

# CHLCGA

## Cambs & Hunts Ladies County Golf Association

Minutes of the CHLCGA Committee Meeting held on **Monday 17 October 2016** at Girton GC

**Present** Jacquie Richardson (President), Val Musson (Hon Secretary), Di Nicolson (Treasurer), Maureen Mansfield (Junior Organiser), Sue Hill (Team Manager), Wendy Cox (Handicap Advisor), Rosemary Rennie (Asst. Competition Secretary), Christina Baxter (Abbotsley), Mel Owers (Bourn), Jane McGlashan (Brampton Park), Jill Gamlin (Ely City), Veronica McGrath (Girton), Sheila Hayward (Gog Magog), Elaine Knobel-Forbes (Heydon Grange), Sheila Withams (Lakeside Lodge), Margaret Beckley (Newmarket Links), Anyta Frances (Old Nene) Royston, Delia Roberts and Vivienne Dondi (Saffron Walden), Fiona Whitney (St Neots), Trish Whittamore (St Ives) and Shelagh Byrne (The Cambridgeshire)

**Apologies** Trina Miller (Competitions Secretary) Cindy McIntyre (2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain), Hazel Suswain (Vets Captain), Tina Broadley (SS Assessor), Greta Barclay (Press Officer), Ina Hartley (Webmaster), Sue Akers (Barkway), Shirley Osborne (Brampton Park) - alternate present, Shirley Longbottom (Cambridge Meridian), Dubi Brain (Gog Magog) - alternate present, Margaret Butt (March), Diana Clitheroe (Ramsey), Pam Bonnett (Royston), Paula Ewing (St Ives) – alternate present

### **1 Minutes of the previous meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 September 2016 were agreed as a correct record and approved by all.

### **2. Matters arising not addressed elsewhere**

None

### **3. Correspondence received**

Nothing to report

### **4. President's report**

JR welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the year. She indicated that for some delegates, it is their last meeting as they have completed their term of office. On behalf of the Executive Committee she thanked these individuals for all for their commitment over the past years - delegates provide a valuable link between club members and the County Committee.

It has been quiet on the competition front since the last Delegates with only the Junior Lady Greensomes at March and the Officials and Delegate Cup at Brampton taking place. We were certainly lucky with the weather as these events were mostly played in glorious sunshine.

Thanks go to Trina Miller and Rosemary Rennie and club delegates for all the hard work they put in this year to make sure all the competitors in our competitions enjoyed their day. It is very much appreciated.

Finally JR confirmed the figure raised at President's Day this year was £2302.32. She expressed a massive thank you to everyone who supported the event and is now looking forward to next year's event.

## 5. Treasurer's report

DN confirmed that she is in the final stages of preparing the year -end accounts, which will be circulated prior to the AGM. Our financial position remains very healthy

Clarification was sought regarding the Daphne Haddock fund. This was a £25000 bequest made via the estate of Daphne Haddock in early 2013. Daphne Haddock was an active county member and supporter for many years. VM undertook to seek out the precise terms of the bequest, but in general terms it is for the betterment of ladies golf in the county. To date monies have been spent on the refurbishment of trophies, purchase of new trophies and laptop. It is likely that it will also be used to purchase new uniform for the county squads.

## 6. Secretary's report

a. VM reported on the following:

### Preparation for the AGM

- Voting slips are available for collection today
- Need confirmation of names of club delegates to day if possible as they need to be listed in the AGM agenda
- All AGM papers will be sent out electronically no later than 31 October

### Additional AGM proposal

Following the finance sub-committee meeting it will be proposed *that the affiliation for 2018 remain at £8 per member.* Agreed

**Delegate's workshop:** details are being worked up and invitations will go out at the end of October.

**Blue Book 2017:** the process of updating the blue book will commence later this month. Plan is to have it ready for printing by the end of December. It will be issued at the Lady Captains/Vice-captains meeting in January.

## b. Report from the Competitions sub-committee

Consideration was given to a number of comments/suggestions made in respect of the county competitions. Following discussion it was agreed that it was too late to make substantial changes to the 2017 fixtures, this particularly related to the suggestion to make the Jean Wilkinson a handicap competition (not scratch). Such a change would need careful consideration and proper consultation.

It was however agreed, subject to the views of the full committee, that:

- a detailed review of competitions should be initiated. This would start at the planned delegates workshop in December and run through until April/May 2016 and would be consultative. Implementation of any agreed changes would be in 2018. **Agreed**
- the way in which county events are advertised/promoted should be reviewed – to be discussed at the delegates’ workshop. **Agreed**
- consideration be given to introducing an AM-AM competition early in the 2017 season (e.g. Season Starter) – subject to finding a suitable date and course. This would be open to all ladies and could provide an opportunity for dispelling some of the myths about county. **Agreed**

The only other specific change to be introduced for 2017 is relates to the **Scratch League** and is as follows:

- a club may enter a second team into the league if they so wish - the only proviso being that the two teams are kept quite separate i.e. no interchangeability.

