



A Committee Meeting of the Cambs & Hunts Ladies' County Golf Association was held on **Monday 15th March 2010** at Girton Golf Club at 2 pm

Present:

Mrs R Farrow (President), Mrs J Richardson (Secretary), Miss J Skerry (Treasurer), Miss F McGlashan (Captain), Mrs Mo Poole (2nd Team Captain), Miss G Barclay (Veterans' Captain), Mrs M. McCall (Regional Delegate), Mrs K Musgrave (Assist Competition Secretary) Mrs E Cardwell (Handicap Advisor) Mrs L Smith (Competition Secretary) and Representatives/Deputies/Officials from 20 Clubs: Abbotsley, Barkway Park, Bourn, Brampton Park, , Cromwell, Ely City, Girton, Gog Magog, Heydon Grange, Lakeside Lodge, Links, Longstanton, March, Menzies, New Malton, Old Nene, Ramsey, Saffron Walden, St Ives and Waterbeach.

1. APOLOGIES:

Mesdames M Tuttle (CJO), J Kilsby (Menzies), J Jarvis (Royston), S Cook (St Neots)

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The Minutes of the Meetings of 19th October and 30th November 2009 were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING:

There were no matters arising.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter received from Hermione to say that she has resigned from Cambs & Hunts County Golf and she was wished well for the future.

Blue Book Amendments Sheet and Blue Book Folder Copies of Minutes of 19th October and Lady Captains Meeting were handed to Delegates.

5. PRESIDENT:

Rosemary Farrow reported:

Welcomed everyone to first County Delegates' meeting of the year and especially to new Delegates and hope they enjoy their term of office.

We started the year off with the Club Captain's Meeting in January held at St Neots Golf Club. It was attended by 20 new ladies Captains or a deputy. The County Blue Books and various other documents and posters were distributed to pass on to the Club members and to display on club Notice Boards.

President's day already having a good response.

The Golf Partnership Committee are working to get the Club and Coach Academy programme up and running. During February Club Professionals were interviewed by John Harvey, our Development Officer and his Committee. The Club and Coach Committee are now working towards planning a programme of taster days and coaching during the year, at various venues. Details of the Club and coach Programme can be found on their web site.

Kathy Musgrave our Assistant Competition Secretary will be standing down at the AGM so anyone interested in the post please let us know.

6. TREASURER:

Jane Skerry reported:

- **Bank balances** = £ 29,833.62; Junior Account = £ 3,871.53

7. SECRETARY:

Jacquie Richardson reported:

There are a few copies of the Blue Book still available if any club needs a few more.

8. CAPTAIN:

Fiona McGlashan reported:

There have been 2 practice sessions concentrating on short game. and a practice match against Thetford Mens Scratch Team which we won 3/2.

9. 2nd TEAM CAPTAIN:

Mo Poole reported:

Had 1 practice session and another scheduled for 21 March. There are a couple of new girls in the 2nd squad for this year.

10. VETERANS' CAPTAIN:

Greta Barclay reported:

1st Match at Royston and then against Northants at Heydon Grange.

11. JUNIOR ORGANISER:

Maureen Mansfield reported (Marcella Tuttle absent):

A Junior get together was held at Girton at end Jan. A Spring Meeting is to be held at Lakeside in April and is open to anyone age 6 and over.

12. COMPETITION SECRETARY:

Lin Smith reported:

Apologies for the mistakes on two of the posters. There is an envelope for you to collect with new posters with the correct information.

Entries to the County Championship are trickling in – please encourage your ladies to enter.

13. ASSISTANT COMPETITIONS SECRETARY:

Kathy. Musgrave reported:

Have received encouraging entries for Scratch Foursomes with 2 new pairs entering but please encourage more – closing date 25th March.

Please try to avoid asking for fixtures to be rearranged once confirmed in writing, particularly for Grace Norman Knockout at this late stage.

14. HANDICAP ADVISER:

Elaine Cardwell reported:

The CDH is now up and running. The EGU guidelines were emailed to all delegates. There are no issues with Data Protection in relation this database as only basic information is uploaded.

15. EASTERN EWGA DELEGATE:

Margaret McCall reported:

The following were discussed/agreed at the February meeting:

9 hole qualifying competitions – not much take up re-iterate the value of these.

EWGA AGM – attendance down due to weather. Resolutions were passed.

EWGA Trophies – are not insured – disclaimer to be put on trophy box. Felt more cost effective to replace a trophy than insure it.

County match week finals funding – increase of £2000 per team for the finalists subject to Management Board agreement.

Affiliation fees – monthly update of clubs that have not paid their fees - to be sent to Counties.

