



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

DELEGATES' MEETING MINUTES

HAZLEMERE GOLF CLUB

Thursday 5th September 2019

14.00 - 15.30

PRESENT	Sally Harborne	President
	Gail Sharp	Captain
	Gilly Stimpson	Competition Secretary
	Carolyn Rivett	Hon Treasurer
	Janette Psyllides	2nd Team Captain
	Susanna Mitterer	Seniors' Captain
	Glenise Marfell	Bucks Shield Organiser

	<u>Affiliated Club</u>	<u>Delegate</u>	<u>Additional Attendee</u>
1	Abbey Hill		
2	Beaconsfield		
3	Buckingham	Elaine Harrison	
4	Bletchley		
5	The Buckinghamshire		
6	Burnham Beeches	Jackie Maher	
7	Chartridge Park	Rachel Mistri	
8	Chesham and Ley Hill		
90	Chiltern Forest	Margaret Pitman	
10	Datchet		
11	Denham	Diane Wilson	
12	Ellesborough	Marilyn Plummer	
13	Farnham Park		
14	Flackwell Heath		
15	Gerrards Cross		
16	Harewood Downs	Gilly Brewer	
17	Harleyford	Lesley Cropper	
18	Hazlemere		Nancy Forrest VC
19	Hedsor		
20	Huntswood	Jenny Haynes	
21	Iver		
22	Ivinghoe		
23	Lambourne	Gay Clough	
24	Magnolia Park		
25	Oakland Park	Lynda Hilton	
26	Princes Risborough		
27	Richings Park		
28	South Buckinghamshire		
29	Stoke Park	Anne Worby	
30	Stowe		
31	Thorney Park		
32	Three Locks		
33	Weston Turville	Yvonne Black Comm Member	Anita Parker Committee Member
34	Wexham Park	Rose Norey	
35	Whiteleaf	Jenny Masterton-Smith	
36	Woburn		
37	Wycombe Heights		

APOLOGIES

Maura Spencer	Hon Secretary
Christine Bishop	Handicap Advisor
Janet Beal	Junior Organiser
Sandra Eland	Chesham & Ley Hill
Jan Bradshaw	Beaconsfield
Lynn Dickeson	Farnham Park
Cheryl Dawson	Stowe

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 05.06.2019

Minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed as a true record, subject to the two changes noted below in Matters Arising.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Page 4, Item 6: Lynda Hilton's surname was incorrectly spelt in the minutes circulated.

Page 4, Item 7: It was noted that the Bucks Shield draw had incorrectly recorded Harleyford as playing twice. The 2nd reference should have been Harewood Downs OR Ellesborough.

Both items have been corrected and the amended copy posted on the website.

Page 3, Item 3: Business Plan. This has not progressed as much as we might have liked as this has been a very busy time for the County. The aim is to have some specific 2020 targets ready to announce at the AGM.

Page 3, Item 4: New Delegates' Pack. We have a template following the June Delegates' workshop. It will be an off-season target to complete. Gail requested that two Delegates volunteer to be critical reviewers once the draft pack is prepared. Anne Worby (Stoke Park) and Marilyn Plummer (Ellesborough) volunteered.

Page 4, Item 5: Par 3 competition. 10 responded had been received in advance of the meeting with 7 in favour, 1 not interested and 2 unlikely to enter but not against. At the meeting, the following clubs then offered their support: Oakland Park, Weston Turville, The Lambourne, Hazlemere, Harewood Downs and Denham.

Denham suggested that the higher handicapper be encouraged to enter.

It was therefore proposed that the Executive should be asked at their September meeting to promote a competition for 2020. The proposed competition would be called the Par 3 Challenge.

Janet Crookes, the Ladies Section Secretary at Wycombe Heights Golf Club, has offered to look for a suitable date for the first competition.

Page 4, Item 6: Executive Vacancies. There are two vacancies on the Executive for next year.

2nd Team Captain - this does not need to be a playing role, it could just be organisational.

England Golf Voting Member - we have someone who may be interested in this post but we want everyone to have the opportunity to be considered.

Please send any nominations for either role to Maura Spencer, Hon Secretary by 23rd September 2019. Secretary@bclga.org.uk

4. WORKSHOP SESSION

Gail explained that the website had now been active since December and during that time it has been used and amended in some cases. It's now time to take stock on how useful it is and to find out what areas need tidying up or improved and to consider any future developments. To undertake this, Delegates were asked to complete a short questionnaire about their own use of the website. Delegates were also encouraged to get three people from their Ladies' Section to complete the questionnaire, preferable people who haven't already 'opted in' to receive newsletters and emails from the County. The questionnaire will be emailed to Delegates with the minutes and any additional questionnaires should be sent back to Maura by 23rd September. Secretary@bclga.org.uk
The results will be considered at the next Exec meeting on 30th September.

During discussions the following points were also raised:

- One Delegate had reported that they had received marketing material from another source through our website - this will be investigated further.
- There is no iphone app for the website and it is not easy to navigate when accessing it via an iphone.
- It would be good to have a page 'Latest News' - as with the previous site.
- Post meeting requests - could we include some 'Tony's Tips' following the short game clinics.

