



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

DELEGATES' MEETING MINUTES

VIA ZOOM WEBINAR

WEDNESDAY 9 JUNE 2021
14.00 - 15.00

PRESENT: Janet Beal
Lynda Hilton
Fiona Robb
Carolyn Rivett
Susanna Mitterer

Jackie Maher
Jackie Edwards
Delyth Barnett
Glenise Marfell
Heather Pentney

Captain
President
Hon Secretary
Hon Treasurer
England Golf Representative/
Seniors Captain
Competition Secretary
2nd Team Captain
County Junior Organiser
Competition Organiser
Competition Organiser

Affiliated Club

Beaconsfield
Buckingham
Chartridge Park
Chesham & Ley Hill
Chiltern Forest
Denham
Farnham Park
Gerrards Cross
Gerrards Cross
Harewood Downs
Harewood Downs
Harleyford
Huntswood
Lambourne
Oakland Park
Stoke Park
Weston Turville
Weston Turville
Wexham park
Whiteleaf
Woburn
Wycombe Heights

Delegate/Representative

Gill Leach
Elizabeth Harris-Ulph
Christine Davies
Irene Cook
Margaret Pitman
Dot Kelleher
Lynn Dickeson
Janette Psyllides
Sue Hughes
Gilly Brewer
Karen Keen
Gill Redman
Louise Reynolds
Norma Lee
Linda Liston
Anne Worby
Anita Parker
Yvonne Black
Debbie Quigley
Tricia Fisher
Sally-Anne Wright
Julie Fisk

1. Fiona welcomed all the Delegates/Club Representatives to second Delegates' Meeting by Zoom in 2021. She stated that the meeting would be recorded to assist her with finalising the minutes, and explained some Housekeeping rules for the Webinar. Fiona then handed the meeting over to Janet.
2. **APOLOGIES:**
 Carole Fello - Buckingham
 Sandra Siggers - Stowe
 Hildegun Rosted - Chiltern Forest
 Sarah Habgood - Hazlemere
 Sally-Anne Wright - Woburn
 Jenny Gibson - Woburn
 Rowan Revell - Huntswood
 Pauline Risk - Whiteleaf
 Marilyn Plummer - Ellesborough
 Chris Suttie - Burnham Beeches
 Debbie Veys - Gerrards Cross
 Karen Scott - Hazlemere
3. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2021:**
 The minutes were agreed and signed by the Hon Secretary as a true record on behalf of the County Captain (Covid 19).
4. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 There were no matters arising.
5. **BUCKS SHIELD THIRD ROUND DRAW:**
 The third round of the Bucks Shield Draw took place and the teams playing order would be posted on the website after the Delegates Meeting. Round 3 matches would be a home and an away match. The matches would be up on the website shortly.
 - Oakland Park or Buckingham or Burnham Beeches V Ellesborough or Gerrards Cross
 - Chartridge Park or Whiteleaf v Woburn or Weston Turville
 - Wexham Park or Denham v Stoke Park
 - Huntswood or Lambourne v Chiltern Forest or Harleyford
 The 2nd Round to be played by 11 July, and 3rd Round to be played by 22 August
 The Semi-final will be drawn early/mid August
6. **WHAT HAS IMPROVED AT CLUBS SINCE THE PANDEMIC?**
 Gilly Brewer: Members use of IT, Communication from the club (more regular & informative)
 Lynn Dickeson: increased communications from the Club Secretary to all members and introduction of online social activities. The challenge has been the use of using technology and they overcame this. Used Zoom meetings and quizzes which would normally be in the clubhouse; of social benefit to the more senior members.

7. **SUMMER COMPETITIONS INCLUDING FUN COMPETITIONS:**

Jackie Maher update:

Knockouts: ongoing, results coming in slowly. 2 upcoming competitions:

Summer Meeting held at Oakland Park, closing date 19 June.

Seniors County Championship held at The Buckinghamshire, closing date 22 June.

Please let ladies know and applications will be welcome.

Susanna Mitterer update:

Opens: Australian Spoons - Very few entrants. All from Berkshire. Midland South Regional Final on 21 July at Mill Ride Golf Club. Closing date: 21 June.

Midlands South Fourball Betterball (at Copt Heath on 19 August) - both Scratch and Handicap prizes - only a handful of teams entered. Closing date: 2 August.

Registration forms available on England Golf & County Websites

Delyth Barnett update:

Juniors: There have been a number of meetings, grateful to the clubs that have hosted these competitions...BB&O Championships, Matches against Oxfordshire & Berkshire, and a full summer diary of events organised.

On the 4 July Abbey Hill have offered the Par 3 for a meet & greet for high handicaps/non handicaps for girls just starting. It will be a Texas Scramble - come along & meet - doesn't matter what standard. It is to generate interest for beginners that can't play 18 holes. A poster will be sent out for you to advertise - please pass on to Junior Organisers for cadets or newbies.

8. **EXECUTIVE VACANCIES:**

Janet Beal:

Executive Vacancy for Seniors Captain: Susanna is retiring after 4 years. Anyone interested or knows anyone that may be interested then please have a chat with Susanna.

