



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

DELEGATES' MEETING MINUTES

OAKLAND PARK GOLF CLUB

Wednesday 13th February 2019
12.00 - 13.30

PRESENT	Sally Harborne	President
	Gail Sharp	Captain
	Maura Spencer	Hon Secretary
	Carolyn Rivette	Hon Treasurer
	Christine Bishop	Handicap Adviser
	Gilly Stimpson	Competitions Secretary
	Janette Psyllides	2nd Team Captain
	Janet Beal	County Junior Organiser
	Phillipa Cook	EG Voting member, Course Rating, Website Admin
	Jackie Maher	Knockouts
	Glenise Marfell	Leagues and IC Foursomes

	<u>Affiliated Club</u>	<u>Delegate</u>	<u>Additional Attendee</u>
1	Abbey Hill		
2	Aylesbury Park	Beth McCunn	Bobbi Ecob
3	Beaconsfield	Jan Bradford	
4	Buckingham	Elaine Harrison	
5	Bletchley		
6	The Buckinghamshire		
7	Burnham Beeches	Jackie Maher	
8	Chartridge Park	Rachel Mistri	
9	Chesham and Ley Hill		
10	Chiltern Forest		
11	Datchet		
12	Denham	Serena Hodgson LC	Pat Mullins (Ladies Secretary)
13	Ellesborough		Alex Camp (Sub)
14	Farnham Park		
15	Flackwell Heath	Sue Martin	
16	Gerrards Cross	Carol Derbyshire PLC	
17	Harewood Downs	Gilly Brewer	
18	Harleyford	Pat Elwell	Deputy Co Delegate
19	Hazlemere	Xandra Morley	Nancy Forrest VC
20	Hedsor		
21	Huntswood		Jenny Haynes LC
22	Iver		
23	Ivinghoe		
24	Lambourne		
25	Magnolia Park	Anne Terry	
26	Oakland Park	Lynda Hilton	Carol Fenwick LC
27	Princes Risborough		
28	Richings Park		

29	South Buckinghamshire		
30	Stoke Park	Anne Worby	Alison Gillam LC
31	Stowe	Cheryl Dawson	
32	Thorney Park		
33	Three Locks		
34	Weston Turville	Rosie Rayfield, Pauline Waite	Sheila Cadge
35	Wexham Park	Rose Norey	
36	Whiteleaf		Pauline Risk (Admin Sec)
37	Woburn	Julie Clarke	
38	Wycombe Heights		

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WELCOME FROM GAIL SHARP, CO CAPTAIN

Good afternoon everyone and thank you for coming to the first Delegates' Meeting for 2019. In January as a County Executive, we have taken some time out to review what we are doing and what we might or should do differently in the future. Our aim is to publish a draft plan for the next three years and consult more fully on that draft plan with all your clubs over the next few months.

However, before we do that, we would like to use some of the time in today's meeting to get your input in at the ground floor. We want to make sure that what we consult on is grounded and practical, not an ivory tower Executive perspective.

We have some normal business to transact today (not least the Bucks Shield first round draw) but we have shortened this by limiting the Executive 'talk time' to an absolute minimum, with a handout available summarising the main information-only items.

1 APOLOGIES

Susanna Mitterer	Seniors' Captain
Tony Bowers	County Coach
Marilyn Plummer	Ellesborough
Linda Poore	Hazlemere
Louise Cosslett	Gerrards Cross
Jennifer Locke	Gerrards Cross
Debbie Gibb	Weston Turville
Sandra Eland	Chesham & Ley Hill
Caroline Bond	Thorney Park
Janet Crooks	High Wycombe
Sue Clutterbuck	Ellesborough
Sue D'Arcy	Princes Risborough
Margaret Pitman	Chiltern Forest
Jenny Masterton-Smith	Whiteleaf

2 WORKSHOP SESSION ONE - BCLGA GOING FORWARD

The Executive proposed that there were five core areas that BCLGA had as their reason for being:

- Talent development (from pre-handicap adults and juniors to County first team and everything in between)
- Golf regulatory matters (Handicaps, Rules, Course ratings)
- Competitions (something for everyone)
- Governance (financial strategy, insurance, business planning, succession planning, communications, legislation issues)
- Promoting good practice sharing between clubs

The aim of this workshop was to look at these areas and identify:

What Delegates think BCLGA does well?

What Delegates think BCLGA does poorly?

What Delegates think BCLGA should do more of?

What Delegates think BCLGA should do less of?

Comments were also sought on what Delegates hope to get from the meetings.

The Delegates were divided up into small groups with each group having 1 or 2 Executive members to act as a scribe. A lively discussion lasted 40 minutes after which a Delegate from each group presented to the floor the main points of their discussion. The flip chart material is captured in an attachment to these minutes for Delegates future reference.

The information will be assessed by the Executive at the next meeting on 19th March. It is hoped to have a draft Business Plan ready for circulation to the clubs for discussion by end March.

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WORKSHOP SESSION TWO - SENIORS v VETS

The second topic for discussion concerned the arrangements we make for the Spring and Autumn Seniors' meetings held each year - competition structure, age, groupings, venues.

Age criteria

To play in a Bucks Seniors' inter-county league match, a member has to be over 50 and normally have a handicap of under 14, although for friendly matches higher handicaps are included. The Seniors' Championship also has an over 50 age criteria. However for the two Seniors meetings (Spring and Autumn), the current age criteria is over 60.

