



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

DELEGATES' MEETING MINUTES

VIA ZOOM

MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2020
14.00 - 15.00

PRESENT:	Gail Sharp	Captain
	Lynda Hilton	President
	Janet Beal	Vice-Captain & CJO
	Maura Spencer	Hon Secretary
	Carolyn Rivett	Hon Treasurer
	Christine Bishop	Handicap Advisor

	<u>Affiliated Club</u>	<u>Delegate/Representative</u>
1	Abbey Hill	
2	Beaconsfield	Gill Leach
3	Buckingham	
4	Bletchley	
5	The Buckinghamshire	
6	Burnham Beeches	Jackie Maher
7	Chartridge Park	Jane Osborne
8	Chesham & Ley Hill	Sandra Eland
9	Chiltern Forest	Margaret Pitman
10	Datchet	
11	Denham	Dot Kelleher
12	Ellesborough	Marilyn Plummer
13	Farnham Park	
14	Flackwell Heath	Lynn Hubbard
15	Gerrards Cross	Sue Hughes
16	Harewood Downs	
17	Harleyford	Gill Redman
18	Hazlemere	
19	Hedsor	
20	Huntswood	Rowan Revell
21	Iver	
22	Ivinghoe	
23	Lambourne	
24	Oakland Park	Lynda Hilton
25	Princes Risborough	
26	Richings Park	
27	South Buckinghamshire	
28	Stoke Park	Anne Worby
29	Stowe	Sandra Siggers
30	Thorney Park	
31	Three Locks	

32	Weston Turville	Anita Parker
33	Wexham Park	
34	Whiteleaf	Pauline Risk
35	Woburn	Jenny Gibson
36	Wycombe Heights	

ACTION

1. Gail welcomed all the Delegates/Club Representatives to our first Delegates' meeting by Zoom. She explained that the meeting would be recorded to assist Maura with finalising the minutes, but that the recording would then be erased.

2. APOLOGIES

Jackie Edwards	2nd Team Captain
Susanna Mitterer	Seniors' Captain & EGVM
Gilly Stimpson	Competitions Secretary
Rose Norey	Wexham Park
Janet Crooks	Wycombe Heights
Caroline Bond	Thorney Park
Gilly Brewer	Harewood Downs
Liz Harris Ulph	Buckingham
Jan Bradford	Beaconsfield
Norma Lee	Lambourne

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY 2020

Pat Elwell was mistakenly marked as representing Hazlemere GC instead of Harleyford GC. Following this amendment, the minutes were agreed and signed by the Hon Secretary as a true record on behalf of the County Captain (Covid 19). There had not been a meeting in June.

4. MATTERS ARISING

SAFEGOLF - Janet Beal reminded the Delegates that all clubs should be aware of the Safegolf policies for the safety of children, young people and vulnerable adults and the need for each club to be accredited with England Golf as Safegolf compliant to remain affiliated. England Golf have given an extension to have these policies in place by 31st March 2021. Sam Clapham is the England Golf club support officer for this project for the BB&O area if club management need to get in contact.

Janet confirmed that BCLGA has fulfilled most of their Safegolf policies needed to get accredited. Cathy Armstrong, our Welfare Officer, needs to attend a 'Time to Listen' course; however, these are currently not running due to the Covid situation. There are a few new DBS checks to be completed and these have been initiated.

BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE - Gail reported on the actions that we have been able to take on the business plan, although many have been delayed due to Covid. Actions

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achieved to date include:-

- 6 Bucks ladies attended the 'Rules School' in March and all 6 passed their exams.
- Nerys McGuinness, Harleyford GC has been appointed as Christine Bishop's Assistant Handicap Advisor.

A copy of the Priorities for Action report will be attached to these minutes.

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NEW DELEGATES' PACK This is now ready for distribution. Gail thanked all of those who assisted in putting this pack together.

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SUMMER COMPETITIONS - All of the summer competitions have been cancelled with the exception of the Senior & Junior Championships which were held at Harleyford. Covid rules were strictly adhered to. The Interclub Foursomes event due to be held in October has also been cancelled.

EXECUTIVE VACANCIES - At the AGM, Janet Beal will step down as CJO, and Delyth Barnett has been nominated for this role. Gilly Stimpson will step down as Competition Secretary and Jackie Maher has been nominated for this role, with Heather Pentney, Harewood Downs GC taking on Jackie's competitions assistant role. Maura Spencer will step down as Hon. Secretary and the nomination of her successor is being finalised and will be announced shortly.

