

Lincolnshire Ladies County Golf Association

Minutes of the Representatives Meeting held at Woodhall Spa Golf Club on Monday 2nd September 2013.

Present:

Mrs. June Miller (Chairman), Mrs. Denise Parker (President), Mrs. Cindy Ireland (Captain), Mrs. Helen Hewlett (Vice Captain), Mrs. Beverley Dolman (Secretary), Mrs. Judith Ainsworth (League Secretary), Mrs. Mairead Scott (Treasurer), Mrs. Margaret Johns (Midlands North Rep), Mrs. Pat Jones (Junior Organiser), Mrs. Terry Macarthy (Handicap Advisor), Mrs. Margaret Jacobs (S.S.A.), Mrs. Polly Brettle (North Rep.), Ms. Clare Welfare (Fixture Sec/Central Rep.) Mrs. Janet Spencer-Knott (South Rep.), Lyn Munro (Vets. V. Captain), plus representatives from, Ashby Decoy, Belton Park, Blankney, Boston, Boston West, Burghley Park, Carholme, Cleethorpes, Elsham, Gainsborough, Greetham Valley, Grimsby, Holme Hall, Immingham, Kenwick Park, Kirton Holme, Lincoln, Louth, Market Rasen, Millfield, Normanby Hall, Seacroft, Sleaford, South Kyme, Spalding, Stoke Rochford, Sudbrooke Moor, Sutton Bridge, Toft, Waltham Windmill, Woodhall Spa

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Executive members sitting at the top table together with Richard Brown from England Golf.

1) Apologies:

Helen Roscoe (Toft), Wendy Ramsden (County Competition Secretary), Pip Harrison (Lincoln), Stella Goldstein (Lincoln), Gillian Holder (Canwick Park)

2) Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the previous meeting on 3rd September 2012, having been circulated, were accepted as a true record. The acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Julia West (Boston) and seconded by Judith Childs (Toft).

3) Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

4) Officer Vacancies:

The Chairman reported that having reduced the divisional representatives from six to three last year, there would be no new representatives this year. Mrs. Miller thanked Polly Brettle (North), Clare Welfare (Central) and Linda Searle (South) for their work this year. Linda has regrettably had to retire due to ill health and Janet Spencer-Knott had been co-opted to complete Linda's term of office.

There were three officer vacancies to be filled at the AGM in November. These were, Chairman, Midlands North Representative and Treasurer. Job descriptions had been sent to the clubs and nominations could be sent to the Secretary. To date Cindy Ireland had been proposed as Treasurer by Mairead Scott and seconded by Bev Dolman. Sue Lambert had been proposed as Midlands North Representative by June Miller and seconded by Cindy Ireland. There have been no nominations for Chairman.

5) Standard Scratch Score Assessor's Report:

Mrs. Jacobs was pleased to report that Di Platt of Spalding G.C. had taken up the position of team leader for South Lincolnshire, assisted by Pat West. Jenny Ricket of Kenwick Park would continue as assistant to Mrs. Jacobs.

England Golf had decided that from 2014 the men will adopt the USGA system of course rating that the ladies have been using for the last ten years. It was intended that courses would be rated in teams of 2 men and 2 ladies and the Lincolnshire teams had attended a two day seminar at Woodhall Spa in May for an over-view of the new system. The teams will also attend a seminar in Birmingham in October. At present it was slow going as the new assessors were having to be taught from scratch.

During the year, a new tee on the 9th at Toft had resulted in an increase of one shot to their SS, whilst the SS at Stoke Rochford had also increased by one due to the difficulty of the new meadow grass on several holes on the course.

Mrs. Jacobs reminded delegates that any alterations to courses, whether it be bunkers, hazards, plantations or yardage must be reported to the SSA. Contact details for Mrs. Jacobs or Mrs. Platt could be found on the county website.

6) League Secretary's Report:

Mrs. Ainsworth reported that the Scratch League winners from the North, Woodhall Spa, will play the winners from the South, Greetham Valley, at Kenwick Park on Monday 9th September. The Handicap League winners of the North, Elsham, will play the winners of the South, Toft Hotel, at Holme Hall on Wednesday 4th September. Spalding has withdrawn from the 2014 Scratch League and they were thanked for their support of the League in previous years.

