email had been received from LUGC regarding the last England Golf Update that Kathryn was unable to attend.

An email had been received regarding the Junior Forum Update.

5) Captain's Report



captains report July 2023 (1).pdf

6. Vice-Captain's Report

The Lincolnshire 2nd Team began this season's campaign on 23rd June, with a resounding 7.5 to 1.5 win over Leicestershire.

In glorious sunshine at Sleaford, the team got off to a good start, being 2-1 up after the morning foursomes.

The afternoon saw Nel McDougal lead the team out brilliantly, with a 2up win, quickly followed by Anne Wright, winning 4&3. Bethany Gough, our youngest player, had to dig deep to turn her game around and having been 3 down managed to secure a superb half. Neve Begley was next to return her 3&1 win. Neve who was playing in her first 2nd team match, had an incredible debut, bagging the team 2 points. Ann Lyon had a very closely fought match, but managed to stay in contention until the 18th hole when she held her nerve to win the match 1 up. Last but not least was Liz Haughton, who had been down for most of her match, before coming in with a late run and sinking an incredible birdie on the 18th green to win 2 up.

The team at Sleaford was a mixture of young and more experienced. We had 2 youngsters in the team for our first match. Our second match is this Friday at The Leicestershire and we will have another junior, Ellie May Horsted joining the team. After that, it will be Summer Holidays and the youngsters will be out in force.

I have plenty of new young talent to choose from

7. Treasurer's Report

Bank Balances:

BMM: £13772.63

C/Acc: £17455.30 (includes £2656.39 MNR)

£31227.93

Blankney and Lincoln have both kindly donated money to the juniors.

£2714.00 From England Golf for the iGolf grant.

So far county week has cost us £3898.50 but still awaiting the invoice from Holme Hall for food, buggies etc.

The grant from England Golf has not been received as yet.

Can I politely remind the committee when they use their county visa card if they could notify me and then kindly let me have the receipts in due course. Easier to identify at the time than 3 months later!

Notes for Competitions.

I strongly feel we should keep the BB's format but perhaps amalgamate the central with North and South.

The Texas scramble was a huge success - perhaps ought to continue as a good money raiser.

Very sad the Bronze meeting has had to be cancelled the last two years. Perhaps we should have one day as BB for the Bronze.

8. Competition Secretary's Report

- Club Championships
 - Overall seemed to be very well received. Lincoln GC & Lady Captain Lesley were great at the pre meetings and met all expectations.
 - Unfortunately, Dawn couldn't attend due to her arm injury, but I was able to contact her a few times for assistance.
 - We had more entrants than 2022 and an overall loss of £999.85 compared to £1617 the previous year.
 - A problem with GG was found when closing the Butlin trophy and EG have agreed to report to GG. The issue has now been identified as the countback rules are held in two places.
- Senior Ladies Championships
 - Entrants were 58% higher than 2022.
 - South Kyme GC provided us with good service and the weather did not spoil the day.
 - A small profit of £67 was made.
- Texas Scramble
 - 108 entrants played at Boston GC. The ladies from Boston GC provided excellent support and some raffle prizes.
 - A profit of £607 was made.
- Betterball North
 - 68 people played in this competition on Monday 26th. Thanks for Helen & Sheilah for manning the desk. Financials are in the process of being completed.
- Raffle income is slightly in excess of £1166 (excluding BB North) and todate we have agreed £200 sponsorship income.
- Thanks to Cathy, Lesley, Margaret and Helen from the competitions team, and everyone else from the Exec, who supported the competitions. I have agreed with Sheilah the JD for the person to join the team when Helen G finishes in November. Kathryn has sent this to clubs reps.
- The June competitions update email was successful again with a few people entering competitions after it was sent.
- I have rebranded all the competition signage for the desks and green boards.
- Training for entering scores etc took place for Cathy, Lesley and Margaret during previous competitions and Zoom calls have been held to continue training.
- The Competitions Handbook continues to be developed as new situations & changes happen.
- The Master Roster has increased to 811 people registered. This has increased by 104. I have contacted some people where I can see duplicates exist.

- I attended a couple of pre meetings and two days at the MNR County week at Holme Hall. I produced a guide/training for Kathryn and Barbara to use on the Sunday. Everything worked except for the link to the TV screen, which I now understand needs the Premium version.
- I attended a Zoom call with GG on 19th June to discuss challenges with GG which was very useful.
- Below is a chart showing the entrants for the competitions as at the 27th June.

			2023 Competition Entrants										
		2022 Entrants	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	October	% inc/dec
County Champs Day 1	07 May 2023	20	3	19	29	33	33						65%
County Champs Day 2	08 May 2023	10	1	4	16	18	17						70%
County Champs Day 3	09 May 2023	20		12	28	36	36						80%
Senior Ladies	15 May 2023	31	4	18	42	46	49						58%
Spring Meet Day 1	01 June 2023	0		1		5 Closed							
Spring Meet Day 2	02 June 2023	0				6 Closed							
BB North	26 June 2023	58		12	34	52	56	70					21%
BB Central	10 July 2023	64	4	8		8 Closed							
• BB South	17 July 2023	52	6	10	34	38	38	42					-19%
Helen Dobson	19 August 2023	0		Not yet Open	5	11	12	21					100%
Autumn Meeting	21 August 2023	54	6	14	19	22	22	30					-44%
County Am am	09 October 2023	80		8	24	28	28	36					-55%
Texas Scramble		0				80	96	108					100%

It was agreed to hold a Greensomes Event at Kenwick on the 4th July 2024

There will be a County Texas Scramble on 3rd June 2024 at Elsham.