Any club wishing to go down this route should notify Rosemary Rennie, Assistant Competitions Secretary as soon as possible.

**Other general issues discussed and agreed:**

- that competition entrants will be given the option to submit entry forms electronically and pay entry fees by BACS (details to be confirmed)
- that subject to the following amendments, the general competition conditions should remain unchanged:
  - statement regarding use of DMDs - to be reworded in accordance with the 2016 Hard Card
  - simplify the condition regarding the use of motorised buggies /medical certificates (reference EG transportation policy)
  - additional of a statement about the use of caddies in competitions. Clarification to be sought regarding the use of a professional/assistant professional as a caddy

**7. Team Manager’s report**

**East Region Captains meeting**

SH reported that she, Marcella Tuttle, Cindy McIntyre and Maureen Mansfield had had attended the East Region Captains meeting on 12 October. Representatives of all six counties had been present.

The suggestion that the event should be reduced to three days rather than five was discussed. It was however strongly rejected by Hertfordshire because the short format gave little foursomes preparation for the team who progressed to the County final, which is also a five-day event. Therefore until the finals are changed there is little chance of our region moving to a three day competition.

Marcella Tuttle proposed that match week should start on Saturday, which would mean only three working days in the event. This suggestion would cut out the Sunday practice day but might be a way forward. No decision was made.

### **County Squad workshop**

SH confirmed that an informal workshop for all potential county players has been arranged for 1930 Wednesday 19 October. Invitations were sent out to 57 potential players. 51 responses have been received:

- 20 players attending (some additional players may participate via a Facebook video link)
- 33 players have expressed interest in playing for the county

A report from the meeting will be prepared and circulated in due course.

### **9. 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain report**

Dates for 2017 fixtures are currently being negotiated, otherwise nothing else to report.

### **10. Veteran's Captain report**

Dates for 2017 fixtures are currently being negotiated, otherwise nothing else to report.

### **11. Junior Organiser's report**

MM reported that the Lady/Junior Greensomes competition was held at March Golf Club on 25 September. Unfortunately it clashed with other fixtures/personal events and as a consequence only eight pairs played. Thanks go to March Golf Club who were the perfect hosts and made everyone feel very welcome. The winners were Jessica Hollingworth from Girton and Ruth Ashman from Ely City with 38 points; Sienna Mason and Carol Harrison from Ely City were runners up with 34 points. Chloe and Rachel Ashman, also from Ely, took the best back nine and Morgan Tritton (Gogs) and our President Jacquie Richardson took best front nine with 20 points.

The county training session held on 16 October at Girton took place indoors because of poor weather. The session focused on exercises for core strengthening and balance. The girls from the development squad found it fun and the girls from the main squad didn't find it as easy as they thought it would be.

The development squad will be holding the Adrienne Trophy next week at Bourn Golf Club on the Par 3 course and we have 17 entries at present. The girls look forward to this event as we have Halloween prizes and Sue will be providing her usual pumpkin with the candles to decorate the table.

Sadly it is now nearing the end of another year and the planning of the fixtures and events start all over again, but what keeps us all going is the enthusiasm of the girls and in particular the young ones – the future does look bright for the future of the County.

**12. Competition Secretary report**

The Officials and Delegates Cup took place on 29 September at Brampton Park and was won by Mo Poole. All competitions for the year have now been completed.

Dates and venues for the main county fixtures in 2017 have now been finalized, although the date of the Mary Cole Rose Bowl needs checking.

**13. Assistant Competition Secretary report**

The final Scratch League matches were completed by the end of September and the overall winner this year was Newmarket Links. Noted that some matches were conceded.

Unfortunately, two clubs have withdrawn from the competition next year, as both have found it difficult to raise a viable team.

**14. Handicap Advisor Report**

Nothing to report.

**15. Regional Delegate report**

Awaiting details of the 2017 regional fixtures – it is proving difficult to obtain accurate information (dates and venues) as there appears to be a lack of general coordination. Sheila Withams, (East Region Representative designate), is pursuing this matter.

**16. Cambridgeshire Golf Development Group**

Nothing to report.

**17. SS Assessor report**

Nothing to report.

**18. New/any other business**

JW and Scratch league – see item 6b above

**18. Club Delegates reports**

Nothing specific was reported.

However the following delegates confirmed that they would be standing down after this meeting:

- Mel Owers (Bourn)
- Shirley Longbottom (Cambridge Meridian)
- Lesley Armstrong (Old Nene)
- Diana Clitheroe (Ramsey)
- Delia Roberts (Saffron Walden)
- Sue Cook (St Neots)

All of the above were thanked for their invaluable contributions.

Replacements will be elected at the AGM (see forthcoming agenda for nominations)

19 **Dates of future meetings**

1400 Thursday 24 November at Gog Magog (AGM)

1400 Monday 24 April at Girton

1400 Monday 10 July at Girton

Monday 16 October at Girton

AGM Thursday 23 November at Gog Magog (tbc)

**Signed**

**Date**