



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

Summary of Key Points from BCLGA Executive Meeting 18th May 2022 at Buckingham GC

Women in Golf Charter

Matt Draper and Ben Martin from England Golf came to talk about the R&A Women in Golf (WiG) Charter and advise BCLGA on how to sign up to the charter.

A lot of what we already do is a good start to signing up to the Charter. Agreed to set out a 1 page outline of aims and a 3 to 4 page action plan.

BCLGA should also be encouraging clubs to sign up to WiG. Agreed to include an agenda item at the next delegates meeting to promote to clubs. According to MD four Bucks clubs have already signed up to WiG. – Chiltern Forest, Ivinghoe, Datchet and Three Locks.

Womens Regional Structure

Following a recent EG meeting the subject of the Women's Regions has been raised. Currently there are four regions for men and six for women, and there is a drive to align the structures. There are also four regions for the Club Support organisation, but this does not match the mens regions.

A working group is being set up by EG to look at the regional structures, so we will be kept up to date with progress.

Unification

In 2018 there were some discussions between BB&O (the combined men's county), Oxon Ladies, Berks Ladies and Bucks Ladies about unification. At the time it was agreed that nothing would happen, but we would continue to talk. Nothing has progressed until we had contact from BB&O to suggest we revisit the idea of unification.

Several counties have already merged the men's and women's organisations, and this is a long term aim of England Golf.

Unification for Bucks is much more complicated as it is very unlikely that BB&O would be prepared to split into the three counties, so we would end up with BB&O for men and women. This would reduce the number of women's counties, so does affect the discussion on the women's regions.

We agreed to document how Bucks proposes a unified county organisation would work, and then talk to Berks and Oxon ladies to get a combined view of the three women's counties before going back to BB&O.

Vacancies

Carolyn has spoken to someone who is interested in the Treasurer role.

No progress on Welfare Officer or Second Team Captain.

DM has suggested that we look for someone to work with her to get experience of the junior organisation during 2023 with the idea of taking over as CJO in 2024.

Centenary 2023

Work on honours boards, coordinated by JM is progressing.

JB is investigating a venue for a Gala Day.

SM has agreement from Woburn to run a Centenary Competition.

County Match Week

Team has been finalised and will be published on web site.

Competitions

Draw for third round of Bucks Shield was made and posted to the web site. Final confirmed as Sunday 9th October at Beaconsfield.

Interclub Foursomes will be played on Thursday 13th October at Flackwell Heath.

Entries for the Coronation Medals have closed with entries from 18 clubs.

The Winter Foursomes final was played on 23rd April and won by Dot Kelleher and Nicky Ewart.

Summe knockouts have started, as have the summer leagues.

Par 3 competition is going ahead with 12 entries.

Summer Meeting currently has 15 teams entered.

There was a discussion on the County Championships for 2023. This year there were only 20 entries for the qualifying competition and the first round of the matchplay had a number of very one sided matches. Suggestion that we look at running an 18 hole Spring Meeting open to all and including the qualifying for matchplay but have the top 8 scratch going to the county championships and then the top 8 nett going into a nett championship. This will be discussed at the next delegates meeting.

Seniors

Spring Meeting went well, but only 8 teams

League match against Berks at Reading (Caversham) lost 4 -3.

Midlands South Seniors Championship has 51 entries.

Second Team

Nothing to report.

Juniors

Two pre handicap competitions have been held and have been very successful. The Tiddler Trophy will be held on 19th June.

BB&O Team Stableford was held on 20th March and won by Bucks.

Scratch match against Oxon was won 3 -0 in pouring rain at Henley.

Handicap Advisor

Little to report.

County Kit

New shirts for the seniors and second team have been purchased. These are the same as the first team shirts, so it will be easy to swap around between the teams.

MPS (our normal supplier) have found some gilets for the first team, which will be ordered so they are available for County Match Week.

Next Meeting

The next exec meeting will be on Wednesday 20th July at Beaconsfield.