Post meeting note: it should also be noted that Jackie Edwards who has been "Acting Second Team Captain" will be nominated for the role from the AGM.

5. **REVISED CONSTITUTION**

Janet and Lynda have been working on revising parts of the Constitution to bring it up to date. The proposed revised constitution had been circulated to the Delegates together with a single page which highlighted the changes and the reasons for the change.

The main points are

Page 1. Item 2) Objectives. Changes to WHS, Safegolf and GDPR wording.

Page 2. Item 4) Management. In line with other counties, it is proposed to make the England Golf Voting Member a member of the Exec rather than an advisory role.

Item 5) Election of Exec Officers to include a process when a post is contested.

Page 4. Item 7) ExOfficio Advisors/Support Roles It is proposed to split the role of Handicap Advisor and Rules Advisor so that they could in future be undertaken by two different people if desired (although the current arrangement for both roles to be undertaken by Christine Bishop will remain in place). It is also proposed to make these roles advisory rather than convey membership of the Executive.

Page 5 & 6. Item 9,11,12) Meetings. Allows meetings to be held by Zoom. Added the use of postal and email voting at Delegates meetings and AGM.

The procedure for the changes to the Constitution is as follows -

The proposed changes have been approved by the Exec and are being presented to the Delegates at this meeting. The Delegates are now asked to present the draft Constitution to their Ladies' committees and bring the details to the notice of their ladies. All full members will be eligible to vote on the proposals as part of the AGM process.

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A question from Margaret Pitman, Chiltern Forest GC. 'I was asked if the County name should be changed from Ladies to Women in line with England Golf'

Janet replied that all other County Associations are still 'Ladies', plus the fact that it would be an expensive exercise as the logos would need to be changed. So, for the time being there was no intention to change the name.

There were no further questions relating to the proposed changes to the Constitution.

6. **WINTER COMPETITIONS**

The Winter Scratch League entries have now closed. Jackie Maher has sent out all the relevant paperwork along with Covid rules to all the team organisers. 5 new teams have entered and only 3 teams have withdrawn. This competition will be run on a 4ball betterball format due to Covid restrictions.

The Winter Pairs k/o entries close on 15th September and Jackie reported a good number of entries so far. This will also be run on a 4ball betterball format. Those who entered the cancelled Summer Pairs k/o can use their entry fee credit for the winter k/o competition entry fee, where the pairs are identical to the summer. Delegates were asked to remind their ladies of the closing date in case any more people wanted to enter.

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Round one for both competitions will have to be played by 1st November to fall in line with the new WHS, which will come into force from round two.

7. **WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM - Christine Bishop**

In early June England Golf sent out to all clubs a very useful 'Tool Kit' which is a 47 page downloadable document. This document contains a host of resources to be drip fed to club members including videos, posters, infographics and booklets. Christine to email a copy to Maura so it can be included with these minutes. Delegates are asked to check if this is being used in their clubs..

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Underpinning this is a 'Know your score' campaign which should be displayed in clubs, this is a page from inside the tool kit.

Included in the tool kit is a week by week timeline indicating what's happening within England Golf and how more detailed information is being sent out to clubs. The current week is about the course handicap, what it is, how it's calculated and where you can find it in the tool kit. Nearer the time it will focus on playing handicap and general play.

In addition to the Tool Kit, everybody should have received a copy of the CONGU guide to the rules of handicapping. This is a players' reference guide. Christine has a PDF copy that can be emailed out on request.

Despite Covid the new World Handicapping System will be launched on 2nd November.

Christine then invited the Delegates to participate in a Q&A session

Q Gill Redman, Harleyford GC "Some members at Harleyford have been seriously ill

and not managed to get enough qualifying cards in before the cutoff date, some have had 18 months to 2 years off golf. How are EG going to assess handicaps for those people?"

A We will look at all scores going back to 1st January 2018. If a player does not have a single score in that period due to illness then we will put in 3 fictitious records equal to their last handicap and take - 2 off.

If a player has less than 20 qualifying cards then we will refer to the table in the CONGU booklet. For example, say a player has only 6 scores then we will take the average of the lowest 2 scores and take -1 off.

We will continue referring to the table in the booklet until the player has a fully developed handicap, which is 20 scores on record.

