

Finally, the President welcomed Pam Hall from Rutland Water GC to the role of Vice President whilst confirming that she couldn't hand over the badge but will do so at the earliest opportunity. Ms. Hall has already served on the Council in 2104 through 2015 and brings enthusiasm and experience to the role. The President added that she will look forward to working with Pam and that hoped that Ms Hall will enjoy the next two years in office as much as she did.

Fixtures

Mrs. Buckingham confirmed that entry forms for Trophy Events are now available on our website for members to submit their entries prior to receiving their fixture cards.

Tee times for these events will be allocated as near as possible to the time requested and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Start sheets will be posted on the website usually around 3 to 4 weeks prior to the date of the event.

Results for our competitions will be posted to the website as soon as possible after the event. There will be no presentations held on the day but vouchers will be posted to the organiser of the winning teams following the event. The exception will be the Bridge Drive and may also be for President's Day but this will be determined nearer to the date.

Match availability sheets for 2021 have been received from most clubs. Invitations will be sent out to participants who have indicated their interest in playing, closer to the match dates and the full team will be posted to our website. Players who were selected to play in matches during 2020 will be taken into account to play in 2021 as appropriate. As many ladies as possible will be given the opportunity to play in at least one match during the year but given the number of people who put their name forward it may not be possible for everyone to play during the year. Please note that there is an extra column this year for your handicap, this information is very useful as one match is for higher handicap ladies while another is for a silver and bronze player in each pairing where possible.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our matches and events held during the year

Any Other Business

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

The date of the next AGM will be Thursday 10th February 2022

Vote of Thanks

Mrs Christine Price-Jones of Market Harborough thanked the committee for their hard work behind the scenes.

Closure

Mrs Buckingham closed the meeting at 14.27 p.m.

Signed

Date

will be sent to the County and BACS payments will be transferred into the relevant bank accounts this year again due to the Coronavirus restrictions.

Election of Officers and Council

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

President:	Helen Buckingham of Hinckley
Vice President:	Pam Hall of Rutland Water
Treasurer:	Elaine Wesley of Glen Gorse
Secretary:	Lynda Bramley of Beedles Lake
Council Members:	Julia Dunkley of Kibworth
	Jane Linsley of Glen Gorse
	Pauline Milner of Charnwood Forest

Joining the Council in 2021: Sandra Baum of Hinckley
Sheila Major of Kilworth Springs

Jane Jelley of the Leicestershire proposed that the Council be elected on block. Terri Wills of Longcliffe seconded the proposal. All were in favour.

Mrs Yeldham welcomed Elaine, Pam, Sandra and Sheila and said that she hoped they would all enjoy their time on the Council.

The President thanked all the members of the Council for their hard work and support throughout her term of office with a special thank you to Carol Devonport, Angela Fox and Lyneve McLoughlin who all retire from the committee at the AGM.

Our grateful thanks are also sent to Elaine Wesley who has stepped forward to take over as Treasurer of the Association.

Auditor for 2021

Mary Jarvis has audited the accounts this year. We are very grateful to Mary who has brought some stability in this turbulent year. Mrs. Jarvis has agreed to conduct the audit for the Association in 2021.

Lynda Bramley of Beedles Lake proposed Mrs Jarvis as Auditor for 2021, seconded by Julia Dunkley of Kibworth. All were in favour.

Handover

Mrs Yeldham handed over to Helen Buckingham at this point and wished her every success as the incoming President.

Mrs. Buckingham thanked Glenda for all her hard work over the past two very contrasting years. The President confirmed that nobody knew what lay ahead when Mrs Yeldham had taken on the role of president in 2019. It seems an age ago and so much has happened in that time to change our lives. Glenda had dealt with everything with, patience, enthusiasm and a lot of hard work whilst continually having to make difficult decisions.

On a personal note, Mrs Buckingham confirmed that she would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Yeldham for the way that she had been included and mentored so that she felt prepared to take over the role as President although Glenda will be a hard act to follow.

Mrs Buckingham added that she hoped that Mrs Yeldham had managed to enjoy her time and would enjoy the gift sent to her on behalf of the Association. The President confirmed that whilst we cannot give the gift personally as we would have liked, she could confirm to everyone that it is temperature and weather station with three outdoor sensors for different places in the garden. This is backed up with a garden centre voucher and a thank you card from everyone.

