

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 2nd County Club Delegates Meeting held on 14th July 2008 at 7pm at Wellingborough Golf Club

PRESENT :

Judy Ray	President
Janet Halliday	Regional Rep and Chairperson
Gill Spencer	County Captain
Heather Williams	Immediate Past Captain
Pat Silburn	Vice County Captain
Sue Butler	Hon Secretary
Karen Findlay	Hon Handicap Secretary
Pat Wilson	Hon Competitions Secretary
Alison Shine	Cecil Leitch Organiser

The President welcomed everyone to the 2nd County Club Delegates Meeting, but said she was disappointed there were not as many delegates present as there had been at the last one.

DELEGATES :

M Linnett	Rushden	Rosemary Hardie	Brampton Heath
Dorothy Bennett	Priors Hall	Sandy Pattenden	Staverton Pk
Ann Thompson	Stoke Albany	Eve Wilkins	Kettering
Anne Wright	Delapre Pk	Marion Peel	N C G C
Sue Dodd	Wellingborough	D Bagley	Thorpe Wood
Carol Robinson	Cold Ashby	Anne Ireland	Oundle
Carole Kane	Whittlebury Pk	Theresa East	NGC
Elizabeth Crowe	Delapre Pk	Ginny Jolliffe	Kingsthorpe
Jean Poolton	Daventry		

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING :

These were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairperson

APOLOGIES :

Kerri Cole	Peterborough Milton
Jackie Rolfe	St Andrews
Jeanette McGarry	Elton Furze
Ada Parr	Whittlebury
Shiela Godden	Rushden
Jean Butler	Cherwell Edge

CLUBS NOT IN ATTENDANCE :

Hellidon Lakes	John White
Silverstone	Collingtree Pk
Pytchley	Embankment
Orton Meadows	Overstone Pk

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES :

EWGA Articles of Association

JH said as agreed at the previous meeting, she had signed the EWGA “Special Resolution” document concerning the Articles of Association on behalf of Northamptonshire.

EGU/EWGA Golf Club Questionnaire 2008

Clubs who have not yet completed the above questionnaire :

Brampton Heath	Collingtree Pk
Delapre Pk	Farthingstone
Hellidon Lakes	John White
Kingfisher Lakes	Kingsthorpe
Oundle	Overstone Pk
Silverstone	Staverton Pk
St Andrews Hospital	Stoke Albany

Action – Clubs shown

CCD co-option onto Club Committee

As there appeared to be no further information regarding this, JH said she hoped all CCD’s are now being co-opted onto their Ladies Club Committees.

County Championship

A question regarding the alteration to the playing days in respect of the County Championship had been raised. This matter had been taken to a County Committee Meeting which had agreed that qualifying should be on Friday, with match play taking place over the following Saturday and Sunday.

In 2009, the County Championship is to be played at NCGC, who have since agreed to this arrangement. **Agreed**

CORRESPONDENCE :

JH had received an e-mail from the Whittlebury Park delegate regarding points of feedback from the last meeting :

W/P are in agreement regarding the alteration to the County Championship.

W/P felt some ladies are scared of some county level competitions and don’t feel the “Blue Book” does a good enough job advertising them.

Some may be interested, but are not keen on some of the courses that have been chosen.

JH replied:

The “Blue Book” is informative and mainly for entry forms for competitions. The question of a “flyer” regarding these is being looked into again at present. The County Committee are always looking for new ways to advertise..

JH said she could not understand why competitors should be put off by County Competitions, as competitors meet the same people at County events they would at club open meetings. The only difference being that county competitions are run by the county committee rather than a club committee.

Regarding the courses chosen.

JH said we are very reliant on clubs throughout the county to grant us the use of their courses. We go around the County and ask different clubs annually, in order not to use the same ones constantly, but unfortunately not all clubs are co-operative.

One must also take into consideration the fact that clubs as a whole are busier with fewer dates being available for us. We are most grateful to those clubs who agree to our requests and are willing to accept our fixtures.

JH said it was disappointing to think that a player might only enter a competition if she found a course to her liking. The County looks to all club members for their support.

Alison Shine – Cecil Leitch :

AS had received a letter from the Lady Vice Captain of Overstone Park GC, which had been passed to her by the NLCCA Hon Sec.

This letter concerned the use of DMD's.

In response, JH said this subject had been covered at the previous meeting. However, upon receipt of this letter, and after further extensive enquiries of the EWGA, the subject had been fully discussed at a County Committee Meeting, where it had been decided that :

DMD's should not be permitted in County Competitions.

GOLF PARTNERSHIP

JH had received the County Academy Development Plan 2008/2011 which she would be happy to pass on to anyone interested in reading it.

COUNTY CAPTAIN

Gill said county week had gone very smoothly and whilst we were extremely disappointed to only be the runners up, our team had played "their socks off" The team was made up of players from Wellingborough, N.C.G.C, Northampton, Peterborough/Elton Furze and Silverstone.

The Counties we now play against are : Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Warwickshire, Worcester & Herefordshire.

The President of EWGA, Elizabeth Earnshaw, Anne Andrews – Chairman of Midlands South, and the Chief Referee Ros Weston, together with the Lady Captain of Wellingborough Sylvia Butcher were in attendance at the Opening ceremony. Our President Judy Ray officially opened the week.

We lost narrowly on the first day to Warwickshire 5/4. We beat Oxfordshire on the second day 6 1/2 – 2 1/2. Day three we beat Worcs & Herefordshire 5 1/2 – 3 1/2. Sadly we lost 5/4 to Berkshire as unfortunately our players were delayed out on the course, play having taken so long in the morning it became necessary to change our team for the afternoon round.

