



Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the Cambs & Hunts Ladies' County Golf Association which took place on **Monday 21st September 2015** at Girton Golf Club at 2.00 pm

Present:- Mo Poole (President), Jane Skerry (Treasurer), Jacquie Richardson (Hon Secretary), Sue Hill (Captain), Maureen Mansfield (Junior Organiser), Edie Douglas (Vet's Captain), Jaine Fieldhouse (Asst. Competition Secretary), Fiona Whitney (Competition Secretary), Wendy Cox (Handicap Advisor) and Club Delegates from St Neots, Cambridge Meridian, Girton, Lakeside Lodge, Abbotsley, Gog Magog, The Cambridgeshire, Saffron Walden, Old Nene, Brampton Park, St Ives, Cromwell, Heydon Grange, Royston, March, Barkway and Links.

Apologies: Trina Miller (East Region Delegate), Jane McGuffog (Training Officer), Cindy McIntyre (2nd Team Captain), Hazel Suswain (Ramsey), Mel Owers (Bourn), and Ros Grey (Ely).

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Minutes of the meeting held on 27th July 2015 were approved with amendment of Division 1 Afternoon Foursomes 3rd place changed from Maureen to Margaret Batley

Matters Arising from the Last Meeting: None

Correspondence: None received

President: Since the last meeting I have attended several events and I would like to thank all those whose efforts enable these events to be held. I have also attended the Junior County Match Days and training sessions. A big thank you to Ina Hartley for putting all our information on the web site and thank you to Greta Barclay for all her photos and reports on the events.

Congratulations to Marcella Tuttle and Lyn Lambert from Links for winning the Ping Plate Final.

On Presidents Day we had 92 players and a thank you to everyone for donating tombola prizes etc. I would also like to thank the Ladies from Brampton for helping to run the event. Overall £3399 was raised (this included a £100 anonymous donation).

Lastly I would like to say good luck to the players of the Jean Wilkinson semi finalists

Treasurer: Bank Account £25,761.30

Daphne Haddock Fund £23,656.97

Junior £2,575.72

I am standing down at this year's AGM and I would like to introduce you to Di Nicholson who will be taking over from me.

It would appear that we have been a victim of fraud to the amount of £7970. All of the relevant authorities have been informed. It could be up to 28 days before we find out if we can get any amount back. **POST MEETING NOTE: Monies (£7213.19) have been returned to the account and the total loss is now £700.**

Secretary:

All AGM Paperwork including voting slips and agenda's will be issued at the next meeting on 19th October 2015.

Officers to be proposed by the Executive Committee are: -

President Jacquie Richardson, Honorary Secretary Val Musson, Honorary Treasurer Di Nicholson, Vets Captain Hazel Suswain, Captain Sue Hill, Training Officer Jane McGuffog, and East Region Delegate Trina Miller

AGM Resolutions agreed were: -

All references to EWGA to be changed, in the constitution, to read England Golf.

All references to 1st Team Captain to be changed, in the constitution, to read Team Manager

2016 Meeting Dates are: - 18 April, 18 July, 19 September, 17 October (all at 2p.m at Girton) and the AGM on 24 November at 2p.m Gog Magog

Captain: The most important issues for us now are those arising from our performance at match week at Chigwell. A group of us who were there sat down and considered the positives and negatives of this week to enable our teams to perform better in the future.

Matters arising directly from match week: -

Having a team manager and support team was a real plus.

In future the team manager should assign one or two deputies with key tasks assigned to them

We need trolley pullers, this year team members helped out but it deflected them from their own playing preparation. A caddy coordinator is a key task. We are aware of support from club members and grateful for offers already voiced. This year the playing rota for the whole week was given in advance which had advantages but needs more flexibility built in.

Players need more team warm up procedures before each session.

It would be helpful if selected players could commit availability for at least 3 days. Two days does make the playing rota disjointed.

Other observations

Team selection must be clear for all potential players to see.

Perhaps we could have an order of merit with points weighted for different activities.

Players should fight for their right to play in matches.

Discussion on training

Training should be focused on the development of players

Alan would come up with ideas

Jane to coordinate

Short game skills are paramount

Since this meeting Sue and Alan have invented a simple Order of Merit which was sent in August to all prospective players who may comprise the First or Second county squads, this includes juniors. All players who wish to be considered must complete stage one by the end of March 2016 after that performance in Division One and the Championship will seal final team selection. Also Jane and Alan have come up with an exciting training programme starting at the beginning of October.

We still have a budget to finalise and need to select key helpers for match week at Bishops Stortford next year.

Training Officer:

I am very pleased to update you with progress towards a training program to take the county towards the 2nd and 1st team matches in 2016 . As Sue has said- Alan and the team supporting training and first team manager reviewed the performance of Cambs and Hunts and other teams at CMW and came up with some things we could improve to match our opponents next year.

