



**DORSET LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION**

**County Delegates Meeting**

**Dorchester Bowls Club**

**Friday November 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

<p><b>1. Present</b> – There were 27 Delegates and 5 Executive present. Minute Taker - Kate Roberts (Ass Sec/Vice Captain)</p>	
<p><b>2. Apologies</b> – there were 4 apologies</p>	
<p><b>3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b> – The minutes were accepted, by those present, and signed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
<p><b>4. Matters Arising</b> – There were no matters arising.</p>	
<p><b>5. Correspondence</b> – There has been no relevant correspondence</p>	
<p><b>6. Acting Captain's Report</b> (Tracy Bryant) –          Thank you for coming today. I am sure that you will all be pleased to hear that I have very little to report on since the AGM.</p> <p>Most of you will know that Kate has volunteered to be my VC, meaning that she will become Captain in October next year.</p> <p>Whilst she is still doing the job of Assistant Secretary at the moment, as the year progresses so will her duties as VC – particularly in light of the fact that we are hosting SW Match Week at Dudsbury next year and I am unable to attend because my daughter gets married that week.</p> <p>We will, therefore, need a new Assistant Secretary to take Kate's place ASAP. We will be putting an advert and job description on the website and sending information out to you in the near future. I am however aware that we have had very little response from such adverts in the past. Therefore, I would like you to bring this up at your committee meetings and spread the word please.</p> <p>We will also be looking for a Welfare Officer to replace Kate. She has been doing this job for many years. The Welfare job is far less onerous. It just means making sure that the Policy is up to date, attending one or two courses every three years or so and getting involved very occasionally if there is a problem.</p>	<p>ALL</p>

Obviously, during the year Kate will also be looking for a VC.

I am sure that I don't need to say that without volunteers to run the Association, we cannot continue to function or run the competitions that we do now.

As I said at the AGM, I have got an enormous amount out of being involved in County, so I urge people to contact us if they think they would like to help – or at least find out a bit more about it.

## **7. Officers Reports**

**a. Vice Captain** (Kate Roberts) – nothing to report

**b. Treasurers Report** (Annie Hobell) – due to family commitments Annie is unable to attend but sent the following report.

Balance at the bank at the end of SEPTEMBER 2019

Current account £6,021  
Savings account £25,095  
TOTAL £31,116

Income for affiliation fees received.

Unfortunately Annie has been having problems with Barclays bank. Initially it was getting the signatories approved and now they will not send her any online banking/accounts information. This has been incredibly frustrating. Fortunately Lindsay has been able to do the day to day accounts whilst it is all being rectified.

**c. SW Representative Report** (Jane Southcombe) –

England golf Competition Working Committee – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019

- The European amateur, which was held at Parkstone golf club was well received within Europe. This will help EG host more European events. They have passed their thanks onto Parkstone GC.
- The first disability EG event was held this year. There were only 42 players, which EG was disappointed with. However it is baby steps and hopefully marketing will improve these numbers.
- The entries for the women's and girl's events were generally up. The exception to this was the Champion of Champions event held at Woodhall Spa GC. It was noted at the meeting that the men who represent their county all have their expenses paid for. The majority of women and girls who play have to pay it themselves. One of the exceptions is Dorset, as they give the players £150 towards their accommodation and travel.
- Please note that in future the Champion of Champions will be held exclusively at Woodhall Spa GC and will be played on the Bracken course as the Hotchins is said to be far too difficult especially for the girls. Jane's comment was that the women were getting short changed again, which obviously didn't go down particularly well.
- EG need our support to ensure that the Champion of Champions

event for women and girls is retained and we will need to support our players in as far as we can so that this event is kept in the calendar.

- The club team event has been extremely poorly supported. Therefore EG are not going to support the event anymore.
  
- The Brenda King foursomes. EG see that this event has no purpose as far as development is concerned. Over the past 2 or 3 years the number of entries has dwindled quite considerably. This year there were only 33 pairs playing. EG feel that they can no-longer run this event. They have offered it to the regions but it looks as though the regions do not want to run it. So unless the regions change their minds then the Brenda King Foursomes competition will cease to exist.
  
- The Australian Spoons. Please can we make it quite clear to competitors who qualify for the final, that EG transportation policy (ie use of buggies) is implemented at the final. Hence any player without the correct medical certificate will not be able to use a buggy.

