

LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND LADY CAPTAINS' GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting held at Devonshire Place on Thursday 7th February 2019. 176 members attended. 28 apologies were received.

The President, Mrs Jan Johnson took the chair and convened the meeting at 2.00pm. She welcomed every-one to the meeting and asked all to stand for a minute's silence in memory of 2 captains who had passed away during the year. These included: Mrs Wendy Harris of Glen Gorse and Corral Sutherland of Kibworth golf clubs. Mrs Johnson also asked those present to think of members who were experiencing poor health.

Minutes of the AGM 2018

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 Shirley Bright of Scraftoft and seconded by Margaret Theakston of Luffenham Heath. All were in favour and the minutes were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

There were no 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, Jan Johnson 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.

The President advised that during 2018 the Spring and Autumn meetings were held at Longcliffe and Scraftoft golf clubs and these were organised very efficiently by Margaret Theakston and Shirley Bright 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 Collingtree Park golf club in Northamptonshire. The weather was very hot and the course was in good condition. The President thanked Mary Jarvis for her hard work in organising the event for 60 ladies who played in this AM/AM stableford competition. Mrs Johnson advised that she had enjoyed seeing all the ladies off on the 1st tee whilst her husband Terry took photographs of all the teams. These were developed ready for distribution during the meal after play. Jenny Martin was the President's guest on the day and they both enjoyed the courtesy buggy during the afternoon which was ideal for touring around the course to follow the ladies progress on the back 9. Everyone changed for a dinner of roast beef. The President confided that she had been worrying about this being a winter dish but that this was met with much pleasure by all the ladies who welcomed the change and the delightful dessert. Prizes were handmade toiletries, scented candles and air refreshers using natural oils.

Mrs Johnson was delighted to receive a lovely garden in a bowl for her final President's day event which was presented to her by Mrs Yeldham on behalf of the Association. The President thanked everyone who played, and to the committee who helped to make this a real day to remember.

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

The match against Nottinghamshire was played at Lutterworth golf club. The weather was kind, the course was in lovely condition, the company was enjoyable, the meal was very nice and the match was drawn.

The match against Derbyshire played at Erewash golf club, was not quite as successful with a loss of 8½ to ½ but it was played in good spirits, even though we were out-played. Luckily the meal was good and the dessert even better.

The Match against Northamptonshire was played at Ullesthorpe Court. The course had been altered on the first 2 holes which made it interesting and challenging. The course was in good condition with very fast green and the company was great fun. The result was a bonus with a win of 5½ to 2½. Yet another lovely meal and dessert was enjoyed by all. The President thanked all the ladies who had played in the matches.

The President advised that she had been disappointed to have missed playing in the last match of the season due to illness. The Lady Captains play against the Men Captains in September of each year at Beedles Lake. Tea, coffee and bacon baps are served before being announced off in a two tee start in a 4BBB match play event. The matches are always competitive but played in good spirit and everyone has a lot of fun. Mrs Johnson was delighted to receive a lovely plant from the Captains Society and a get well card from the ladies and gents. Everyone gets changed for the very good and substantial meal which is enjoyed after the golf. The result was a fighting loss 8½ to 3½ and Mrs Johnson confirmed that she was sorry to miss this match as it is always such fun.

The fixture with the Leicestershire & Rutland Ladies Veterans Association is for ladies with handicaps 29+.

The Captains and the Vets take it in turns to arrange the venue and buy the prizes. The format is an AM/AM with 2 Captains v 2 Vets in each team. The event for 2018 organised by the Vets, was played at Kirby Muxloe golf club and all the ladies enjoyed their golf and the meal afterwards. The course looked beautiful. The organisers debated playing 9 holes but decided a coffee and chat was a better idea. 1st & 2nd place prizes were presented.

Another regular event but only recently introduced, is for the captain of all affiliated clubs to bring her vice-captain to play 9 holes of golf followed by lunch, which during 2018 was held at Birstall golf club. This is held as a get together, for the incoming captains to meet and greet each other prior to their year in office. The format for the golf is an AM/AM with 2 captains with their vice-captains playing in each team. A few ladies had not played at Birstall before but afterwards they all said how much they had enjoyed their day. The AGM paperwork is handed out and a brief history of the Association is provided to participants on the day.

The Bridge Luncheon was held at Beedles Lake with all the hosting and catering arrangements for the day being organised by Lynda Bramley and the Bridge Drive being organised by Gill Lyth. Mrs Johnson thanked both committee members. The President confirmed that the raffle was well supported and the ladies were very generous, with £149 being raised for the County Junior Girls. The President also thanked the Director of Bridge, Julie Stretton of Scraftoft and all the ladies who participated on the day.

