



DORSET LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

**County Delegates Meeting
Dorchester Bowls Club**

Friday February 7th 2020

1. Present – There were 25 Delegates and 5 Executive present	
2. Apologies – There were 9 Apologies	
3. Welcome to New Delegates – The new delegates introduced themselves and were welcomed.	
4. Minutes from the Previous Meeting – These were accepted as a true and accurate and duly signed.	
<p>5. Matters Arising</p> <p>p1 Item 6 Para 3. Regarding recruitment of volunteers. Grace and Tracy had a meeting with England Golf (EG) and they have formatted a policy / suggestions for us to follow and hopefully improve the way we approach recruitment to DLPGA and so attract volunteers.</p> <p>Tracy asked whether the Delegates had any feedback from their committees positive or negative regarding recruitment to the various positions? Karen Gray (Dudsbury) said they had a member who was eminently suitable but they didn't want to lose her from the Club to County!</p> <p>Tracy asked the Delegates to take back to their committees again.</p> <p>Welfare Officer – Tracy has had one enquiry regarding this position. However the person enquiring requested a job description. Tracy has compiled the job description. It will go to the Exec for approval and then go out to the Delegates.</p> <p>Elba Thorne (Broadstone) asked whether the Welfare Officer was required to attend all junior meetings?</p> <p>Tracy replied saying not all meetings. The Welfare Officer was made known to the juniors and parents. Her name and contact details are promoted. Kate attended part of County Week..</p> <p>p2. Vice Captain. As part of the recruitment procedures recommended we have decided to go for a more targeted approach. Tracy and Kate have written formally to a lady regarding the position of Vice Captain giving the positive aspects of the role and what she might get out of it.</p> <p>p4 e Regarding slope rating. We contacted Jenny Waterhouse USGA Team Leader as there has been some confusion as to what is happening in Dorset. Unfortunately she was unable to come to this meeting due to a prior commitment. However sent a report detailing the slope rating process. Kate read this out. It is very involved! See attached.</p> <p>Ann Talbot (Hcp Advisor) informed us that this would also be discussed at the seminars to be held at Yeovil and Broadstone.</p>	<p>ALL</p>

All the clubs yet to be rated should be done between April and September. Kate was informed by Jenny that Bridport should be rated in April. Sally Davis (Weymouth) asked when the clubs would be notified of their slope rate. Val Ford (President) said her understanding was that all clubs will be notified after April. However with a bit of searching it could be found on the American Website. Ann Talbot – informed us that courses not rated would be given a temporary slope index. However this would mean that when rated players would have a new hcp index. p5 . SW Match Week. Tracy reminded everyone that for the week to run smoothly and be successful we will need volunteers. Tracy will be sending out a volunteers form within the next few weeks. Both men and women will be welcome. It doesn't matter if we have too many initially as some people may not be available nearer the time. If people cannot volunteer then encourage them to come and support Dorset!

6. Correspondence. There has been no correspondence.

7. Acting Captain's Report – Tracy has nothing to report that hasn't already been discussed.

8. Officers Reports

a) Vice Captain – (Kate Roberts) - nothing to report

b) Treasurers Report (Annie Hobell)

Our balances on the bank accounts as at 31st Dec 2019 are:-

Current account 4273.50

Deposit account 30113.53

Total 34387.03

I now have full access to online banking and most of the information electronically for the previous years. I do have to meet with Lindsay to collect the rest of the paper files etc...

I met with Sheila to get a clear understanding of all income and expenditure to date for the Juniors and to complete the Junior analysis on the spread sheet.

Circle Insurance have changed the start date of the policy year and we have an extension til 30th April which we agreed to and the payment of £275.09 was pro- rated accordingly and will be paid and shown within the January figures.

It has also come to light that there was 2 outstanding invoices for Broadstone Golf Club which have not been received for £30 for engraving and for £57.65 for bar and food bill for the Hampshire v Dorset ladies match back in April last year. These have been actioned now.

For information There has been a change in interest rate from 0.4% to 0.3%.

c) SW Region Representative (Jane Southcombe) Jane sends her apologies. Report read out by Kate

SOUTH WEST FIXTURES 2020

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

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All these dates and entry forms are on the SW website (and in the DLPGA Yellow Booklet) and I would appreciate it if you can put these dates on your notice boards, to get as much support as possible.

