

LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND LADY CAPTAINS' GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 44th Annual General Meeting held at Devonshire Place on Thursday 9th February 2017. 189 members attended. 30 apologies were received.

The President, Mrs Jenny Martin took the chair and convened the meeting at 2.10pm. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked all to stand for a minute's silence in memory of 7 Captains who had passed away during the year. These include: June Clayford and Barbara Hudson of Glen Gorse, Joan Kerr and Mary Spencer of Hinckley, Brygida King and Maggie Park of Lingdale and Jean Chamberlain of Scraftoft. Mrs Martin also asked those present to think of members who were experiencing poor health.

Minutes of the AGM 2016

The President asked all ladies if they had read the minutes and was it their wish that she should sign them as a true record. Proposed by Anita Higginson of Kibworth and seconded by Alison Seddon of Park Hill. All were in favour and the minutes were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

The President confirmed that at the 2015 AGM it was suggested that a choice of meals might be made available for ladies at the AGM luncheon as the Lady Veterans have this. Mrs Martin advised that she had visited Devonshire Place during 2016 with Jan Johnson and Lynda Bramley and that this had been investigated during a "meet the team" event arranged to introduce users of the facility with new members of staff. The chef advised that this could be introduced but that this would impact the time taken to serve the meal by between 20 and 30 minutes for a luncheon for 170-190 ladies. The committee decided that this would adversely affect the time for the AGM so the meal choice would remain as one main course with a vegetarian option. The time for the meal on the day was delayed as a result of ladies asking for an alternative dessert which delayed the start of the AGM by 10 minutes. This clearly illustrated the impact to everyone present.

Anita Higginson thanked the President for the explanation and confirmed that she appreciated the decision made by the committee on behalf of the membership to stick with the one choice of meal and to not delay the AGM. There were no further matters arising.

The President advised that the reports would all be read out and would be adopted together at the end.

President's Report

The President, Jenny Martin advised the ladies that after each meeting and match a report is posted on the website so she was keeping her report to a brief summary.

Mrs Martin thanked Mrs Jarvis for organising the website and posting the reports. She also confirmed that there are links to the County and Vets websites.

The President advised that during 2016 the Spring and Autumn meetings were held Scraftoft and Glen Gorse organised by Pat Imlay and Ann Shuttleworth respectively. She thanked the members of the committee for their hard work in making these events run smoothly and she also thanked the clubs for hosting the events and members and staff for their help in organising these competitions. She advised that the results were to be confirmed in the Secretary's report.

President's Day was held at Stanton on the Wolds Golf Club but with heavy rain on preceding days this didn't do the course justice and with hind sight maybe we should have looked at the handicapping system however all the ladies seemed to enjoy the day. Mrs Martin quoted from an email that she had received from Maggie Parker following the competition which she thinks sums up President's Day, "Go with a friend and meet two others and have a game of golf". A perfect formula! Mrs Martin encouraged the ladies to support Jan Johnson on her Presidents day planned at the Nottinghamshire in June 2017.

Matches are played during the year against Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Northamptonshire Lady Captains and the Society of Men's Captains.

The President advised that she was again overwhelmed by the number of ladies wishing to play and thanked all those who had participated.

The first match was played against Nottinghamshire at Glen Gorse. Prior to the match the weather had been cold, wet and miserable so there were anxious moments spent scouring the weather reports but the weather turned out to be much better with the sun shining brilliantly.

So many ladies wanted to play and with the generosity of Glen Gorse we were able to field teams of 20 ladies a side. Following the match it was lovely to hear the chatter and laughter in the clubhouse from the ladies whilst eating their meal. One of our ladies decided that she would celebrate her birthday with us and her husband was pleased as it saved him from taking her out that night for a meal.

There was a sharp contrast in clothing when we arrived at Ashbourne Golf Club for the match against Derbyshire. The golfing ladies were wearing waterproofs and not looking forward to going out in the rain and the Ashbourne ladies were dressed in their finery for an Ascot Day in the Clubhouse. By the time the

Lady Captains had reached the 9th hole the sun had appeared and rain clothes had been removed.

During the meal Ann, the Derbyshire Lady Captain, had decided to join in the fun of Ladies Day at Ascot and organised a raffle. All the ladies were given a name of a horse, ranging from the winner's name to 'clothes and hobby horse'. The winner of the raffle was a Derbyshire lady who won a bottle of bubbly.