Central database of handicaps – now active and most clubs have signed up to it. Agreed that handicap certificates should be presented at competitions in 2010.

2009 Regional competitions – East region made a loss only on the Championship, some regions had made a considerable loss on their competitions.

Competitions hosted by Cambs & Hunts : East Anglian – Meridian 12th August 2010; Australian Spoons East final Ely 10th August Championship – Meridian 23rd -25th September 2011. Foursomes Championship in 2012 – will need a venue.

County match week dates : 2011 w/c 20th June ; 2012 w/c 11 June; 2013 w/c 24 June; 2014 w/c 9 June and 2015 w/c 22 June.

EWGA Diaries – had raised £10,000 for the Trust.

County Match Week - some Counties concerned about the cost of CMW. alternative formats for CMW to be discussed at next Captains' meeting. East's concern will be taken to the EWGA Competitions & Venues committee to see if other Regions are having similar problems. No Junior CMW in 2010.

Administrator for East region Committee – needed after next EWGA AGM. Job description will be available shortly.

Medal finals – some clubs disappointed that there was now only one medal final. Will be taken to Competition and Venues Committee.

EWGA meeting on merger EWGA & EGU

All had the joint statement from the Chief Executives of these two bodies with advantages that the merger would bring and the five proposals agreed so far and what is proposed to be done leading up to the special meeting of both organisations.

For information :

Money from Sport England over the next 3 years to help with the merger.
71% of Counties are for the merger, 29% unsure (28 responded, 6 no response, 1 unable to comment). Similar response from the men.
Merger would result in a potential 1 million members.
Working groups set up for communication information systems, Counties, legal and articles, communications, financial, commercial and operational. Amongst other things each group will review systems and processes and consider resources, constraints, risks and interdependencies.
Proposals on merger will be on the website with questions and answers.
Need 75% majority to pass the special resolution.

16: CAMBRIDGESHIRE GOLF PARTNERSHIP UPDATE:

Sue Hurren reported:

The purpose of the GPs is to encourage more people into golf clubs, particularly youngsters, family groups, minority groups, those who regularly go to ranges etc. We are providing training courses for coaches to work alongside our county pros, encouraging and improving performance at all levels.

We are also responsible for helping clubs to work towards GolfMark, an accreditation which is gaining great credibility nationwide, reflecting the high standards of performance and opportunity within a club. Saffron Walden and Newmarket have already achieved the award.

All of this work requires financing, and we need much more to continue to support existing and new initiatives. Jan is organizing a Pro/Am Team event at Gogs on 7th May and it would be good if we could have at least 1 team from each club within the county. Please take back to your clubs your posters and entry forms, chivvy-up your pros and try to persuade your friends to come and enjoy a good day out at Gogs.

I attended the National meeting of CGPs at Woodhall Spa and it was reinforced that we still have far to go in Cambridgeshire, and one secret of success in other counties is the quality and availability of volunteers. We do need another lady representative on the committee. Meetings are only once a month at most – no more than 2 hours – held at TPGolf at Hemingford on Mondays at 5.30. Please, everyone, have a look at our website – there is a link through from our own ladies County Site and if you cannot be involved yourself try to think of someone among your membership who may be prepared to join us.

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:

Abbotsley: Through 'Abbotsley Golf & Squash Club Ltd', Miss Vivien Saunders has taken back the lease of the whole Abbotsley site from her tenants, Crown Golf. The new General Manager, is Margaret Middleton, who is a very experienced and well qualified golf club secretary/manager. Joining as her Deputy Manager, with particular responsibility for the Cromwell GC, is Ian Ashenden, a PGA professional. Already considerable changes have taken place: the opening upstairs of the Hayloft Bar, the introduction of a 'spike bar', the planting of 80 new trees and the turn around of the play of the course, with the new 1st hole at the position of the old 10th. We have lost our Lady Captain, Paula Parker, our Vice Captain, Wilma Elam and our Ladies' Secretary, Sue Coxon. We are running the section with a very efficient Ladies Committee and our nominal figurehead is our President, Maureen Alderman. Any queries regarding county issues and fixtures may be dealt with through Maureen or me as County Rep.

Brampton Park: 10 Pairs already entered for the Autumn Foursomes

Menzies: 12 entries received for Division 3 Meeting

Girton: 27 entries received for Division 1 Meeting

Gog Magog: The Gogs have achieved GolfMark

Lakeside Lodge: 18 entries received for Division 2 Meeting

St Ives: Hoped that new course will be open in May 2010.

17: ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

None

There being no further business, Madam President closed the meeting at 2.50 p.m.,

The **next Committee Meeting** will take place on **24th May 2010** at 2 pm at Girton Golf Club

Signed.....Dated