A discussion took place regarding where to hold the Bronze Meetings as some clubs are proving too difficult a course for the higher handicap ladies. Sally will look at this for 2025.

It was discussed whether to open up the Betterballs to allow all ladies to choose where they play, thus removing the North and South and if some ladies wish to play in both then they can do. This will hopefully increase the numbers for the events.

The subject of the County tablecloth was raised as it still has LLGA instead of LWGA. Helen would look into finding options to have it replaced.

9. Junior Co-Ordinator's Report

Although we have not yet appointed a Junior Co-Ordinator, Pat Jones has kindly agreed to co-ordinate the juniors, and the Committee are grateful for this. Pat was pleased to report that the girls had enjoyed a 6-0 win over the boys.

10. Midlands North Report

1. MNR County Qualifier - 16/18.06.23.

PROPOSED NEW NAME 'as we don't have a week now' – MNR WOMENS' COUNTY QUALIFIER....

As previously mentioned the event was a great success. We received many accolades from our MNR County colleagues. The Derbyshire County President Peter McGrath [now a combined county] was

very complimentary and said we had set the bar very high. He/they also requested information/backup from us to assist them for 2024. If we can coordinate all the information, with your permission, I will be happy to send the information through to their County Secretary Richard Wheeldon. I would also like to forward a copy to their County Lady Captain Deb Eaglefield, and possibly to our original Derbyshire MNR rep. Sheilah Lancashire, now retired but 'unofficially' keeping an eye on things for the Ladies, I'm sure she will no doubt be eager to assist in next year's event.

GG matter was discussed previously. Despite all that happened with GG we got through everything with the system we had and did a fab job thanks Barbara, Helen and Kathryn.

Finally thank you to the organising Team Tracy, Barbara, Kathryn, Helen, Cindy for helping with Stafford's nonpayment of their £100, and anyone that joined in, congratulations to everyone for a great event. Well done Sophie and her County Team and good luck for the EG Finals at Kings Lynn in mid September, Seacroft will be coming to support over the weekend!

FINAL QUESTION... and just checking... When do we need to send the Team list to EG?

2. National Golf Centre [NGC].

Nothing to report. Sadly everything has seemed to have ground to a halt. Once I've heard anything I'll let everyone know.

3. Regional Structure Working Group – Women's County Qualifying Championships.

We had our second Teams meeting last Friday [30.06.23], where it seemed that it has moved forward quite quickly on the process of [hopefully] streamlining the events each year. Our main priorities were:

- a. Event type – Matchplay not the EG suggested Strokeplay then Matchplay at the end. EG noted the overall group wanted Matchplay over Strokeplay which EG are happy to go with.
- b. Period of events. There, obviously, has been a reduction in time of each event, - still to be watched.
- c. Number of Qualifiers. There seems to be an understanding that due to the proposed breakdown of England into 4 quarters i.e. North West, North East and South West, South East, it was proposed to join up some county areas from 6 to 8 [supposedly] as we seem to have gone to 4 in MNR i.e. Derbyshire, Lincs., Leics & Rut., and Notts., therefore losing Staffs. and Shrops., [they will join Cheshire and Warwickshire]. I haven't heard Shrop's opinion as yet but I suspect they'll not be happy. Once the county re-allocation map is sent we'll get a better idea of how everything will work - again still to be followed and I'll be happy to forward any objections/queries if anyone has any.
- d. The Qualifier Idea will be Quarterfinals [our new grouping], Semis [winner of our group plays winners of other groups in our defined area] and Final [winners of each of the 4 areas vs. each other] over reduced days, i.e. 36 holes over 1 to 2.5 days. Having said this 'nothing' is set in stone yet, everything is still open for discussion.

- e. Times. It's proposed that the Quarterfinals are in June, Semis in July and possibly Finals in August or keep to September.

Once I get the revised proposals from James Crampton/EG in the next few weeks I'll send them out for every one to have a look at. Please note that EG have proposed that if and when we all come to an agreement/conclusion this will come into force in 2025. NB. EG's Centenary year. AND Please note we should take this seriously! We need to:

1. Look at actual viability/suitability of proposals.
2. Use/Availability of Team members [girls - school/holidays etc.].
3. Cost and Travel – taking into account petrol, accommodation etc.
4. Use of decent home Golf Clubs/Booking availability for yearly Australian Spoons, Queen of Clubs, 2nd Team final and after a few years the County Qualifier, remembering there may be an additional event to replace the old one we lost a couple of years ago!
5. Redesigning the MNR schedule. We may have to run two events in a year and look at venues or lose our scheduled year off. Once our MNR group has sat down and worked out the new schedule I'll send it out.

11. Handicap Advisor's Report

There was little to report on Handicaps other than there was now inter-operability with Scotland and we can now use scores posted on the App if we play in Scotland.

12. League Secretary's Report

Polly thanked Gilly for her support and help in recording the scores. 41 matches have now been played. Polly requested some help for the Finals.

A league review meeting had been set up with representatives, which hopefully will give some suggestions for the way we run the leagues in 2024.

13. Course Assessors Report

As Margaret was unable to attend the meeting there was no report.

14. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 13.00 and the next meeting scheduled for 2nd October 2023

Signed Date