Mrs Yeldham held up the gift that she had received via courier delivery and she thanked Mrs Buckingham for the gift that will serve as a reminder of her time as President of the Association.

Finally, Mrs Buckingham wished Mrs Yeldham good health and enjoyable golf ahead and said that she looked forward to meeting up on the golf course, where we all want to be.

Mrs Buckingham confirmed that she felt honoured to take on the role of President for the next two years and that she was looking forward to working with the new Council who had already been introduced. She thanked everyone for coming forward to serve the Association and added that she was unsure what this year will bring, but that we will do our best to make the right decisions to safeguard all of our health whilst trying to run as much as possible.

Mrs Buckingham said that she looked forward to meeting as many members as COVID-19 allows at the various events currently scheduled.

This year due to the pandemic no competitions have taken place. This has resulted in very little merchandising being sold and no raffles.

Donations to the L&R Lady county golfers and the L&R Lady county golf Juniors of £150 and £700 were paid in February 2020 before the first lockdown. This was based on the raffles that took place during the year to 30th November 2019. The contribution to the Junior girls is a combination of raffle money collected at our meetings and a subsidy decided on by the committee.

This year the committee has gone ahead with producing a more modern website which we all look forward to using in 2021. This has resulted in extra website costs for 2020.

Sundries includes donations, gift to auditor, gift to outgoing Treasurer and prizes for the captain and vice-captain event.

We have a prepaid item for 2020/21 which is the £200 deposit for 2022 AGM.

Our accounts still remain in a healthy position

Secretary's Report

Mrs. Bramley confirmed that there were 25 clubs affiliated to the Association. Four members passed away since the last AGM and 39 resignations have been received. The total number of members in the Association stands at 410 including 7 honorary members and 3 ladies who play for clubs outside the counties of Leicestershire & Rutland. One club is still to return their membership renewals for 2021. The membership has reduced from 437 in 2020 as many lady captains are continuing in their role for 2021 so we have not had the usual intake of new members and we are all getting just a little older.

The Secretary advised that usually the names of all the winners of our competitions held during the year are confirmed however, there were no trophy events held during 2020 due to the Coronavirus. It is hoped that with the vaccine now being rolled out, events planned for 2021 will be able to take place.

Mrs Bramley confirmed that the Coronavirus had changed the way that we all interact. Electronic communication is key to being able to continue to communicate and operate. Zoom meetings have been very useful for us as a Council and have provided the means by which we have continued to be able to hold effective meetings. Zoom has also made this AGM possible and is just one of the ways that we have learned to adapt.

During 2020 the Association invested in the development of a new website. This is built on a different platform and has a fresh look and feel. Mrs Bramley invited members to take a look.

Fixture cards have been sent out to the Club Contact for the Association however the distribution of these will be delayed as we will not see all of our members due to the lockdown. To assist members, entry forms for trophy events have been added to the website so that members may download the forms to enter competitions without needing to wait for their fixture cards.

Merchandising may now also be viewed and ordered from the website. There is a link to the Glenmuir website so that members may view the products and sizes available. A "News" item has been posted to identify how to get to this function on the website.

The Secretary gave the biggest "thank you" to all the ladies who have been the Club Contacts for the Association on behalf of the members of their clubs. Thank you for communicating on our behalf with your members, for collecting membership subscriptions and for sending these in with the match availability sheets. You are all stars and Mrs Bramley confirmed that she could not thank everyone enough.

This year has been a year like no other with plans thwarted and events cancelled but everyone should be grateful for having come through this, so far. Not being able to play golf is a small price to pay when so many have lost their lives during the year. Hopefully everyone will get through this and a new year is dawning so let's look forward to being able to play golf again but as and when it is safe to do so.

Mrs Bramley confirmed that she had enjoyed working with all the members of the Council who work very hard throughout the year to organise and maintain everything on behalf of the members and that she will miss Mrs Yeldham who has worked tirelessly as President during the last two years. She thanked Angela Fox, Carol Devonport and Lyneve McLoughlin who will leave the committee after serving their term of office on the Council and hoped that they had all enjoyed the experience. Mrs. Bramley sent her congratulations to the new President, Vice-President and Council members and confirmed that she looked forward to working with everyone in 2021 and that as always it has been a pleasure to serve this Association.