The Handicap and Scratch League Results for 2013 had been sent to all participating clubs together with the list of the new divisions for 2014. Mrs. Ainsworth asked that team captains ensure that results are sent in on the correct result forms as the full results are required in the event of a countback. Clubs with two teams in the league were reminded to send a copy of their handicap list when sending in their first result sheet. They were also reminded that the County cannot interfere with individual clubs policies on league matches. There have been no changes to the rules for the coming season and clubs were reminded that DMD's are allowed in all league and County competitions.

7)) Presentation by Richard Brown from England Golf:

Richard Brown the area Development Officer, gave a short powerpoint presentation on 'Retention of Ladies within Golf Club membership'. Several delegates asked whether a copy of the presentation could be sent to them and the Secretary said she would organise this. A longer presentation was suggested for the New Year and this would be held in early spring.

8) Dates and Venues for 2012:

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.

9) **Any Other Business:**

a) The Vice Captain, Helen Hewlett, gave details of changes to County Captain's Days for 2014. These included having no presentation. Vouchers to be sent to prize winners and any trophies to be presented at the AGM. The name of the competitions would change to the Lincolnshire (North/Central/South) betterball competition. Helen outlined the reasons for these changes and the meeting agreed that this was a good idea.

b) Mrs. Johns the Midlands North Representative gave details of some of the changes and happenings at England Golf. The new England Golf CEO, David Joy had instigated an e-questionnaire which had been forwarded to delegates. Following on from this, consultation meetings would be held with Counties. There would be a National Conference on 11th October in Daventry. Discussion on the results would be held at the EG General meeting on 20th November and final approval for any new implementations would be sought at the General meeting on 12th February 2014.

Mrs. Johns thanked the Lincolnshire Clubs for supporting the new Queen of Clubs competition, the winner being Rachael Woodcock from Blankney. Clubs were asked to support next year's event at Horsley Lodge, Derbyshire on 16th July.

Dates were given for Midlands North events for 2014.

The England Golf Benefits card was discussed. Some delegates did not know what it was for and Mrs. Johns explained it uses. EG will shortly be e-mailing clubs for members' e-mail details in a bid to get everyone to sign up for these cards which include a member's CDH number. It was suggested that clubs ask for a CDH number on their Open Competition entry forms.

c) The new inter County card which we were using for the first time this year, was also discussed. Although these cards had been delivered personally to all affiliated clubs by the County Union representatives, some club delegates had not seen them and had not been offered one. Clubs where the ladies had still not received a card would make enquiries at their own clubs as to where these cards were.

The secretary reminded clubs that it was very important that both the MNR and herself were kept informed of any changes to e-mail addresses of either delegates or lady secretaries. All County correspondence would now be sent by e-mail in a bid to save money and to keep direct contact with club officers. AGM details would be sent out in September and clubs were asked to make sure these were displayed on their noticeboards.

d) The chairman gave a short report on our finances. At the present time it was not felt necessary to increase the affiliation fees as the County increase in 2013 ensured that the finances were in a stable situation at present. A full financial report would be given at the AGM in November.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 11.45 a.m.

Signed

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HANDICAP LEAGUE RESULTS 2013

Division 1	North - winners Elsham South - winner Toft	Relegated - Market Rasen A Relegated - Spalding A
Division 2	North - winners Louth A South - winners Woodhall Spa A	Relegated - Holme Hall A Relegated - Burghley Park A
Division 3	North - winners Elsham B South - winners Sleaford	Relegated - Grimsby A Relegated - Woodhall Spa B
Division 4	North - winners Kenwick Park B South - winners Belton Woods A	Relegated - Immingham Relegated - Carholme
Division 5	North - winners Market Rasen B South - winners Belton Woods B	Relegated - Waltham Windmill B Relegated - Blankney B
Division 6	North - winners Louth B South - winners Spalding B	