As Warwickshire had won all their matches we knew we could not win, but the team went out and played really well and we finally finished in second place.

Several of the team won their County colours – Mary McLaren, Megan McLaren, Charli Hull, Alex Banham, Rebecca Gee and Rebecca Rowlands.

The week was a great success due to all the help and preparation of Wellingborough GC, the County Committee, and the ladies of Wellingborough GC.

Many congratulations have been forthcoming and Gill said she felt very proud to be the County Captain.

COUNTY VICE CAPTAIN

Pat gave an update on the proposed web page, which may well see an end to the "Blue Book"

We are looking for this to be up and running by the end of Aug/September

All clubs will be sent a link to access the website once we have the address

Contents :

History of the County

Constitution

EWGA delegates and all relevant information

List of affiliated clubs with a link to their websites

County news and vacancies

Full yearly fixture list

County teams

Northants Vets page

Past Captains page

Entry forms for competitions - Rules and conditions of entry

Interclub page to include Cecil Leitch and Scratch information

Executive Committee details

COUNTY COMPETITIONS

Pat Wilson advised the meeting entries for competitions are now coming beginning to come in.

JUNIOR ORGANISER

Sue Hennigan reported :

The Junior County Championship was held at Rushden at the beginning of June.

The Champion was Charli Hull 78 Rebecca Gee was second with a gross 83.

The 4 Counties were held at Peterborough Milton on 22nd June – there were 42 entries

Best gross 78 and winning 4 counties salver went to Charli Hull

2nd Kirsty Condon, Lincs 3rd Rachel Woodcock both Lincs

Best nett Maisy Turner 71 – NCGC

First Team prize – Northamptonshire with a gross 142

Rebecca Gee

Charli Hull

Megham McLaren

The Girls' Captain – Stephanie Duffy – presented 3 girls with their County Colours

Charli Hull

Maisy Turner

Megham McLaren

Dates

Midland Challenge

Radcliffe Notts

31 July

Midland Girls Championship

Sandwell Pk, W. Bromwich

7 August

English Girls under 13 & 15

Ramside Pk. Durham

Late July

A number of the girls also played in County week at Wellingborough

Past Lady Captains and girls match is on 24 Aug – 1pm at Rushden

Lady Junior Girls competition at Rushden is on 23 Oct at 10.30am – Entry forms at clubs

A golf day for beginners is to be held at Brampton Heath on 21 Aug with a Pro – then a few holes on the par 3, refreshments and prizes...

CECIL LEITCH

Alison Shine reported :

The matches have now all been played and the winners are :-

Div 1 Whittlebury Pk

Div 2 Rushden

Div 3 Elton Furze

Div 4 Kingsthorpe

The semi-finals will be held at Overstone Pk on Tuesday 12 Aug – 1st match out 10am

Finals will be held at Northampton GC on Wednesday 10 September

****NB Buggies only allowed with a Doctors certificate for a disability not an injury**

AS reported that she had received an e-mail from Kingsthorpe GC advising that they were asked to play from two separate tees when they played at St Andrews Hosp. GC.

****Members were advised that play must always start at the 1st tee.**

The County Captain advised the Meeting that a review of the Rules of the Cecil Leitch competition is due shortly.

AS had also received a copy of a letter from The Cecil Leitch Captain of NCGC informing her that when Northants County had played at Brampton Heath, after starting the match playing in twos, they had been informed by the General Manager they should continue playing 4 balls.

As this is against the rules of the competition, they reverted back to singles and the Northants County Golf Club - Cecil Leitch Capt, Sue Aitken - subsequently wrote to the General Manager of Brampton Heath Golf Centre.

SCRATCH LEAGUE

Heather Williams reported :

Most of the Scratch League matches are going well. However we have had a problem with Elton Furze who have failed to send a team to the arranged match with Northampton and Wellingborough.

They have also intimated that they are giving Wellingborough a walk over for their next match as they do not have a team.

The County Committee have decided to disqualify this team from the competition.

This is a great shame as it totally destroys Division 3 and there are now only two clubs.

HW had spoken to Wellingborough and Northampton informing them of the decision, and also to the Elton Furze Captain and said how very disappointed we are and hoped that they would be joining in the competition next year.

HANDICAP SECRETARY

Karen Findlay advised the Meeting she had received a Memo from EWGA – *Wendy Taylor, Chairman of the Handicap Committee*, regarding “Clause 25 – Lapse or Starring of Handicaps” KH read the letter to the Meeting and asked delegates to take this information to their clubs and report back. **Action - Delegates**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

JH reminded the Meeting that there are 3 vacancies for Committee and asked CCD’s to take a flyer with them to post on notice boards at clubs. She pointed how worthwhile jobs within the County are and said she hoped we would get a good response. **Action - Delegates**

Teresa East – *Northampton GC* – said she had just been looking through the “Blue Book” *re courses for county comps*, read out to the Meeting those courses for this year, and said she felt they were most acceptable.

JH said the County Committee put a lot of time and effort into accessing courses for County events and thanked Teresa for her comments.

DATE OF NEXT CLUB DELEGATES MEETING

Monday - AGM – NGC -

There being no further business, Janet thanked Wellingborough Golf Club for their kind hospitality, the delegates for attending, and closed the meeting at 8.20pm

Signed
Regional Representative

Date