Sandra Roberts of Longcliffe proposed that all reports be adopted and Sally Hollis of Lutterworth seconded. All were in favour.

Donations

The President confirmed that donations would be made to the County Ladies and Junior Girls although at a reduced level this year as there have been no funds from raffles due to the pandemic. A letter of confirmation

LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND LADY CAPTAINS' GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 48th Annual General Meeting held as a Zoom meeting on Thursday 11th February 2021. 35 members attended. 4 apologies were received.

The President, Mrs Glenda Yeldham took the chair and convened the meeting at 2.00pm. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed that due to the unusual way that the meeting was to be conducted and to avoid unnecessary feedback from individual microphones, everyone except the speaker will be muted. As a result, if anyone wishes to raise an item would they please raise their hand and we will then ask you to unmute yourself. Also, when we ask for a proposer and seconder please raise your hand until we have noted your name.

Due to COVID-19 we are disappointed that we are unable to hold our normal and very popular Luncheon and AGM. Apologies to ladies who would normally join us but in these exceptional circumstances I am sure they will understand and let's hope next year we will be able to hold our Luncheon and AGM at Devonshire Place.

The President asked everyone to pause for a few moments to remember 4 past lady captains who had died during the year. These included: Eileen Brookhouse of Birstall, Mavis Hawkyard of Glen Gorse, Brenda Jelley of Rothley Park and Gwen Brown of Willesley Park. Mrs Yeldham also asked those present to think of members who were experiencing poor health.

Minutes of the AGM 2020

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 Christine Price-Jones of Market Harborough and seconded by Jean Keller of Willesley Park. All were in favour. Due to the AGM meeting being held on line, Mrs. Yeldham asked Mrs Bramley to sign the minutes on her behalf, as 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

Mrs. Yeldham confirmed that she thought that no one would have realised what lay ahead after last year's Luncheon and AGM. It has certainly been a challenge as we have been in uncharted territory. The committee has had more meetings than normal all on Zoom. It was hoped that the Spring and Autumn Meeting and President's Day would be able to go ahead, unfortunately these had to be cancelled. The venues for the Spring and Autumn Meeting have been rearranged for 2022. Belton Park have kindly allowed transfer President's Day there this year and Helen Buckingham has kindly asked me to join her in hosting the day.

It was the same with the matches against Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire Northamptonshire and the County Vets. By the end of the season monitoring the situation daily was the norm, followed by cancelling matches and the Bridge Drive then rearranging them for this year. The matches were postponed until this year but the Bridge Drive this year will be at Birstall Golf Club.

Luckily, we were able to play the match against the Society of Leicestershire and Rutland Golf Captains (SLRGC) at Beedles Lake on a dry and blustery day. The room was arranged in accordance with the strict COVID-19 rules, the meal as always excellent but unfortunately, we were unable to change or have any speeches. Mrs. Yeldham confirmed that she had received many emails from the ladies thanking us for a lovely day. It made it all worthwhile. Unfortunately, we lost 5½ to 6½.

The only other event that took place was 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. Unfortunately, due to restrictions Kibworth were unable to cater for us but Beedles Lake kindly offered us their facilities. The ladies had to contend with high winds and the cold but welcomed the tasty hot meal and the opportunity to meet new members and most of all play golf. Mrs. Yeldham congratulated the winners Rachel Miller and Sandra Roberts, Longcliffe and Pam Hall and Jane Houghton, Rutland Water.

The President advised that Mrs. Bramley had worked very hard on the Association's new website which she hoped that everyone had viewed, this has been on top of all the extra secretarial duties this year.

Mrs. Yeldham said a huge thank you to all the members of the Council for all their help and support throughout the year, and confirmed that it had certainly been different and not at all what anyone had expected. Lastly the President thanked Mary Jarvis for auditing the books.

Mrs. Yeldham wished Helen and all the Council members good luck for 2021 and added that she hoped that everyone would have a more successful golfing year.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs McLoughlin advised that it was her pleasure to present the accounts to 30th November 2020. This year our cash balances have decreased from £6,413 to £5,213 resulting in an excess of payments over income of £1,200.