1/ Player development- for players committed to competing for places on one of the squads.

2/ Raising the standard of players' performance in

- On course psychology
- Wedge play/short game
- Holing out
- 3 putt avoidance

The sessions planned before Christmas include

- An evening session with Dr Matt Bridge to discuss and help players understand record and analyse their true weaknesses in their game
- A morning at Woburn Short Game area with Charley Hull Short Game coach 9-12pm and 9 Holes on Duke Course with AF on Course Management
- Morning with Dr Christian Swann – Sport Psychologist, followed by 9 holes on course with AF to apply learning's of morning session

The budget for this will be proposed in the October budget meeting- but in essence we have sufficient funds from this year's budget to cover the autumn sessions. The team discussed selection for training and 30 ladies have been invited to attend. So far we have 20 committed to the training.

2nd Team Captain: My apologies for not being able to attend today. This is the report to update you on how the County B Team fared in their last two matches. The first was at Bedford & County golf club against Bedfordshire. It was a really good day and very competitive match and one that we wanted to win so that we could move ahead of Bedfordshire in the rankings. We were coming into the match off a really good result against the league leaders Essex and I played virtually the same members of the Cambs & Hunts team. It was a really close match and we came in all square after the morning foursomes. In the afternoon singles most of the games got to the 18th but unfortunately they beat us 6-3. The team fought hard but it was not to go our way, we were very disappointed but learnt a lot from the games and we intend to get them next year.

The last match of the season was finals day and it was held at Royal Norwich Golf Club. It is a lovely old course which we felt privileged to play, particularly as it is closing in the next few years. Finals day is a different format with nine players per team and 18 holes singles with no foursomes, and all the Counties play each other. It was a fabulous day and we gave a very good account of ourselves beating Norfolk and Bedfordshire and restoring some pride after previous match losses against them. We lost to Essex who ultimately won the overall league.

Veterans' Captain: We have now played all our matches for the year, the last one played at Thetford Golf Club.

We have played 8 matches resulting in 2 won, 3 halved and 3 lost. All matches for next year has been arranged, except for the Bedfordshire away match is awaiting confirmation.

The new Vets Captain will be Hazel Suswain from Ramsey Golf Club

Junior Organiser: Since our last meeting we have been very busy with lots of events and the girls handicaps have come down.

The development squad have had 2 tour events and the grand final will be held at Lakeside Lodge in October.

Some of the girls entered the East Region Girls Championships at Saffron Walden.

Junior County Match Days at John O'Gaunt went very well and we finished 3rd Overall which was an excellent result. The girls did the County proud and are now looking forward to 2016 event. A big thank you goes to all the parents and supporters at the event.

6 players were taken to play in the 2nd Team Match against Bedfordshire at John O'Gaunt which we won 2 ½ to ½.

A team of 6 were taken to the East Region Trophy (with 4 scores to count) at Essendine Golf Club. Norfolk were the winners with Cambs & Hunts finishing 4th. The Lady/Junior Greensomes is to be played next weekend at Bourn.

The season is now coming to an end but planning will soon start for next year. If anyone has any new girls joining their clubs please let Maureen know.

Competition Secretary: We have had three events since our last meeting The Vets Meeting at Old Nene – Old Nene welcomed the County with open arms. We had a slightly larger field than last year and due to this we decided to hold the competition in two parts (as it is a 9 hole course) – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. This worked relatively well (some of the players who were in contention for a prize were very patient and managed to while away a couple of hours until the results came in – so thank you to those ladies). Also a big thank you to Amy Brown, Anyta Francis, Sue Martin and all the Old Nene staff who rallied round and made the day the success it was.

Results: Veterans Cup (Best Gross) - Pat Nixon - Ely - 83

Presidents Salver (Best Net) - Hazel Suswain - Ramsey - 67

Senior Veterans Cup (Best Gross - over 69 years old) - Rosemary Farrow - St Neots - 85

Silver Div - (0-20 Handicap) - Net

1st - Rosemary Hay - The Cambridgeshire - 70

2nd - Sue Hurren - Abbotsley - 73 (ocb)

3rd - Margaret Beckley - The Links - 73 (ocb)

Bronze Div A - (21-28 Handicap) - Net

1st - Mary Macdonald - Bourn - 69
2nd - Iris Beadsmoore - Bourn - 72
3rd - Barbara King - Bourn - 75
Bronze Div B - (29-36 Handicap) - Net
1st - Sarah Rennie - Abbotsley - 68
2nd - Liz Olding - Brampton - 72