Jane broached the subject of having a girl's and senior's county finals especially as from 2021 the County finals will be in the 2½ day format and therefore smaller squads. EG view was that we would have to prove an appetite for this at regional level before they would consider it.

All the dates for 2022 are just about finalised and EG are now looking for venues for 2023. Consequently if any club has a centenary, for example, and would like to host an EG event then please let them know.

There was an interesting discussion with James on how EG view player development. EGs view is that their primary objective is to produce professional golfers. This is why they concentrate mainly on stroke play. The majority of events on the circuit are stroke play and match play is secondary. For example teams for the Solheim and Ryder Cup are picked on stroke play performance. James wanted us to note this looking forward.

Jane has had several emails from senior lady golfers within the region, saying that the South West Inter county senior match play event will not be run next year and probably not run again. They are asking the SW Region committee to run the event making it into a stroke play competition. I have taken this to DLPGA Executives and they would much prefer the event to remain a match play tournament.

## SOUTH WEST FIXTURES 2020

Date	Fixture	Venue
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	England Golf Medals	Kendleshire GC, Gloucestershire
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June-1 <sup>st</sup> July	South West Inter county Match Week	Dudsbury GC, Dorset
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	SW Region Australian Spoons	Stover GC, Devon
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> August	SW Junior Inter county Championship	Carlyon Bay GC, Cornwall
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> September	EG National Finals	Spalding GC, Lincolnshire
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	South West Bowmaker	Tidworth GC, Wiltshire
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	South West Foursomes	Perranporth GC, Cornwall

Second team match against Devon – 19<sup>th</sup> June at Torquay Golf Club

Friendly match against Hampshire - 19<sup>th</sup> April at Stoneham Golf Club

**d. County Junior Organiser's Report** (Sheila Davidge) – Sheila sent her apologies. There is nothing to report.

**e. Handicap Advisor's Report** (Ann Talbot). Ann had nothing to report but was happy to take any questions.

(Cathy MacFarlane-Thompson ) Interclub and K/O Secretary). Q. The WHS is due to be rolled out in the summer but not be fully operational until November 2020. It has been said that until November the WHS will be run in tandem with the current system. How will this work? A. Ann is not sure how it will work but by the summer everyone will have their hcp index. This means that when visiting clubs who have been slope rated and who should have the slope charts on notice boards, players will be able to assess what their hcp would be at that club.

Clubs who have not been slope rated should be given a provisional slope rating.

Seminars are to be run by Ann and Ian Hulse. This hadn't been made clear to them originally by England Golf which is why the earlier seminars had to be cancelled. The new dates are – February 12<sup>th</sup> 2022<sup>0</sup> at Yeovil Golf club and February 19<sup>th</sup> 2022<sup>0</sup> at Broadstone Golf club.

**f. Veteran's Captain's Report** (Rosemary Shepherd)

Most of what I need you to know for the coming year is in your Delegates Packs. But before I speak about those there is some good news from The South West Veterans AGM, which I attended recently. Dorset were runners up for the South

West Trophy this year. We lost out to Cornwall on count back which had to be calculated on individual matches won. We lost by just 3 matches which considering that we lost to Cornwall 6-1 makes the overall result a very creditable one. I would ask delegates to pass on my thanks and congratulations to all who played in those matches. There is a notice about this in your pack and I would be grateful if you could put it on your Vets Noticeboard alongside other posters etc.

An issue, which was raised at the SWVLGA AGM, was that of membership of County Vets. In order to play in SW Vets Spring and Autumn Field Days, ladies must be members of their County Vets. It became obvious that the three other Counties have a membership list because all ladies over 60 pay an annual subscription of £3/£5. I have no way of knowing who amongst Dorset Ladies are members. I only know when you arrive to play in matches or meetings if you are the proud owner of a Vets badge. Next year the Spring Field Day is at Weston Super Mare and the Autumn is at Trethorne. It does state on the poster that entrants must be a member of their County Vets. This doesn't need to be a problem. Please continue to encourage ladies to enter these events and Sue and I will find a solution for this year.

Finally, I hope that everything is in your pack as it should be. Please let me know if you have any queries or anything missing. Closing dates are on posters and entry forms. I look forward to receiving these in the New Year.