Seniors Competition Organiser: The job description is on the website, so anyone that likes organising competitions (3 competitions a year) but doesn't like too much paperwork please contact us.

County Handicap Advisor: Christine Bishop is retiring after 10/11 years and Karen Scott from Hazlemere is taking over from October.

9. **ASSOCIATION NAME:**

Fiona Robb: thanked the ladies that responded to the questionnaire:15 clubs voted to remain as Ladies Association and 2 as Women, and one half & half: Results were

Ladies: Buckingham, Stowe, Beaconsfield, Denham, Whiteleaf, Burnham Beeches, Stoke Park, Hazlemere, Woburn, Chesham & Ley Hill, Chartridge Park, Wycombe Heights, Oakland Park, Wexham Park, Gerrards Cross, Huntswood (50/50)

Women: Lambourne, Harwood Downs, Huntswood (50/50)

Janet Beal: for the moment that says we should stay as Ladies association name.

A point to note is that of the 35 County Associations, only 3 have changed to Women: Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire and Middlesex have changed to Women. Also the Veterans from Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire have remained as Ladies.

10. DELEGATES' MEETINGS 2021:

Upcoming meetings:

Fiona Robb update:

15 September to take place at Weston Turville (this will be the 1st face-to-face meeting for the Delegates this year)

2 December to take place at Beaconsfield

Plan is for Tony Bowers to provide free instruction/coaching prior to the Delegates meetings. Individual and club trophy winners have been contacted and requested to return the trophies won in either 2019 or 2020 to the Delegates Meeting on 15 September.

11. LADY VICE CAPTAINS MEETING:

Fiona Robb: We had to postpone the Lady Vice Captains meeting due in May. The good news is that Gerrards Cross have kindly agreed to hold it Thursday 29 July at 2:30 (subject to Covid restrictions). Please put that date in the diary and communicate to your Lady Vice Captains. It will be an afternoon meeting where the Executive Committee will be available to meet the new Vice Captains.

12. BCLGA CENTENARY 2023 & ENGLAND GOLF CENTENARY 2024:

Janet Beal: we have been asked by England Golf to provide some information on county for a Centenary Book. We would like to set up a group next year to look at what BCLGA do for our centenary. If anyone at the clubs have a good knowledge of BCLGA and could provide some history, stories please let Fiona know. Janet does have the 75th Year brochure for the BCLGA and we could do something similar.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

County Match Week: is in 2 weeks time, details on website. The team has been selected:

Megan Denis - Woburn

Ciara Egan - Woburn

Daisy Kennedy - Harewood Downs

Rosie Kim - The Buckinghamshire

Thalia Kirby - Harleyford

Alice Kozlowski - Ellesborough

Lulu Leetham - Buckingham

Grace Rigby-Weldan - Gerrards Cross

Lily Robinson - Woburn

Roisin Scanlon - Woburn.

We have a very young team with the average age being 18 years old.

Format is 5 matches against the other 5 counties in the Midland South Region. Played at Northampton Golf Club on 21 -23 June.

A poster has been sent out to all from Fiona asking for caddies and support. Please encourage your members to wear some red and come and watch.

Helen Mines is organising the caddies so please get in touch with her if you have anyone that would like to caddie.

Tee-Time bookings:

Karen Keen: looking for some advice, at Harewood Downs the men want to return to turn up and play at roll-ups whilst the ladies like the booked tee-times so we have a dilemma. Anyone else got this problem and how did they solve it?

Fiona Robb: said that at Buckingham same situation as a number of men wish to have turn up & play. A survey has been sent out yesterday to the members asking them what they wanted eg. Full, Partial or no booking. A lot of people are hoping to retain full booking.

Dot Kelleher: Denham has exactly same dilemma, all the ladies in favour of keeping tee bookings. The Mens Captain committee decided to go back to new members could have a taster of what it was like with roll-ups a survey will be done in the future. It's a dichotomy that seems to be occurring across 99% of golf clubs.

Sue Hughes: we intend to try a hybrid, some tee times available and some turn up and play. Then do another survey.

Janet Beal: at Beaconsfield a lot of the men want to go back to no bookings; a lot of the ladies and new members want to retain booking. Decision is to go back to no tee bookings and then review.

Jackie Maher: Burnham Beeches Board meeting today. Ladies have been able to have access to tee times, especially at the weekends that would normally be dominated by the men. If ladies turn up in the middle of the mens time, the men are not happy but they feel they can turn up in the middle of the ladies.

Gill Redman: I think that ladies like to be more organised. Men are less so. Its more social for the ladies & also easier for new members to join in and integrate. Mens rollups have taken over but the ladies have sent times so can book and therefore plan their days.

Janet Beal: Following the opening up later this month, please keep in touch and let us know what is going on as its good to have a view of all the different golf clubs. It will be interesting to see how things change when we have our freedom back.

Advertising Ladies Opens on the Website: Janet Beal: there is now a section on the website for advertising Ladies Opens at clubs. If any clubs have opens and want to advertise please send details to Fiona Robb and they will be posted on the website.

The meeting closed with Janet looking forward to seeing everyone face-to-face in September and she wished everyone a wonderful summer of golf.

Signed

Date