In 2018 the committee participated in an away day at Northampton Golf Course, (Harlestone). Three teams made up of past and present members of the committee played in an open competition (at the players own cost). This was another very enjoyable day. The course was in great condition, the atmosphere very happy, the meal very good and the result, only 1 point between the 3 teams, but no winning scores on the day. This is an enjoyable event but also good value for money for a team building, committee away day.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Mary Jarvis was away on holiday at the time of the AGM. Mrs Glenda Yeldham provided the report of the accounts to 30/11/18. She thanked Keith Gaffney the Auditor for examining the books again this year.

Mrs Yeldham advised that the cash balances had decreased from £6,677 to £6,334 resulting in an excess of payments over income of £343. The Association had been keen to manage expenses and as a consequence had maintained the stock of merchandising held £1,015 closing 2018. A policy to purchase on an order only basis had been established when possible.

Membership has decreased slightly from last year from 464 to 453.

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

The Association continues to give donations. A cheque of £100 was raised for L&R Lady County golfers. The funds raised from raffles during the year amounted to £423 which was topped up by the Association to a total of £600 in support of the County Junior Girls.

The cost of stationery, printing and postage has decreased. This is mainly due to merchandising being distributed at events or this has been hand delivered by committee members.

Sundries include: a gift for the Auditor, and also a gift for the outgoing President.

A prepayment of £200 had been made to Devonshire Place for the AGM Luncheon.

Overall the Association remains in a healthy financial position.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary Lynda Bramley confirmed that there were 25 clubs affiliated to the Association. Two members have passed away since the last AGM and 31 resignations were received. The total numbers in the Association stands at 453.

The Spring Meeting held on the 23rd April at Longcliffe Golf Club attracted 32 teams playing in a 3 ball alliance. The prizes were awarded to 7th place.

The winners of the Wendy Johnson Trophy were:

1st Place	Helen Adams-Brown	Hinckley	73 points (OCB)
	Anne Knight	Hinckley	
	Judith Matharu	Hinckley	
2nd Place	Doreen Brown	Scraftoft	73 points (OCB)
	Ann Henry	Scraftoft	
	Pam Skidmore	Glen Gorse	

3rd Place	Kathie Finn Drina Terzza Avis Webb	Melton Mowbray Melton Mowbray Melton Mowbray	71 points (OCB)
4th Place	Maureen Moakes Kim Turner Susie Tyler	Rothley Park Rothley Park Rothley Park	71 points (OCB)
5th Place	Diane Jaggard Lyneve McLoughlin Sue Pallett	Lingdale Lingdale Lingdale	71 points (OCB)
6th Place	Julia Dunckley Trish Formoy Chris O'Neill	Kibworth Kibworth Kibworth	71 points (OCB)
7th Place	Rosie Black Sue Bromwich Dulcie Bush	The Leicestershire The Leicestershire The Leicestershire	68 points

President's Day was held on 28th June at Collingtree Park Golf Club and attracted 60 ladies in 15 teams playing an AM/AM format.

The winners of the President's Quaich's (which translate as the cups of friendship) were:

1 st Place	Janey Heaney Ruth Sinclair Sarah Bowler Beverley Griffiths	The Leicestershire Humberstone Heights Lingdale Lingdale	83 points
2nd Place	Lynda Bramley Kim Griffin Chris Hyde Pam Hall	Beedles Lake Beedles Lake Birstall Rutland Water	77 points (OCB)
3rd Place	Gill Lyth Linda Orton Pam Fox Lyneve McLoughlin	Cosby Cosby Lingdale Lingdale	77 points (OCB)

The Autumn Meeting held on 3rd September at Scraftoft Golf Club attracted 96 ladies playing in a 4BBB format. Prizes were presented to 7th place.

Winners of the Renee Shipman Trophy:-

1st Place	Ann Parkin Lesley Udall	Cosby Cosby	45 points
2nd Place	Shirley Hardy Valerie Wilford	Kilworth Springs Kilworth Springs	45 points (OCB)
3rd Place	Shirley Bright Margaret White	Scraftoft Scraftoft	44 points
4th Place	Val Betteridge Jenny Smith	Ullesthorpe Ullesthorpe	44 Points (OCB)
5th Place	Lynn Cassidy Julie Evans	Charnwood Forest Charnwood Forest	43 Points
6th Place	Shelia Plant Bev Williamson	Scraftoft Scraftoft	43 Points (OCB)
7th Place	Janet Bentley Sandie Normanton	Melton Mowbray Melton Mowbray	42 Points

The Bridge Drive held on 1st November at Beedles Lake GC was the last event of 2018. 80 ladies played and we are pleased to announce the winners at the AGM again this year:

1st Place	Sarah Gilbert	3600 points	(guest Lynda Dunne Beedles Lake)
2nd Place	Janice Slater	3430 points	
3rd Place	Janet Scarratt	3310 points	

Congratulations were sent to all the winners. Our thanks are sent to everyone who played for supporting our events and we hope that everyone enjoyed their day.