Having visited various other county websites, the general age category for 60+ players is referred to as Veteran golf, and many counties have vibrant VETS sections with separate membership fees, committee structures etc. At present BCLGA has a Seniors Captain whose role is to organise the Seniors matches and the two 60+ events each year (which are currently termed the Seniors Spring and Autumn meetings). The Seniors Championship is separately organised as an integral part of the main County Championship arrangements.

There is no proposal to change the arrangements for the Seniors Spring Meeting on 30th April at Buckingham Golf Club. This competition is already open for applications. However the Executive is open to making changes to the Autumn 2019 meeting age criteria, based on feedback from the Club Delegates.

The proposal for the Seniors Autumn meeting 2019 would be:

- *To run two simultaneous age-related team competitions, one for the 50 to 64 age category (termed the Seniors team prize) and one for the 65+ age category (termed the Vets team prize), with the same arrangements for teams as now i.e. team of 3 from any club, two stableford scores to count.*
- *Entrants must stipulate at time of entry which age category competition they are entering; mixed age teams are permissible; where one or more of the team members are under 65, then the team competes in the seniors competition and where all 3 team members are over 65, then the team competes in the Vets competition.*
- *The best singles prize would be abandoned*

Prizes would be vouchers, the value of which would be related to the entry income in each age category.

Gail asked for a show of hands to adopt the new format or for the Seniors' meeting arrangements to stay the same. A show of hands was unanimously in favour of the new format which will start at the Autumn meeting 2019.

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Venues

The venues for the Seniors meetings are booked for 2019, Buckingham Golf Club for the Spring meeting on April 30th and Oakland Park for the Autumn meeting on 2nd October. The Spring meeting has moved venues from time to time but the Autumn meeting has been at Oakland Park for several years. Both clubs are very supportive of the events but the Executive is conscious that Seniors do like to play at different courses from time to time.

Delegates are asked to consult their clubs about possible alternative venues for the 2020 Competitions and specifically whether their own club would be willing to host such an event.

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4 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the December 5th 2018 meeting were signed as a true record.

Gilly Brewer Harewood Downs: suggested that the events listed in the Tri-fold leaflet could be laid out in chronological order. This will be tried for next year.

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Lynda Hilton, Oakland Park: complimented the new website and encouraged clubs and lady members to familiarise themselves and read the website which is very informative.

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Christine Bishop, Handicap Advisor: 3,000+ BCLGA ladies are registered with CDH but only 400 ladies have "opted-in" to BCLGA and registered their personal email addresses so far. Under GDPR, we can email any BCLGA member that has registered their permission for us to do so and with the new website we have the technology to do so. Building up the "opted-in" registrations is therefore important. This can be done by going onto the new website, clicking on Contact Us tab and then selecting the Opt In tab and completing the drop down form. Delegates are asked to bring this to the attention of their ladies.

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Christine received 35 Harewood Downs ladies opting-in just before Christmas. Gilly Brewer said she did a big push to the ladies via the committee.

5 BUCKS CHALLENGE SHIELD - FIRST ROUND DRAW

The first 12 clubs drawn received a bye to the 2nd round -

FLACKWELL HEATH; HAREWOOD DOWNS; WHITELEAF; CHILTERN FOREST; WEXHAM PARK; OAKLAND PARK; HARLEYFORD; BEACONSFIELD; BUCKINGHAM; THE LAMBOURNE; HAZLEMERE; STOKE PARK.

1st round home and away matches to be played between 25th March and 5th May (nb matches home and away can be played in any order):

DENHAM	V	HUNTSWOOD
WESTON TURVILLE	V	BURNHAM BEECHES
CHARTRIDGE PARK	V	GERRARDS CROSS
ELLESBOROUGH	V	WOBURN

6 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

Instead of the Executive all reporting individually on their areas, a two-sided summary of information was handed out with key information on it re the County Lunch, Competitions (including upcoming closing dates), the County Championships, Seniors Matters, County Grants, Forthcoming meetings and Communication Matters. A file containing the Executive summary of information will be sent out as an attachment to these minutes.

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7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Gilly Stimpson announced the **County Summer Meeting** this year will be held at Harpenden GC on Wednesday 10th July. This will be a 3 ball alliance, closing date for entry 16 June. Entry forms now available on the website.

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The **County Lunch** poster is available to print in colour from the website.

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The **'Work Aid' Captain's Charity Day** is on Friday 7th June at Gerrards Cross GC. This will be an afternoon event followed by dinner. Entry forms and posters will be available soon.

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A date for your diary **'The Gala Day'** Friday 26 July at Gerrards Cross GC. Details soon to be posted on the website.

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All information for the above can be accessed via this link and using the dropdown menu 'What's on/what has happened'.

<https://bclga.org.uk/page.aspx?pid=47831>

Alex Camp, Ellesborough - Could the 2nd round of the Bucks Shield be pre-drawn?

Gail replied that this was done in the past, but was changed to the current format to mirror the "excitement" of the FA CUP draw.

Xandra Morley, Hazlemere - Why is the County lunch so expensive?

Gail replied that the cost of the lunch was the same as last year, but with more choices available. A small percentage of the proceeds do go to the County funds.

Beth McCunn, Aylesbury Park - When is the Vice Captains' meeting.

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	Gail advised that this will be held on Wednesday 17th April at Gerrards Cross GC and a letter of invitation to the Vice Captains will shortly be going out. Gilly Brewer, Harewood Downs - suggested that any printing that needs to be done by the Delegates should be through their club's office.	GLS MS
8	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 5th June 2019 at Buckingham Golf Club, Tingewick Road, MK18 4AE Short game clinic 13.00 - 14.00 Meeting commences 14.15 - 15.45	ALL

Signed.....**Date**.....