The Mary Cole Rose Bowl at Heydon Grange – The day was bitterly cold and I know everyone had a few layers on between them but still managed to keep smiling through the 18 holes! The competitors found it tough but a good test of their golf. We had 19 club teams enter the competition this year which is more than last year and very encouraging. A big thank you to Mandy Handscombe for all her invaluable help and also to Heydon Grange and the Ahktar family for letting us use the course, also to Val Oliver who was our rules official for the day.
Results – Winners – Brampton and Runners Up – Ely City

Autumn Foursomes – Brampton – A big thank you to Shirley Osborne for her help in getting this underway. She rallied the troops at Brampton and the day was very successful. For the first time the 'new' Autumn Foursomes claret jug trophy was awarded (courtesy of the legacy from Daphne Haddock)

Results:

1st – Pam Lammiman & Lynda Hall – Brampton Park 64 OCB
2nd – Kay Osborne & Ann Norman – Brampton Park 64
3rd - Sally Pinnock & Christine King – Bourn – 63
Best Morning Round – Mo Poole & Amanda Rawson – Brampton Park – 32
Best Afternoon Round – Alison Peake & Ali Cope – Bourn - 34

And final meeting of the year is the Officials & Delegates Cup on 28th September at Royston. This will be the last event I will be officiating at in my capacity as Competition Secretary and also to be let out to play golf too should be fun!!

I will be sending out emails to the club delegates shortly to collect all the trophies so they can be engraved before the AGM. Ideally if you could bring them to me by the next committee meeting on 19th October then that will give me plenty of time to complete the task

Discussion has taken place regarding the qualification for entry in both the County Championships and Foursomes Championships. It has been decided that 'Home' players only of the Cambs & Hunts County Ladies Golf Association will be eligible to enter. 'Away' players whose Home club is in another County will not be eligible to enter either competition - this will be incorporated into the rules and shown as such in the Blue Book

Inter-Club Matches i.e. Jean Wilkinson, Grace Norman, Scratch League and Scratch Foursomes – the Home club will have to give 3 dates for the matches to the opposing team. At least one date to be a weekend and at least one date to be a weekday – this will be incorporated into the rules and shown as such in the Blue Book.

Assistant Competition Secretary: The finals of the Grace Norman were held at St Neots, and a big thank you to Sue Cook and her ladies for organising this event which was won by St Ives and runners up Abbotsley.

The Scratch Foursomes final was held on 15/09/15 at The Cambridgeshire and won by Linda Kelsey and Justine Voss (Saffron Walden).

The Jean Wilkinson finals will be held at Royston on 23/09/15 with Brampton Park v Bourn Saffron Walden v Abbotsley.

The Scratch Foursomes prizes were proposed to be changed to Post Office Vouchers and this was agreed.

Handicap Advisor: The meeting with England Golf has not taken place yet as it has been put back to October 2015.

The handicap changes for 2016 are: -

1. Manual - It was agreed that a shorter booklet containing the principal changes would be produced to be used as an addendum to the existing Manual. This revision would be limited to 2016-2017. The Manual still to be produced electronically including the CSS tables.
2. Calendar year to be adopted – 1 Jan to 31 Dec.
3. Initial Handicaps - to be allocated in line with Annual Handicap Review formula/algorithm.
4. Handicap Category Boundaries – It was agreed that no change would be made to the existing handicap category boundaries. However a new `Club Handicap` will be introduced for clubs who wish to allocate a handicap higher than 28/36 for use in club run events. This handicap will only be valid at the player's home club and cannot be used in opens etc.
5. Preferred Lies - Each National Union to have discretion to adopt a preferred lie period within their jurisdiction. England Golf will remain as 1st October to 30th April, preferred lies outside this period must be authorised by your County Union/Association.
6. CSS Calculation for men - to include Cat. 4 players in the same manner as Ladies CSS calculation.
7. Qualifying Nine Hole Scores.
 - a. A score returned better than, or within, BZ will have 18 points added to create an 18 hole score.
 - b. A score returned outside BZ will be doubled
 - c. 9-Hole Scores will be included in the ESR process.
8. Continuous handicap Review – Introduction of a process to flag players with 7 consecutive 0.1 handicap increases so that Handicap Committees can review and apply an immediate handicap increase if required.
9. 4BBB Handicap allowance to be increased from $\frac{3}{4}$ to 90%.
10. Competition Status
 - a. Re-allocation of 'c' status handicap will require scorecards for 54 holes, in any permutation of 9 and 18-hole scores.
 - b. All Unions/Associations to use 'c' Competition Handicap Status from 1 Jan 2016.
 - c. Reactivation of 'c' status Handicap after handicap lost – if a player with a 'c' Competition Handicap leaves club membership but re-joins within a period of 12 months his handicap will be re-instated as 'c'.
11. Supplementary Scores
 - a. May be returned at all GB&I clubs of which a player is a member.
 - b. Acceptable over 9-holes (Handicap Categories 2 and above).
 - c. Unlimited for handicaps 28/36 to 54
12. Exceptional Scoring Reductions (ESRs)
 - a. Table has been amended to reduce severity of reductions.
 - b. ESRs will only be applied based on a pair of exceptional scores (ES).
Eg. ES1 + ES2 = ERS1, ES3 + ES4 = ESR2

Questions were asked about the change to the Calendar year and if there would be a grace period. Wendy will ask England Golf this question as it is believed that there could be a 2 month grace period for this year.