The match against Northants County Lady Captains was held at Rutland Water Golf Club. On a calm and sunny day this was a perfect setting for the match with views over the reservoir and yachts on the water. Rutland Water was a new experience for some of L&R ladies as well as the Northants ladies and afterwards they all said how much they had enjoyed the course, although some captains found the greens challenging.

The President reported that L&R had won all three of their matches:- Nottinghamshire by 6 games to 4, Derbyshire by 5½ to 2½ and Northamptonshire by 6 games to 4. She congratulated and thanked all the ladies who had played in the matches.

During 2016 following a suggestion from Barbara King, 2nd team Captain of the L&R Lady Veterans there was a meeting held at Kibworth Golf Club for ladies with handicaps ranging from 29-36. For this inaugural meeting each team had 8 ladies playing an AMAM, with 2 Lady Captains and 2 Lady Vets a side. It was also agreed to allow full handicap allowance. It proved to be very successful and it was agreed that this match would be included into the fixture list each year, alternating who would organise the meeting and present the prizes. The numbers of ladies playing will increase to 16 a side. This year Lady Captains are organising the meeting that will be held at Scraptoft during July.

The match v the Society of Men's Captains was again oversubscribed by the ladies. However the men were struggling to find 24 Captains and so they had to bring in 4 substitute members from Beedles Lake. The day was extremely enjoyable and with a 2 tee start this helped with the timing of the day. It seemed that most of the games were close with a few putts missed here and there for a win or loss. Mrs Martin was hoping that the ladies could have had a clean sweep of winning matches, but the ladies lost this match 5 games to 7.

During September 2016 there was a meeting held for Lady Captains to bring their Vice Captains along for 12 holes of golf and lunch where they were also introduced to the committee members and given a brief history of the Association. The Secretary worked very hard in compiling the paper work, relating to the membership, AGM and Luncheon and putting it all into envelopes for each club. The President thanks L Bramley for her hard work. The ladies then played 12 holes of golf at Glen Gorse in an AMAM competition. Two ladies from one club were paired together with two from another club. The winner team was each presented with a plant. Again it proved to be very successful with many positive comments being received.

The Bridge Drive was held at the Leicestershire Golf Club when 108 ladies sat down to play bridge and have lunch. Jan, Vice President, organised the day and the members of staff at the Leicestershire were extremely helpful and pleasant to make the day so successful. Mary, Lady President of Leicestershire and our Treasurer presented the prizes to the winners. The winning score was achieved by Hilary Mort from Kibworth.

At the beginning of the year it was decided to look at a new supplier for our clothing. Caroline Butcher was in charge of the merchandise and through her expertise and enthusiasm many of us bought the new items and have been delighted with them. The President thanked Caroline for all her hard work and advised that Caroline had agreed to continue to help the committee with the buying and selling of the merchandise next year.

I would like to thank all the Captains who have supported our events this year. It is appreciated by the committee who work very hard to make them so successful and enjoyable. Mrs Martin also thanked the Glen Gorse Lady Captains and the Club for their support during the last 2 years. She also advised that all the committee members during her two years in office had been wonderful and always willing to help when ever needed.

In November the committee met at Rutland Water Golf Club for 9 holes of golf and lunch which was a lovely way for Mrs Martin to finish her Presidency. The weather for November was unbelievable but the only downside for her was that the Vice President's team won!

Mrs Martin confirmed that Jan had been a wonderful Vice President and she knew that the Association will be in very capable hands during her term as President.

Mrs Martin went on to advise that she had felt very privileged to have been President of the Association and that she will cherish very many happy memories from her term in office.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Mary Jarvis went through the accounts to 30/11/16. She thanked Keith Gaffney the Auditor for examining the books again this year.

MJ advised that the cash balances had decreased from £7,844 to £6,676 mainly as a result of an increase in the stock of sweaters from £345 closing 2015 to £1,392 closing 2016. The merchandising is now sourced from Glen Muir and is of a much better quality but as a consequence is more expensive. Sales during the year however were very successful increasing from £1,408 in 2015 to £4003 in 2016.

The trophies were repaired during 2016 and engraving brought up to-date at a cost of £137.

Membership has increased slightly from last year despite the fact that our membership is getting older and a lot of our members are being Lady Captains for a second or even third time.

Entry fees for our competitions have remained healthy as is our policy which means that good prizes can be given.

