



DORSET LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

DELEGATES MEETING

ZOOM Meeting Friday 13th November 2020 at 10.30am

MINUTES

<p>1. Present – Val Ford (President), Kate Roberts (Captain), Annie Hobell (Treasurer), Liz Walker (Secretary), Jane Southcombe (SW Representative), Sara Lees (Assistant Sec and minute taker) plus 22 Delegates.</p>	
<p>2. Apologies –There were 6 apologies!</p>	
<p>3. Minutes from Previous Meeting – agreed as a true record and signed by the Captain.</p>	
<p>4. Matters Arising – there were no matters arising from the minutes.</p>	
<p>5. Correspondence – there had been no correspondence received by the Captain relating to the Delegates.</p>	
<p>6. Captains Report – Kate confirmed that there was nothing new to report since the AGM.</p>	
<p>7. Officers Reports – a) Treasurer - Annie gave a short report as there were few changes from the AGM . She confirmed that as at 30th October the bank statements showed the following balances: Business Savings Account £30175.11 Business Current Account <u>£21853.09</u> Total £52028.20</p> <p>The breakdown is £13,610 for Juniors and £38418.20 for Ladies.</p> <p>Most activity is coaching fees for Junior and Academy training groups. We have also received £3828 from EG Affiliation Fees. This is up 66 per cent on the payment of £2304 received last October.</p>	

b) **SW Representative** – Jane reported that it looks likely that Independent golfers will be able to have a proper handicap in the not too distant future and provided with insurance.

The dates for the school exam may be put back so this could impact on the County team for match week.

The WHS is having teething problems and from the experiences of other counties like Australia and New Zealand, we are looking at between 4 and 8 weeks before things settle down properly. The cause of the main problems appears to be the inaccuracy of the historic data held at clubs. The handicap review committees are going to be allowed to review handicap indexes where they are profoundly different to the previous handicaps. The England Golf App is not currently live at the moment, but should be shortly - there is a test version which some people may have downloaded, that apparently sort of works but this should automatically update once the whole App goes live. For the Medal Final, clubs will be able to take the winner from last year or if they did enough medals during this year they can select the winner from this year. The entry forms will be sent out by EG as usual and terms and conditions will be on there - so should be self-explanatory.

c) **County Junior Organiser** – Sheila had nothing to report.

d) **County Handicap Advisor** – Anne reported that if names and handicap indexes were not appearing on Club platforms, it is usually due to the fact that members have not given their date of birth or their email address and registered with EG where they give permission for the data to be used for Handicap purposes. Anne let the Delegates know that if anybody is having problems then they can email her for help. She also asked if there were any issues with which she could help today.

i) Caroline Baker from Lyme Regis asked about the %age to be used in a 3 ball Bowmaker. The Rules of County competitions are to be followed.

ii) Ros Doughty of Queens Park enquired about the %age to be used for Medal and Stableford competitions. Players Course Handicaps are used and 95% of that is applied – usually by computer entry. In mixed competitions, it will depend upon the tees of the day as to what the Course Hcps will be. EG rules for those competitions will be applied.

e) **Veterans Captain** – Janie had nothing to report.

8. **Partnership Group** – Val reported that she had given a brief report at the AGM. There has been some progress with men and women player competitions together. Talks were proposed to take place 3 or 4 times a year where they would “work together” within the county. Apparently, this is a slow process. However, it has been agreed that the 2022 Championships for the Men and Women will be played at the same venue on the same day. This will be Parkstone during the last week of May. It would be a 36-hole qualifier with best 8 to go through. Entrants to be restricted to 50, but no other details yet. England Golf is trialing the integration of Under 18s girls and boys playing off the same tees. Sheila reported that there was no guidance on under 16s. Other counties have been asked to give their thought about the suggestions. Val asked how delegates feel about the proposal.

i) Mel thought that the suggestion to play together may encourage more ladies to play in the Championships.

ii) Liz felt that it would be good to see what happened after the pilot in 2022 and then review the implications.