Come and support us at Dudsbury.

If there are players in your clubs that would like to play for the county and who's handicap is less than 10, please let me know – people new to the County or juniors coming through.

Second Team match against Cornwall – 17th May at Yeovil Golf Club.

Second team match against Devon – 21st June at Torquay Golf Club.

Friendly match against Hampshire – 19th April at Stoneham Golf Club.

The new CEO of EG is Jeremy Tomlinson.

The next Regional meeting will be on 3rd March at Exeter Golf Club. At this meeting the 'Independent Golfer' will be discussed.

County Support Officers (CSO's) are now offering 'tailored' support.

Safeguarding – all clubs and Counties need to be accredited. Kate explained that this means ensuring policies and procedures are all up to date.

d) County Junior Organiser (Sheila Davidge) (Sheila sends her apologies. Kate read out her report.

I am very pleased to advise delegates that the number of girls playing golf is still increasing. We have four squads that attend training. Eighteen girls in Dorset 1, sixteen girls in Dorset 2, eight girls in Academy 1 and twelve girls in Academy 2. Due to the increase in numbers we have two new coaches. Mike Dodd, Fern Grimshaw and Charlie Pilinger are running the two Dorset squads and Mike Dodd runs the Academy groups.

I am sure that you will be delighted to hear that Fern gave birth to a son a few weeks ago – Franklin.

We again have had to increase the parent's contributions due to having more coaches and extra coaching time they were happy to pay the increase. We provide eight four hours sessions for the main squad, and the parents contribute £100 and six two-hour sessions for the Academy with a contribution of £80. We also receive a contribution from DLPGA to help towards the cost of training.

Our new Junior Captain is Hermione Christey-Clover (Ashley Wood GC) and our vice-captain is Chloe Haesler (Broadstone GC). I would like to thank Lauren Purchase for all the great work she put into being Junior Captain and I wish her well for her future. The Vice-Captain is chosen by the Junior Committee.

We have two Dorset girls in the SW England squad. The squad consists of eight girls U18 from across the South West Region.

The girls are: Louise Burke (Broadstone GC) and Alice Webb (Parkstone GC). The other girls are from Gloucestershire, Somerset and Cornwall.

We have a number of competitions arranged for the girls against Dorset U14s, Wiltshire, Devon and Hampshire girls.

I would like to thank the clubs, especially Ashley Wood GC that have donated towards the juniors and ensure them that the donations are well spent.

I would also like to thank the clubs that provide courtesy to play and practice on their course. This year the girls have course management at Lyme Regis, Ashley Wood, Yeovil and Dudsbury Golf Clubs.

We have some amazing new young girls who played extremely well on Sunday at Ferndown Forest GC with two players scoring 41 points. I must thank the parents for their continued support for the girls and the Junior Committee for standing in for me when I am unable to be at a competition.

This year we hope to retain the South West Inter Counties Championship which is being hosted by Cornwall at Carlyon Bay Golf Club.

To help raise funds for the juniors Georgia Hall has supplied us with clothing which we sold prior to Christmas and raised over £600 pounds and the Christmas Raffle raised £110. Georgia has also supplied me with another bag of clothing which I will sell at the AM:AM we are running in April at Sturminster Marshall GC. Georgia has also provided me with a putter, rescue club and a signed polo shirt that she wore at the Solheim Cup, which will all be auctioned at the AM:AM fundraiser.

Georgia attended our Christmas Party and helped keep the girls engaged for over two hours, with her telling them about her amateur and professional career and then answering questions. She also had her photograph taken with over forty girls and parents. I thank her and her father for the support of

