

## **LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND LADY CAPTAINS' GOLF ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting held at Devonshire Place on Thursday 13th February 2020. 156 members attended. 21 apologies were received.

The President, Mrs Glenda Yeldham 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 6 captains who had passed away during the year. These included: Mrs Doreen Reid of Charnwood Forest, Rosemary Hall of Hinckley, Judith Herringshaw and Veronica St Denis of Lingdale, Viv Holland of Rothley Park and Jennifer Moore of Scraptoft golf club. Mrs Yeldham also asked those present to think of members who were experiencing poor health.

### **Minutes of the AGM 2019**

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 Sue Thurman of Charnwood Forest and seconded by Mary Langley of Kirby Muxloe. 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 officers reports would all be read out and would be adopted together at the end.

### **President's Report**

The President advised that for 2019 the Spring and Autumn meetings were held at Kirby Muxloe and Kilworth Springs Golf Clubs with both being well attended. The weather for was dry and a pleasant temperature for each events.

President's Day at Burton on Trent Golf Club was played on a sunny day with 56 ladies entering. Due to torrential rains the previous week the course was playing long so a decision was made to be kind and allow the ladies to play off full handicap. Mrs Yeldham congratulated all the winners and confirmed that the results for these events will be reported in full in the Secretary's Report.

The President thanked to Jean Keller, Mary Jarvis and Gill Lund for organising these events and also the other committee members for their assistance provided mainly on the day.

Mrs Yeldham advised that as in previous years, matches were played against the present and past Lady Captains from three counties. The first was against Nottinghamshire at Wollaton Park Golf Club and as always, it was a delight to play the course, persuading the deer to move off the greens and to watch the geese proudly parading their young new born chicks. The second was a home match against Derbyshire at Lingdale Golf Club in the middle of the delightful Charnwood countryside. These first two matches were played on pleasant sunny days. Finally the match against Northamptonshire was played at Kettering Golf Club, the course proved to be challenging on a very windy day. Most of the games in all three matches were very closely fought, finishing on either the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> hole but unfortunately overall two were won by the opposition but the one against Derbyshire was a half.

There is also a match with the County Vets for the high handicappers which is played as an AMAM and as always was enjoyed by all the ladies. This was hosted during 2019 by our Association and was played at Market Harborough Golf Club. It was mostly played in the dry and although hilly, it was worth it for the magnificent views of the countryside.

The match against the Society of Leicestershire & Rutland Golf Captains (SLRGC) was played again at Beedles Lake Golf Club. This match is always very popular with the ladies, unfortunately yet again the SLRGC name goes on the trophy. All the matches were closely fought and again we were lucky with the weather.

Lastly there is an event for the current Captain to bring along her Vice-Captain or club representative to play in an AM/AM competition played over nine holes, followed by lunch. This year it was played at Charnwood Forest Golf Club. All the ladies need to be commended for playing as the weather was unbelievably wet, the rain came down in torrents, the greens flooded in minutes but to give Charnwood Forest course its due, it also drained as quickly. The ladies all played bravely through it.

Mrs Yeldham thanked all the ladies for playing in both the events and in matches.

The Bridge Drive was held at Kibworth Golf Club on yet another very wet day but on this occasion the ladies were inside looking out at a flooded golf course, needless to say the course was closed. Mrs Yeldham thanked Helen Buckingham for organising this event.

Our thanks go to all the clubs that allowed us to host our meetings, matches and bridge drive at their club and for all their help and delicious meals.

The President advised that in 2020 the Association will update the website and hope everyone will find it to be user friendly.

Finally, Mrs Yeldham wished all the ladies an enjoyable golfing year and confirmed that she will look forward to meeting many members again throughout the year.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mrs Jarvis advised that it was her pleasure to present the accounts to 30th November 2019. This year the cash balances increased from £6,334 to £6,413 resulting in an excess of income over payments of £79.

Membership decreased from 453 in 2019 to 444 for 2020.

Entry fees from competitions have remained healthy and as is our policy this means good prizes can be given.

The Association continues to give donations to the L&R Lady County Golfers and the L&R County Golf Junior Girls. For 2018/19 this amounted to Ladies County Golf £100 and Ladies County Juniors £600. The contribution made to the Junior County Girls is a combination of raffle money collected at our meetings over the year and a subsidy that is decided upon by the committee. This year the total raffle money amounted to £470 and this has been rounded up to £600.

Mrs Jarvis advised that the cost of stationery, printing and postage has decreased in 2019 from that spent in 2018 mainly due to merchandising being distributed at events or this was hand delivered by committee members.

Honorariums were reduced from £325 to £100.