We continue to give donations to L&R Lady County golfers and to the Junior Girls. Overall the Association remains in a healthy financial position.

There were prepayments for 2017/2018 that include £200 to Devonshire Place for the AGM Luncheon and two £100 deposits for Jan Johnson's President's Days planned for 2017 and 2018.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary Lynda Bramley confirmed that there were 26 Clubs affiliated to the Association. Seven members have passed away since the last AGM and 25 resignations were received so the total numbers in the Association stands at 465.

The Spring Meeting held at Scraptoft on Monday 25th April attracted 102 ladies playing in a 3 ball alliance. Prizes were presented to 7th place.

Winners of the Wendy Johnson Trophy were

1st Place	Patricia Formoy, Chris O'Neil, Alison Picken	Kibworth	80 points
2nd Place	Heather Smith, Lynne Alder, Wendy Castle	Beedles Lake/ H. Heights	78 points
3rd Place	Gail Neil, Lisa Harney, Bev Nut	Scraptoft	73 Points
4th Place	Maureen Moakes, Chris Savage, Roisin Mason	Park Hill / Rothley Park	72 points
5th Place	Sue Thurman, Di Michalska Annette O'Meara	Charnwood Forest	72 points
6th Place	Helen Buckingham, Rita Watts, Gill Lund	Hinckley / Forest Hill	72 points
7th Place	Angela Wright, Jane Howard, Alison Seddon	Park Hill	72 points

Presidents Day held at Stanton on the Wold Golf Club on 30th June attracted 56 ladies playing in an AMAM format.

Winners of the President's Quaich's (cups of friendship)

	Kathy Seal & Lynda Dunne of Beedles Lake with Jean Keller & Ann Davies of Willesley Park	64 points
2nd Place	Jane Leigh & Chris Savage of Humberstone Heights & Park Hill with Maggie Parker, Sue Bromwich of The Leicestershire	61 points
3rd Place	Terri Wills & Maureen Moakes of Park Hill & Rothley Park with Chris Cooper & Wendy Castle of Cosby	60 points

The Autumn Meeting held at Glen Gorse 5th September April attracted 104 ladies playing in a pairs better ball format. Prizes were presented to 8th place.

Winners of the Renee Shipman Trophy

1st Place	Caroline Butcher, Barbara Wright of Rutland Water & Glen Gorse	41 points
2nd Place	Wendy Greenlees, Yvonne Gilman of Luffenham Heath	40 points
3rd Place	Gail Neil, Lisa Harvey of Scraptoft	40 points
4th Place	Doreen Brown, Pam Skidmore of Scraptoft & Glen Gorse	40 points
5th Place	Val Howard, Beth Taylor of Whetstone & Kibworth	39 points
6th Place	Pam Hall, Karen Dalzell-Payne of Birstall	38 points
7th Place	Judy Broadhurst, Julia Booth of Rothley Park & Charnwood Forest	38 points
8th Place	Ruth Sinclair, Lynn Alder of Humberstone Heights and Beedles Lake	38 points

108 ladies played in the Bridge Drive held at Leicestershire held on 3rd November

1st Place	Hilary Mort	4270 points
2nd Place	Eileen Carr	3610 points
3rd Place	Gwen Jefferson	3000 points
4th Place	Sally Lee	2810 points

LB thanked the members and staff at the clubs who have hosted the events in 2016 as this enabled the events to run smoothly which makes for happy golfers.

The Secretary thanked the committee members whose hard work enabled these events to take place and she gave special thanks to all to the ladies who supported the events throughout the year. Mrs Bramley confirmed that this is what made the events successful and that the committee is looking forward to seeing everyone at the meetings planned for 2017.

Mrs Bramley expressed the view that any member who is offered the chance to join the committee should embrace the opportunity as the Association is one of the friendliest as it exists purely for social reasons. There is none of the politics or complaints that exist in the day to day running of a golf club. Everyone is friendly and efficient and wants to be part of the Association and this makes it special. LB confirmed that she had thoroughly enjoyed working with all the members of the committee. The President and Treasurer work very hard throughout the year to organise and maintain everything on behalf of the members. She thanked Ann, Caroline and Pat who will leave the committee after their two years of service, and hoped that they enjoyed the experience. Mrs Bramley confirmed that she was looking forward to working with the new committee members in 2017 and that as always, it has been a pleasure to serve this Association.