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<p>Dorset Junior Girls. It would be great if ladies entered the AM:AM with a junior girl from their club. I will ask Kate to send out to you lady delegates.</p> <p>Thank you for continuing to support these wonderful girls, they are a delight to be with and keep me on my toes.</p> <p>e) Handicap Advisor’s Report – Ann Talbot. Ann has nothing to report.</p> <p>f) Veterans Captains Report (Rosemary Shepherd) I have just two matters to report.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Entries for the Spring Greensomes Meeting at Lyme Regis are coming in steadily. I have had 20 entries so far. The closing date is 24th March but there is a possibility that we may be full before then. Please remind ladies to get their entries in asap. 2. The date of our match against Devon at Exeter has had to be changed. Exeter GCC have decided to begin Maintenance Week on 3rd August – the date we should have been playing. After discussions with all concerned the match will now be on the previous Monday – 27th July. Unfortunately, this is the day before the County Bowmaker at Moors Valley. I hope neither event is adversely affected. I would be grateful if Delegates could alter the sign up sheet and inform any ladies who have already signed up. I shall send out an email to all Club Delegates about this. <p>Thank you for your continuing support and best wishes for the coming season.</p> <p>g) Team Managers Report – Jane Southcombe. Jane has nothing extra to say that hasn’t been reported in her earlier report.</p> 	ALL
<p>9.Vets/Presidents Raffle. Tracy and Kate received an email from Rosemary Shepherd expressing her concerns about the financial aspects of running the Vets competitions. We had a meeting with Rosemary after the last Delegates meeting and she was saying that more clubs were asking for green fees and the Vets section couldn’t afford it. After discussion with Rosemary and the Exec it was proposed that Vets should be asked to pay a £5 match fee on top of paying £15 for the match meal and that with the Delegates approval the Presidents raffle should be divided between the Juniors and Vets to help fund the matches. (Especially as many of Dorset ladies are Vets!!) This was approved by those present.</p>	
<p>10. Delegates Pack / Yellow Booklet (Liz Walker) Liz gave all the Delegates their allocation of Yellow books for distribution to their club ladies. Please could the Delegates check details for accuracy and contact Kate if there are any changes.</p>	ALL

<p>Liz also gave the Delegates their pack which contains posters and entry forms for the Interclub Foursomes, Autumn Meeting, Bowmaker and Over 70s. She also asked delegates to check their forms for the Silver Challenge. The form in the pack is the correct one. Liz will also be sending the forms electronically to you all.</p>	
<p>11. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sally Davis (Weymouth) Is there anything to help juniors when they progress from the Junior section into Adult Ladies golf? Tracy responded by saying that she was aware of the young lady Sally was alluding to. Her name and contact details had been passed onto the team manager. Availability lists and dates of the training sessions have also been sent to her. By the time the junior is 18yrs they should be very aware of how the County works Her responsibility is to contact the Team Manager. She also knows Tracy well so can and has been in contact with her. Can Sally check that the young lady has received the availability list and training dates. If there is a problem to contact Tracy. Ann Talbot – asked whether a small competition for 19-24 yr olds could be organised to help them in this progression from junior to adulthood golf? Tracy thought another volunteer would be required to organize this. Liz - suggested that the Delegates ask their club Junior organizer for the names of juniors coming into the Ladies section. She could then ensure they are aware of competitions at club and county and how to enter them. Penny Bartlett (Bulbury Woods) – Do we have any links with Bournemouth University? Tracy – no as they have their own golf teams as do many universities. Cindy Brown (Sherborne) – suggested that we find out how many girls would be involved before doing a lot of work. Tracy said that we would discuss this at the next Executive Meeting. • Elba Thorne (Broadstone) When do you become a Senior / Vet to be eligible for relevant competitions? Liz – providing you are 50/60 yrs on the day of the competition you are eligible. • Kate on behalf of Cathy MacFarlane- Thompson (K/O Secretary) Just a reminder that the closing date for Humphries and Parkin entries is on Sunday 16th February. She has received applications from most clubs. Re Humphries – are Knighton Heath and Remedy entering? Re Parkin – are Wareham and Isle of Purbeck entering? Please could the Delegates check as she will be doing the draw shortly after the closing date. • Karen Gray (Website Officer) Karen looks to improve the website every few years. For example she tries to get the dates of opens but never fully succeeds. Therefore, in future, she will not be including this on the website. However will include a link to Empire Golf for those interested. Please could the Delegates tell members that all county information is on the 	<p>Sally</p> <p>Exec</p> <p>Sue Stannard, Jackie Stoodley Chris Veazey, Dawn Ley.</p>

<p>Website. If any one has any ideas on how to improve the website please could they contact Karen? Also can they give her news items such as achievements, phoptographs. Karen is aware that things are not always perfect, therefore if any mistakes are noted can Karen be informed? She will not be offended!</p>	
<p>The Meeting finished at 11.45hrs. The next meeting will be at Dorchester Bowls Club Friday 10th July 2020 10.30hrs</p>	

Signed.....

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