Sundries include a gift for auditor, prizes for the match v vets and coffee at the meeting for the new Captains.

Prepayments for 2019/20 were as follows: £200 deposit to Devonshire place for the AGM taking place today and a £200 deposit for 2021 AGM

Our website expenses have increased this year due to ensuring our website is totally secure.

Our accounts still remain in a healthy position

### **Secretary's Report**

The Secretary Lynda Bramley confirmed that there were 25 clubs affiliated to the Association. Six members passed away since the last AGM and 24 resignations have been received. The total number of members in the Association stands at 444 including 9 honorary members and 6 ladies who play for clubs outside the counties of Leicestershire & Rutland.

The Spring Meeting held on 29th April at Kirby Muxloe Golf Club attracted 36 teams playing in a 3 ball alliance. The results were as follows:

#### **1st Place and Winners of the Wendy Johnson Trophy**

	Janey Heaney	The Leicestershire	78 points
	Fran Howkins	The Leicestershire	
	Mary Jarvis	The Leicestershire	
2nd Place	Gail Andrews	Cosby	78 points (OCB)
	Ann Horsburgh	Cosby	
	Carolyn Hutchins	Cosby	
3rd Place	Jan Brown	Kirby Muxloe	76 points
	Karen Cooper	Kirby Muxloe	
	Mary Langley	Kirby Muxloe	
4th Place	Helen Adams-Brown	Hinckley	72 points
	Sue Ayre	Hinckley	
	Sandra Baum	Hinckley	
5th Place	Rita Ogden	Lutterworth	69 points
	Carole Parkes	Lutterworth	
	Andrena Porter	Lutterworth	
6th Place	Trish Formoy	Kibworth	68 points
	Ruth Palmer	Kibworth	
	Wendy Quilter	Kibworth	

President's Day held on 27th June at Burton Trent Golf Club attracted 56 ladies in 14 teams playing an AM/AM format. The results were as follows:

#### 1st Place and Winners of the Presidents Quaiches

	Anne Knight	Hinckley	76 points
	Rita Watts	Hinckley	
	Jenny Carter	Kirby Muxloe	
	Julie Dawson	Kirby Muxloe	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Lynda Bramley	Beedles Lake	74 points
	Kim Griffin	Beedles Lake	
	Kay Pole	Charnwood Forest	
	Ann Kilby	Longcliffe	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Val Betteridge	Cosby	74 points (OCB)
	Penny Ellard	Cosby	
	Andrena Porter	Lutterworth	
	Terri Wills	Longcliffe	

The Autumn Meeting held on 2nd September at Kilworth Springs Golf Club attracted 88 ladies playing in a 4BBB format. The results were as follows:

#### 1st Place and Winners of the Renee Shipman Trophy

	Jane Leigh	Beedles Lake	41 points
	Ruth Sinclair	Beedles Lake	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Helen Adams-Brown	Hinckley	39 points
	Denise Mather	Hinckley	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Wendy Greenlees	Luffenham Heath	37 points
	Carol Richardson	Luffenham Heath	
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Bubbles Emmett	Lutterworth	36 points
	Liz Toney	Lutterworth	
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Rita Fricker	Lingdale	36 points (OCB)
	Adrianne Jones	Lingdale	

80 ladies were booked to play Bridge at Kibworth Golf Club on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 although only 76 ladies actually participated on the day. The results were:

1st place	Pat Keates	Guest from The Leicestershire	4670 points
2nd place	Glen Graham	Kirby Muxloe	3460 points
3rd place	Janet Scarratt	Guest from Hinckley	2780 points

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

The Secretary thanked all the committee members for their friendship and support. Mrs Bramley confirmed that the Association has been fortunate to have a strong committee which enables things to run smoothly and that she had enjoyed every minute of being on the committee and working with the council members, not only this year but since she first joined the committee. She also said that she will miss those who leave the committee this year but looks forward to working with a new team for the benefit of the members of the Association. Friendships made on this committee are long lasting.

Mrs Bramley advised that the Council has struggled to get ladies to join the committee again this year but that she is grateful to those ladies who have stepped up. Mrs Bramley confirmed that there is no better committee to be associated with and if the opportunity arises for any member they should grasp the opportunity and give it a try.

Mrs Bramley confirmed that she was looking forward to working with the new committee members in 2020 and that as always, it had been a pleasure to serve the Association.

Pam Hall of Rutland Water proposed that all reports be adopted and Sally Hollis of Lutterworth seconded. All were in favour.