Q Jackie Maher, Burnham Beeches GC " If a player does not have a fully developed handicap will that prevent that player from entering any of the County competitions?"

A This will be down to the terms of the competitions. Some clubs/counties may put in an entry criterion to say players must have X handicap and a fully developed handicap index. This will be down to the individual clubs/counties to decide on individual entry qualifications.

Q Rowan Revell, Huntswood GC 'We have 2 new members from New Zealand who have brought their WHS handicaps with them. They have not submitted scores for a CONGU handicap as we felt it was pointless being so close to the transition to WHS. Is there some way of picking up their NZ handicap? Their home jurisdiction will be Huntswood.'

A Christine advised that if they spend 6 months here and 6 months in New Zealand then it is possible to have 2 jurisdictions. However, in order for them to obtain a WHS handicap for this country then they would be advised to submit scores to CONGU as they will need some score on record to assess their handicap for transition to WHS. It would be possible for them to have 2 WHS handicap indexes but eventually they would be realigned to one.

Q Dot Kelleher "For this year's winter competitions will we need a fully developed handicap index after 2nd November?"

A Janet advised that she is revising the terms of all the competitions to match the new WHS terminology and format.. For the winter knockout, players will not need a fully developed handicap index. The only possible competition where a fully developed handicap index will be needed is the Bucks Shield, but it is hoped by then most players will have their fully developed handicap index.

Christine advised that after the WHS transition there will be lots more opportunities to return more scores for handicapping.

Christine also announced that England Golf will soon be launching an app whereby a player can submit an away score directly to England Golf for handicapping purposes. Score cards should also be submitted to the players home club.

	<p>Due to Covid Christine was not able to run the planned presentations on WHS to clubs. Instead Christine has run pilot presentations in some clubs using a voice over by Gemma Hunter, England Golf Handicap Manager followed by a Q&A. The presentation lasts about 1 hour with a maximum of 30 people present, in line with Covid rules. If any club is interested in this then please contact Christine directly.</p>	DELS
8.	<p>AGM</p> <p>Due to Covid 19 we will hold the AGM by Zoom on Wednesday 28th October 2020. The notices and agenda for the AGM will be published on the BCLGA website and emailed to all clubs 4 weeks before the meeting, which will be Wednesday 30th September.</p> <p>Any items/reports that require a vote will be sent out along with a voting slip in order that the voting will have taken place in advance of the AGM. The results of the votes will be announced at the AGM.</p> <p>It is proposed to send out the voting slip on Tuesday 13th October, voting will be open from Wednesday 14th October and will close at midnight on Wednesday 21st October. The form will be downloadable from the website.</p> <p>On the voting form you will need to fill in your name, email address, golf club and CDH number as a means of governance.</p> <p>A concern was raised by Gill Redman, Harleyford GC. "Quite a lot of older members in clubs aren't computer literate and are scared of doing things online, so you will miss out on their voting because they won't know how to download etc. I know it's probably just a small percentage in some clubs but there are the older ladies who are not computer literate, but we are assuming they are able to use their smartphone and comfortable with Zoom meetings."</p> <p>Gail replied that the voting form and paperwork will be available on the website and as a Delegate you can print them off and place them on the notice board or other convenient location to be picked up. The voting forms can be posted to Maura as well as sent electronically. Gill requested that the form should contain Maura's postal address which was agreed.</p> <p>With regards to the Zoom AGM Gail suggested that ladies who were not comfortable with the technology could pair up for the meeting with another lady who is. Delegates were asked to draw their members' attention to this possibility</p>	MS
9.	<p>DELEGATES' MEETINGS 2021</p> <p>The Delegates' meetings for 2021 will be set by Janet and her committee following the AGM. There is however one Delegates' meeting in the diary for <u>30th November</u> currently booked to take place at Gerrards Cross GC. The main topic of this meeting will be a Q&A hosted by Christine on the new WHS. Depending on Covid rules and nearer the time the details and arrangements for that meeting will be confirmed.</p>	DEL MS DEL
10	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Marilyn Plummer, Ellesborough GC. "Ellesborough sends it's apologies that they won't be entering any winter competitions for this year as they are not allowed to</p>	JB CB

have any course time for any visiting people”
Janet suggested that they could play all of their matches away: Marilyn replied that they did consider that option but have decided to opt out for this year.
Gail closed the meeting at 15.00 and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed.....Date.....