It was asked if a Ladies handicap at the start of year would be reduction only throughout the year in 2016. Wendy advised that this is not the case for 2016. Initial handicap allocation was discussed and it was reiterated that this will be done in line with the rules for the annual review (the computer software should do this automatically).

Regional Delegate: East Region Girls Championship took place at Saffron Walden on 13th August 2015. There were 41 entries.

Delia Roberts, Rosemary Hay and the Ladies at Saffron Walden were thanked for their help in organising the event.

The main results were:-

U18 Scratch Winner Amelia Williamson (Norfolk), Runner Up Ashley Croft (Essex)

U15 Scratch Winner Lily Humphries (Essex), Runner Up Jade Guest (Cambs & Hunts)

U18 Net Winner Rebecca Earl (Herts), Runner Up Sophie Faulkner (Herts)

U15 Net Winner Emmanuella Hewson (Herts), Runner Up Hope Neild (Norfolk)

Team Winners Essex

SS Assessor Nothing to report

Cambridgeshire Golf Development Group: Sheila Withams and Trina Miller attended the meeting on 14/09/15. There is a general sense that there are a number of initiatives ongoing that we are not aware of and there is a gap in communications between England Golf Development Groups and golfers, and the Regional Manager is to ask Club Managers if more information can be shared with Club Captains and Committees.

Websites that have information on these initiatives are:-

www.EnglandGolf.org/page.aspx?sitesectionid=329&sitesectiontitle=recruiting+women+and+girls

<http://thisgirlgolfs.nationalclubgolfer.com/>

The England Golf Clubhouse portal can also be used and Club Managers have a user name and password for this.

It was accepted that not all initiatives are well managed.

England Golf are seeking case studies or examples of good practise that could be shared with other clubs, if you are willing to share yours contact Marc Smith at cambridgeshirecgp@outlook.com

Living Sport has grants of £200 available on application to kick start small community projects. Details are on their website.

They also have a number of initiatives including Sportivate (targeted at non-active people-aimed at getting females age 11-25 into golf- projects start next spring). Satellite Clubs- linking clubs to Schools or Colleges.

England Golf Clubhouse portal will give access to Our Club Matters a new club support programme.

England Golf are proposing a County Conference next Spring, possibly with Bedfordshire to showcase what support is available to clubs and to increase their engagement with clubs.

Steve Peet (Regional Manager) is attempting to get a Development Officer for 4 days a week in Cambridgeshire.

Comments were made by Delegates about the fact that too many surveys are sent out and discussion took place on why the Golf Girls Rocks initiative failed in Cambridgeshire.

Club Delegates:

- Barkway: Susan Akers is taking over as Delegate. The Air Ambulance Charity Day raised £12,500
- Cambridge Menzies: Cambridge Menzies is now to be renamed as "The Cambridgeshire".
- Girton: Veronica McGrath is taking over as Delegate.
- Gog Magog: Tabitha Brain has won the Club Championship. Arrangements are in hand for the AGM. It is felt that the Old Course needs re-assessing and Julie will contact Tina Broadley. A new Pro is starting in November. Kevin Mader is retiring as General Manager. A discussion took place about male caddies in Jean Wilkinson matches.
- Links: Margaret Beckley asked if in the Grace Norman it could be considered that 5 pairs participate instead of the current 3 pairs but it was felt that the smaller clubs would struggle with this.
- Old Nene: Anyta Francis said that Old Nene had enjoyed hosting the Veterans Meeting. The new clubhouse should be ready in 2016, and everyone is looking forward to Presidents Day.
- Royston: Pam Bonnett said that they are looking forward to hosting the Jean Wilkinson Finals Day and the Officials Cup
- Saffron Walden: Delia Roberts said that it was felt that they were disappointed by the quantity of food available at the end of the Mary Cole Rose Bowl. Fiona Whitney apologised for this and asked in future could this be raised at the time and then action could be taken. Any dietary requirements are to be added to the Entry Form in future.
- St Neots: Sue Cook stated that they had enjoyed hosting the Grace Norman finals day.

Any Other Business

Nothing raised

Meeting closed at 3.38p.m

The next meeting will take place on 19th October 2015 at **2 pm** @ Girton Golf Club