#### Presentation of Trophies

Winners of the Wendy Johnson Trophy:

Janey Heaney	The Leicestershire
Fran Howkins	The Leicestershire
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Winners of the President's Day:

Ann Knight	Hinckley
Rita Watts	Hinckley
Jenny Carter	Kirby Muxloe
Julie Dawson	Kirby Muxloe

Winners of the Renee Shipman Trophy:

Jane Leigh	Beedles Lake
Ruth Sinclair	Beedles Lake

The winner of the Bridge Drive:

Pat Keates	Guest of the Leicestershire
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The President confirmed that Honours Board have been updated to record the names of all trophy winners for 2019 and that these have been posted to the website for posterity.

### **Donations**

County President, Karen Bonser on behalf of the Leicestershire & Rutland Ladies County Golf Association expressed thanks for the donation to the Ladies County golfers.

Ms Bonser 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	Longcliffe
Vice President:	Helen Buckingham	Hinckley
Treasurer:	Lyneve McLoughlin	Lingdale
Secretary:	Lynda Bramley	Beedles Lake
Council Members:	Carol Devonport	Longcliffe
	Angela Fox	Rothley Park
Joining the Council 2020:	Julia Dunkley	Kibworth
	Jane Linsley	Glen Gorse
	Pauline Milner	Charnwood Forest

Kim Griffin of Beedles Lake proposed that the committee be elected on block. Sally Hollis of Lutterworth seconded the proposal. All were in favour.

Mrs Yeldham welcomed Jane, Julia and Pauline and said that she hoped they would all enjoy their time on the Council.

The President thanked all the council members for their hard work and support throughout 2019 and gave special thanks to Jean Keller and Gill Lund who both retire from the Council. Mrs Yeldham thanked Lyneve for taking over as treasurer from 2020 and to Lynda for her work as Secretary of the Association.

Lastly Mrs Yeldham thanked Mary Jarvis who will now retire as Treasurer after eight years of managing the accounts for the Association. She added that everyone would miss Mary's cheerful face and lively presence at meetings before presenting Mary with a gift on behalf of the Association.

The President advised that Keith Gaffney who audited the accounts for many years has advised that he intends to retire. Mrs Yeldham then advised that having retired as Treasurer and to retain some continuity, Mary Jarvis has agreed to conduct the audit for the Association in 2020.

Terri Wills of Longcliffe proposed and Di Michalska of Charnwood Forest seconded the proposal. All were in favour.

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 it is useful for ladies to provide their handicap as this enables teams with a bronze and silver handicap to be selected and for ladies to be selected with higher handicaps for the match with the Vets. Mrs Yeldham reiterated that the latter is a very friendly match played as an AM/AM with one lady Vet and one Lady Captain to score on each hole.

### **Proposed Change to the Constitution**

The President advised members that it had been brought to the attention of the committee that there were some ladies who wished to remain members of the Association but were no longer members of a golf club.

A proposal to change the constitution has been distributed to all clubs and this has been posted on the website for the Association. The Council proposes that Rule 3 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

**At present Rule 3 reads;**

- a) Full Membership is confined to Lady Captains and Ex Captains of Golf Clubs situated in Leicestershire and Rutland.
- b) Associate Membership
  - i. Ladies who are Ex Captains of Golf Clubs situated outside the counties may apply for Associate Membership when their home club now falls within Leicestershire and Rutland.
  - ii. Associate Members shall not be eligible for Council.
  - iii. Associate Members may participate in all arranged fixtures.
  - iv. There will be no reduced subscription for Associate Membership.
- c) Any Full or Associate Member intending to resign must give notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December, otherwise she shall be liable to pay her subscription for the ensuing year.

**Amended proposal of Rule 3;**

- a) Full Membership: **No Change**
- b) Associate Membership: **No Change**
- c) Social Membership: **New category of membership to be added**
  - i. Social Membership is for Ex Captains who no longer play golf and who are no longer members of an affiliated golf club.
  - ii. Social Members shall not be eligible for Council.
  - iii. Social Members shall not be eligible to play in any golf events or matches
  - iv. Social Members may participate in the Bridge Drive and may attend the AGM and Luncheon.
  - v. There will be no reduced subscription for Social Membership.
- d) Was item c) **No Change other than moves to item d)**

Jane Bevan of Charnwood Forest proposed and Kathleen Allwood also of Charnwood Forest seconded the proposal. All were in favour.

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

Mrs Yeldham confirmed the date for the AGM next year would be 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at Devonshire Place.

Mrs Yeldham thanked Rachel Miller of Longcliffe for taking photographs during the event.

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

**Vote of Thanks**

Ann Davis of Willesley Park thanked the committee for their hard work behind the scenes.

**Closure**

Mrs Yeldham closed the meeting at 14.30 p.m.

Signed

Date