**8. Presidents Raffle** (Val Ford)

This was brought to the delegates at their last meeting. From Val's observations, raffle prizes were brought by the same people and the raffle tickets bought by the same people. Val recognizes that funds needed to be raised and a suggestion at the last delegates meeting was that players, in certain competitions, could buy 'jokers' or 'mulligans'. This was discussed at the last Executives meeting and the general feeling on this was whilst it was good at raising money it did skew the results and we didn't feel that was fair. Val is suggesting a more targeted approach. The Senior Championships and Bowmaker (currently we do not have a raffle at the Bowmaker event) are the most popular events. Val is proposing that she will buy bottles of wine (when on special offer at the supermarkets) for the raffles and will really push selling the raffle tickets at these two events. She would like the Delegates to encourage their ladies to buy the raffles. Hopefully this approach will be successful and not mean we have to look at other ways of fund raising.

**9. South West Match Week** (Tracy Bryant) - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at Dudsbury Golf Club.

2020 is Dorset's turn to host the SW Inter-Counties Competition. The format has changed so that it is now played over 2½ days with an extra ½ day spare in case of inclement weather. There are 2 foursomes and 3 singles matches per session. Each team playing against 2 counties per day. We are hoping the format may work to our advantage, as we will be able to play more working ladies who couldn't, in the past. give up a whole week of work.

The hosting county has to produce a brochure for each competing county which

<p>sets out, for example, the rules of the competition, the format, information on and off the course such as parking facilities, first aid points and most importantly meals. This has to be produced by the beginning of March when we have our SW Captain's meeting.</p> <p>Tracy and Kate have had a productive meeting with Jack (golf operations coordinator) at Dudsbury Golf Club to get the ball rolling.</p> <p>Tracy has contacted Sheila Waltham EG referee based at Parkstone and Sheila has agreed to be available for the 3 days. Tracy has also contacted Ian Hulse (DCGU) as we do need 2 referees per day.</p> <p>To run the competition successfully, as well as officials we need a host of volunteers to, for example, ball spot, meet and greet and man the half way score boards. Tracy has produced a volunteer form, which she will send to the Delegates at a later date. She would really appreciate it if they would post on their notice boards and encourage people (men and women) to volunteer. In the early stages it doesn't matter if we have too many as people do drop out. However it would be good to have an idea of numbers by the end of March. Also if not volunteering they could come and support as the golf is of a really high standard and worth watching.</p>	
<p><b>10. Fixture and Events Pack</b> (Liz Walker)</p> <p>Delegates should have an envelope with the all the fixtures and events for 2020. Please could you check the contents list to ensure nothing is missing. If so please contact Liz. She will also be sending the information electronically.</p> <p>We have also given the Delegates some Centenary books detailing the history of DLPGA. These are free for any member who may be interested so please distribute in your club.</p>	ALL
<p><b>11. Interclub Draw 2021</b> (Cathy MacFarlane-Thompson)</p> <p>Cathy also referred to the pack which includes the application forms for the Humphrey's and Parkin K/O. Please could they be given to their Captains. Also please could the Delegates let Cathy know who is their Interclub Captain?</p> <p>When the time comes Cathy is happy to receive results by post but would prefer them to be sent by email.</p> <p>The draw took place.</p> <p><b>Group A</b> Crane Valley, Knighton Heath, Remedy Oak and Moors Valley</p> <p><b>Group B</b> Yeovil, Ferndown, Lyme Regis, Broadstone</p> <p><b>Group C</b> <b>Dudsbury, Parkstone, Came Down, Dorset Golf and Country Club</b></p> <p><b>Group D</b> Sherborne, Weymouth, Ashley Wood, Wareham.</p>	ALL

<p><b>12. AOB</b>  Kate. Thought the Delegate would like the meeting dates for 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>• Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July</li> <li>• Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November</li> </ul> <p>AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at Dudsbury Golf Club. Kate thanked Dudsbury for agreeing to host the AGM and Terri LeQuesne for making it possible.</li> </ul>	
<p>The meeting finished at 12md with Tracy wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe journey home.</p> <p>The next meeting will be on <b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am at Dorchester Bowls Club</b></p>	

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