5. ACTION SUMMARY REPORT FOR DELEGATES

(i) Delegates were given a hard copy of the Action for Delegates which included items relating to:

1. The return of Trophies for the AGM
2. Cygnet Trophy scores are now required after 15th September when competition ends. Monies and results to be sent to the Competition Secretary by 1st October. Compssec@bclga.org.uk
3. Charity Eclectic scores are required after 15th September when competition ends. Monies and results to be sent to the Competition Secretary by 1st October - email as above.
4. Winter Foursomes - entrants are well up on next year and currently we have 33 pairs entered. Closing date is 15th September.
5. Inter Club Foursomes - Only 4 entries received to date. Closing date is 1st October with the competition being played at Harewood Downs on Thursday 17th October. Entries to iclub4somes@bclga.org.uk
6. Executive Vacancies from November 2019 and January 2020 - please send nominations to Maura by 23rd September 2019 Secretary@bclga.org.uk
7. Seniors/Vets Autumn meeting - is now fully subscribed. Susanna can accept teams to go on a reserve list.
8. Junior Newsletter - Janet Beal is planning a Junior Newsletter in October and would welcome specific junior news that Clubs wish to share with other Clubs. Please email her with information by the end of September. CJO@bclga.org.uk
9. Website feedback from up to three ladies at each club, preferably people who are not already 'opted in'.

(ii) INFORMATION SUMMARY FOR DELEGATES

Gail was unable to hand out a hard copy of the full 'Information Summary for Delegates', due to a problem with printing but both the Action Summary and the Information Summary will be sent out with the minutes from the meeting.

Gail talked through some of the County's terrific achievements. The County won the Midland South Junior Scratch Team Final, the Second Team won their Midlands South Scratch League final and the County won the Midlands South County Matchplay week and are now playing in the National Finals at Delamere Forest, Cheshire with a very young team (and one slightly older person!) from 15th to 20th September. Results for this will be published on the County website each evening.

The Gala Day was deemed a great success with special thanks to Gail Sharp, Sally Harborne, Susanna Mitterer and Janette Psyllides. There were 175 attendees at the event and the Professionals were kept busy all day from 11am to 6.30pm. The County had had approximately 30 complimentary emails about the event. It was highlighted what great value the event was but that it was heavily subsidized by the County so could not be replicated at the same cost. The Executive will consider whether there should be a similar event in 3 or 4 years' time.

The report contains an update about the Seniors, Juniors and 2nd Team.

Thalia Kirby has recently represented England in the Home Internationals.

The Handicap Advisor, Christine Bishop, asked that Delegates were made aware that there were to be 3 World Handicapping Seminars taking place across Bucks, Berks and Oxfordshire in November (dates and venues to be announced) of which one will be held in Bucks. It is likely that this will be oversubscribed and so it has been agreed that the next Delegates' Meeting (December 2nd 2019) will be devoted solely to a World Handicapping System Seminar. The venue and timing will be announced as soon as practicable. All Delegates will be invited to bring one or two additional interested Ladies from their clubs.

England Golf Affiliation Fees will rise from £9 to £9.50 for 2020.

All Buckinghamshire courses should be course rated by the end of the year. This is not the case for Berkshire and Oxfordshire.

6. SEMI-FINAL DRAW FOR THE BUCKS SHIELD

The semi-final and finals will take place at Harleyford Golf Club on Thursday 12th September 2019, with the first match at 8.15am

The draw is:

Semi-final 1 - Harleyford vs Ellesborough

Semi-final 2 - Beaconsfield vs Denham

Gilly Stimpson said that she had had a couple of enquiries about the Bucks Shield and where the final is played to avoid home advantage. The Executive will discuss this further. However several Delegates said that this was an accepted feature of the competition,

given the need to book the venue well in advance. One suggestion from the floor was finalising the venue once the first round had been played and choosing one of the knocked-out clubs as the venue for the final.

There had also been a couple of clubs that had raised the issue of the need to have players who had played twice in the rounds up to but not including the final. When teams get a bye in the first round, they have two less matches so have reduced opportunities to ensure they have enough players who have played in previous rounds. This will also be discussed at the next Exec meeting.

7. AGM

The AGM will take place on Wednesday 30th October 2019 at Harleyford Golf Club at 2pm to 3.30pm. There will be an opportunity to purchase lunch (jacket potato and fillings) prior to the meeting.

8. DELEGATES' FORUM - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (i)** Gilly Brewer (Harewood Downs) asked the Executive to consider the situation where players are members of two clubs and win both clubs' Club Championships. The current rules for the Champion of Champions Knockout competition only allows a player to play for one club and there is no opportunity for a runner-up to play to represent the club which is not the nominated club by the winner. The Executive will consider this at the next meeting.
- (ii)** This is the last Delegates' meeting for Sally Harborne, The President and for Janette Psyllides, the Second Team Captain. The Delegates applauded the Executive Members and thanked them for their work.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

World Handicapping System Seminar on **Monday 2nd December 2019** at a venue and time to be notified. NB, there will be no short game clinic on this occasion.

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