A survey was conducted at the Bridge Drive in 2018. The question asked of the 80 participants was:

“It has been suggested that 8 hands of bridge is too many and that this should be reduced to 6 hands to give players a more relaxed day. Do you agree or disagree with this suggestion?”

The result of the survey was; 19 agreed that 6 hands is enough; 61 disagreed and would prefer to continue with the 8 hands of bridge. The outcome of the Survey; Future Bridge Drives will continue to play the 8 hands of Bridge.

The Secretary thanked both the members and staff at the clubs where these competitions were held, for their co-operation and help both before and during the day. This helps to make these events successful and an enjoyable experience for participants.

The Secretary also thanked all the committee members for their friendship and support. Without a strong committee things don't run smoothly and everything becomes a chore. Mrs Bramley confirmed that she had enjoyed every minute of being on this committee and working with the council members not only during 2018 but ever since joining the committee. All the ladies had been a joy to work with and had all pulled together to get things done.

The Secretary advised that it had been a more of a struggle to get ladies to join us on the committee this year as there seemed to be reluctance from some ladies to commit. Mrs Bramley confirmed that there is no nicer committee to be associated with and if the opportunity arose, ladies should give it a try. She also confirmed that no one has yet joined this committee and not enjoyed being a part of it.

Mrs Bramley advised that she had been secretary of the Association for a number of years however; she did not want to prevent someone else having the opportunity to join as Secretary. If anyone wanted to take this on, Mrs Bramley said that she would be happy to step aside. Mrs Bramley invited ladies to let one of the committee members know if they would be interested in taking up the mantle or maybe consider putting their name forward to join the committee. This might be an option to enable someone to see how things are done for a year before taking this on. If not, Mrs Bramley confirmed that she was more than happy to carry on.

Finally the Secretary passed on her congratulations to the new officers and committee members. Mrs Bramley confirmed that she was looking forward to working with the new committee members in 2019 and that as always, it had been a pleasure to serve the Association.

Paula Jinks of Scraftoft proposed that all reports be adopted and Gill Lund of Forest Hill seconded. All were in favour.

Presentation of Trophies

Winners of the Wendy Johnson Trophy:

Helen Adams Brown	Hinckley
Anne Knight	Hinckley
Judith Matharu	Hinckley

The winners of the President's Day were unable to attend the AGM this year so the trophy was not presented.

Winners of the Renee Shipman Trophy:

Ann Parkin	Cosby
Lesley Udall	Cosby

The President confirmed that Honours Board have been updated to record the names of all trophy winners for 2018 and that these have been posted to the website for posterity.

Donations

Anita Higginson, on behalf of the Leicestershire & Rutland Ladies County Golf Association expressed thanks for the donation to the Ladies County golfers. She advised that the county ladies would be playing at The Shropshire Golf Course from 24th to 28th June 2019 and that they would appreciate the support of any lady spectators who may be available to follow them during this inter-county week.

Mrs Higginson also expressed thanks on behalf of the Leicestershire & Rutland junior girls for the donation from the Association which also included the proceeds of raffles held during the year. She confirmed that

this money will be put to good use.

Election of Officers and Council

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

President:	Glenda Yeldham	
Vice President:	Helen Buckingham	
Treasurer:	Mary Jarvis	
Secretary:	Lynda Bramley	
Committee:	Gill Lund	of Forest Hill
	Jean Keller	of Willesley Park
Joining this year	Lyneve McLoughlin	of Lingdale
	Carol Devonport	of Longcliffe
	Angela Fox	of Rothley Park

Alison Seddon of Longcliffe proposed that the committee be elected on block. Chris Savage of Rothley Park seconded the proposal. All were in favour.

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

Mrs Yeldham thanked Mrs Johnson and presented her with a gift from the Association as a thank you for all her hard work over the past two years.

Mrs Yeldham said that she was very pleased to see so many ladies at the AGM luncheon and amongst them many past presidents which now also included Jan. The new President said that now realised what high standards she has to live up to. She also said that she looked forward to meeting many of the ladies throughout the year at one or more of the planned fixtures.

The President invited Helen Buckingham to come up and collect her Vice-President badge. Mrs Yeldham said that she hoped that Mrs Buckingham would enjoy the next two years in office as Vice-President as much as she had.

The President invited all the ladies to fill in the match availability sheets and asked for these to be left on the tables for collection at the end of the meeting. Mrs Yeldham specifically mentioned that only a few high handicap ladies had ticked to play in the match with the Vets for 2019 and as Mrs Johnson had already said, this is a very friendly match played as an AM/AM with one lady Vet and one Lady Captain to score on each hole. This year the event will be played at Market Harborough golf course.

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

There was no other business raised by any member of the Association.

Mrs Yeldham handed the meeting back to Mrs Johnson.

Vote of Thanks

Jenny Martin of Glen Gorse thanked the committee for their hard work behind the scenes.

Closure

Mrs Johnson closed the meeting at 14.48 p.m.