<p>iii) Karen thought it a good idea but need far more information on the consequences of it.</p> <p>iv) Sally from Weymouth reported that in the Juniors, girls do not like playing with the boys and there could be a risk of losing some of the youngsters if they “merge” some of the competitions, although the coaching is run as a mixed group. It was noted that the girls tend not to want to attend mixed short game sessions.</p> <p>At the moment, it is only proposed to try working together on the adult competitions.</p>	
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<p>9. Competition Criteria – Kate reported that for the Johnstone cup the Hcp range was 12.5 – 20.4. The Application Forms require the Hcp Index for entry and not the Course Hcp from the venue. In Dorset the Average Course rating is 130. Kate asked whether we should consider changing the parameters.</p> <p>It was agreed that the criteria will obviously stay the same for 2021 and the number of entries will be evaluated at the end of the season when hopefully we will have received more information from EG.</p>	
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<p>10. Interclub Draw – Cathy MacFarlane -Thompson and Kate Roberts have done the Interclub Draw for 2022. Please see list below.</p> <table data-bbox="127 1030 1361 1344"> <tr> <td data-bbox="127 1030 766 1187"> <p>Division A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Ashley Wood 2 Yeovil 3 Knighton Heath 4 Came Down </td> <td data-bbox="766 1030 1361 1187"> <p>Division B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Sherborne 2 Wareham 3 Dorset Golf & CC 4 Remedy Oak </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="127 1187 766 1344"> <p>Division C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Parkstone 2 Crane Valley 3 Ferndown 4 Lyme Regis </td> <td data-bbox="766 1187 1361 1344"> <p>Division D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Weymouth 2 Dudsbury 3 Broadstone 4 Moors Valley </td> </tr> </table> <p>Cathy requested that the entry forms for the Humphry’s and Parkin Knockout should be sent back as soon as possible. It was confirmed that all Entries Fees for 2020 have all been refunded to entrants.</p>	<p>Division A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Ashley Wood 2 Yeovil 3 Knighton Heath 4 Came Down 	<p>Division B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Sherborne 2 Wareham 3 Dorset Golf & CC 4 Remedy Oak 	<p>Division C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Parkstone 2 Crane Valley 3 Ferndown 4 Lyme Regis 	<p>Division D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Weymouth 2 Dudsbury 3 Broadstone 4 Moors Valley 	
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<p>11. Communication –</p> <p>i) It has been suggested that due to Covid and distribution problems that a form of the Yellow Book would be circulated via the Delegates to Club members electronically in PDF form. Each delegate will then use their clubs form of communication to forward on the PDF to members.</p> <p>ii) The details of the Delegates would not be included on the Website due to GDPR restrictions. County competitions and other dates usually included in the ‘yellow book’ would be posted on the website.</p> <p>iii) It was agreed that meetings would continue to be held on ZOOM until further notice. The comment was made that the meetings on Zoom seem to be more controlled and that there was less interruptions and deviation of topics. Zoom meeting certainly cut down on travel expenses and time.</p>	SL
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<p>12. AOB –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Sally Davis brought up the EG Ladies Charter which has been devised to encourage more ladies and girls to play golf and also to try to persuade more ladies into the Board Room and onto Committees in Clubs. These ladies to represent members generally not just women. There is financial support for clubs to introduce the Charter. The aim is to try to get 30% representation on the Boards. Kate suggested that the Delegates take the EG initiative back to their clubs for reaction and feed-back. Karen from Dudsbury mentioned that there may be difficulty introducing such a scheme at a privately owned club. Cindy Brown (Sherborne) reported that they had signed up to the Charter. ii) Sara asked that any officers who have competitions dates already for next year, let her have them for inclusion into the “Yellow Book”. iii) Sheila will send the names of junior players eligible for teams to Mel. iv) The AGM will be held on Monday 18th October 2021 this has been brought forward slightly due to clash of dates with the SW Bowmaker. Sara will contact Dudsbury Golf Club to see if they are still able to host the AGM. v) Kate thanked all those Delegates who were retiring, for the work that they had done. Kate welcomed all their replacements and was looking forward to working with them all. 	<p>ALL SD SL</p>
<p>13. The meeting finished at 11.40 hrs</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting – Friday 12th February 2021</p>	

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