Jean Evans of Kilworth Springs proposed that all reports be adopted and Margaret Walne of Glen Gorse seconded. All were in favour.

Pam Hall of Rutland Water proposed the Approval of Keith Gafney as Auditor for 2017 and Jean Neasham of Lutterworth seconded. All were in favour.

Presentation of Trophies

Winners of the Wendy Johnson Trophy:

Patricia Formoy,	Kibworth	80 points
Chris O'Neil,	Kibworth	
Alison Picken	Kibworth	

The President advised that new trophies had been acquired and engraved for each winner to take home for the year. The winners were unable to attend the AGM so these were collected on their behalf by Jean Edmonds of Kibworth.

Winners of Presidents Quaich's (cups of friendship)

Kathy Seal	Beedles Lake	64 points
Lynda Dunne	Beedles Lake	
Jean Keller	Willesley Park	
Ann Davies	Willesley Park	

Winners of the Renee Shipman Trophy:

Caroline Butcher,	Rutland Water	41 points
Barbara Wright	Glen Gorse	

The President advised that the Wendy Johnson Trophy had been broken at the engravers and repaired but had again been damaged bringing the trophy to the AGM. The committee may need to review if this trophy should be replaced for the future.

JM also advised that the Bon Bon dishes previously used for Presidents Day (when it was a pairs competition) have been recycled for the winners of the Autumn meeting. These are now engraved with In memory of Renee Shipman.

Donations

Anita Higginson President of the Leicestershire & Rutland Ladies County Golf Association, expressed thanks for the donation to the Ladies County golfers. AH advised that the ladies would be playing at Matlock and would appreciate support of any lady spectators wearing light blue who may be available to support them during inter-county week.

Mrs Higginson also expressed thanks on behalf of the Leicestershire & Rutland Junior County Golf Association, for the donation which also included the proceeds of raffles held during the year. She confirmed that this money will be put to good use as it is planned to send a group of girls to Woodhall Spa the first week of March where they will improve on their short game as well as playing both courses over the weekend.

Mrs Higginson also announced a new initiative with England Golf and the Leicester County Girls during March April to promote golf with girls who have never have played golf before called Girls Golf Rocks. This will be supported by young female professionals from Coalville, Hinckley, Lutterworth and Scraftoft golf clubs and she advised all golf clubs in the area to contact their County representative for more details

of how they can support this initiative. It is hoped to attract a wealth of young talented girls into golf.

Election of Officers and Council

The following names were put to the meeting for formal acceptance:

President:	Jan Johnson
Vice President:	Glenda Yeldham
Treasurer:	Mary Jarvis
Secretary:	Lynda Bramley
Committee:	Sally Hollis of Lutterworth Karen Middleton of Melton Mowbray
Joining this year	Gill Lyth of Cosby Margaret Theakston of Luffenham Heath Shirley Bright of Scraftoft

Marion Wass of Hinckley proposed that the committee be elected on block. Di Goddard of Glen Gorse seconded the proposal. All were in favour.

Mrs Martin thanked Caroline Butcher, Pat Imlay and Ann Shuttleworth for all their hard work and support Gill, Margaret and Shirley as new committee members.

Mrs Martin then handed over the Presidents badge to Jan Johnson and wished her every success as the incoming President.

Mrs Johnson thanked Mrs Martin for all her hard work. She said that the attention to detail had been apparent throughout her Presidency and that Mrs Martin had set the bar very high for her to follow. She also said that she had made a friendship that would last as she presented Mrs Martin with a gift from the Association.

JJ invited all the ladies to fill in the match availability sheets on the tables and leave these for collection at the end of the meeting.

JJ advised that input had received inputs from individuals to look at alternative venues to Devonshire Place for the AGM luncheon in 2018. As a result she had approached a number of venues capable of accommodating the large number of ladies for the Association. They would all be more expensive than Devonshire Place and many charged for use of the room, PA system and microphone. It was put to the vote and the ladies in attendance voted overwhelmingly to return to Devonshire Place in 2018.

JJ invited ladies to leave a gratuity for the staff in the envelope left on each table.

There was no other business from any members of the Association so she handed back to Mrs Martin to close the meeting.

Vote of Thanks

Pam Hall of Rutland Water thanked the Committee for their hard work behind the scenes.

Closure

The meeting closed at 14.40p.m