Lancashire Ladies County Golf Association

Minutes of the Delegates Meeting held 3rd March 2016 at Pleasington Golf Club

Present
- County Captain: Mrs Dinah Vaux
- County Vice Captain: Mrs Jackie Snowden
- Secretary: Mrs Margaret Milne
- Treasurer: Mrs Delia Naylor
- CJO: Mrs Susan Griffiths

Medames: Liz Robinson, Angela Caton, Susan Gray, Karen Riley, Louise Aspden, Jean Cawley, Margaret Wild, Susan Cooke.

Clubs represented 51

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<td>1. <strong>Introduction and Welcome</strong></td>
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<td>1.1 County Captain Mrs Dinah Vaux welcomed the delegates and introduced the Exec Committee and the England Golf, County Development Officers (CDO) Adam McAlister and Debbie Barber.</td>
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<td>2. <strong>Apologies</strong></td>
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<td>Janette Smart, Judith Harrison, Barbara Whiting, Janet Stevens, Jennifer Fallows, Lesley Morris, Joy Bury, Jane Rogers, Ruth Cooper (President), Janet Jepson, Lobden GC, Oldham GB, Townley GC, Colne GC, Haydock Park.</td>
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<td>3. <strong>County Golf Partnership</strong></td>
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<td>3.1 Debbie Barber explained her role as CDO and confirmed there are 158 clubs and facilities in Lancashire within their portfolio. 86 of these are working with CDO providing daily contact with club and members. There is a bi-monthly newsletter sent out by CDOs to golf clubs. Clubs focus was on recruitment, marketing and GolfMark. However whilst that is still the focus for a lot of clubs the climate is changing and request from clubs for support with Governance and Business Planning is growing. Interestingly all the areas are linked to the 4 elements of GolfMark. Adam McAlister explained that the new Regional Manager is Jason Budd and that Lancashire has now become part of the North East region.</td>
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Lancashire will still get full support from the CDO’s and they will manage the number of clubs in each area.

Between April to August 2016, 717 ladies engaged in some form of golfing activity.
Some went into membership.
Ashton in Makerfield GC
Greenmount GC
Grange Park GC

- Taster sessions
- Structured coaching
- Volunteers to support delivery
- Social element to help them integrate
- Membership for them to filter into
- Pathway in place

Grange Park came second in Lancashire’s Innovation awards.
Adam suggested that if any ladies wanted to contact Grange Park to discuss their project please contact him for details.

With the open being held at Royal Birkdale this year it is felt that now would be a good time as any to deliver a specific ladies project.
England Golf are delivering an initiative across Lancashire called ‘Road to the Open’ used to bring people into golf either new or rejoining/playing. People wanting to join a club.

- asking clubs to engage
- put offers in place at their club
- funding is available
- advertise offers on behalf of the club at the Open

England Golf has a number of resources to support with

- recruiting members
- governance
- members survey

Start thinking about how you can get people interested there are small ‘pots’ of money available speak to CDOs for help in delivering projects.
England Golf resources are available publications –
- Recruiting new golfers
- A Governance Guide for Golf Clubs
- Club Membership Questionnaire

These publications have been sent to club managers/secretaries if
Debbie explained the England Innovation Grants and explained that there was an award for the most Innovative County this year.

As a result Debbie and Adam put Lancashire forward because of all of all of the good and collaborative work by LLCGA, LUGC and the PGA.

Lancashire and Warwickshire are the finalists and the result will be announced at a dinner to be held in Lords cricket ground 16th March.

The winning county will receive £6,000 towards research.

Debbie thanked all of those from LLCGA, LUGC and the PGA for the information provided for the bid. She felt it had been a very good exercise to go through and had proved the hard work and commitment of Lancashire.

The County Union is in the early stages of planning for Easter Camps 2018. They have advertised for expressions of interest and selected clubs will be looking for members support.

4.0 Fees & Subscriptions

4.1 The Treasurer, Delia Naylor, explained that following a review into collection procedures by EG in 2015, it was agreed that individual subscriptions would be collected from clubs in line with their own membership subscription year, rather than having one set date for all clubs. It was felt that this would be fairer on clubs and strengthen the view that subscriptions are payable by individual members, rather than the club.

The LLCGA has agreed to follow this procedure for 2017. Invoices will be sent to clubs on the date that members subscriptions become payable, and will be due not later than 60 days thereafter. This gives clubs plenty of time to collect the individual subscriptions and be certain of their membership numbers, and, it is hoped this will mean there is no excuse for not paying fees on time.

In the case of clubs which have a rolling subscription year, a collection date of 1st April will be used.

In addition to that, ladies will hopefully be aware that fees are also payable in respect of any members who join the club during the year, unless they were previously a member of another Lancashire club which has already paid on their behalf. To this end a second collection will be undertaken 8 months after the subscriptions year commences, and any amounts due will become immediately
As previously, where clubs have not paid their fees by the due date, there will be a risk that members will not be allowed to enter County competitions, including shield matches and the Interclub competitions. If payment is not made within 30 days of the due date, the matter will be referred to England Golf. This will result in suspension of the clubs CDH. New handicaps cannot then be issued, and changes to handicaps cannot be made. This would apply to ALL members of the club, not just the ladies.

The Treasurer was pleased to report that all fees due on 1 January and 1 February have been paid. 40% of the 1 March payments have been received, with the rest hopefully collected soon.

Fee invoices are normally sent to the club secretary. If any clubs would like them sent to a Ladies secretary or another nominated individual please advise her as soon as possible.

5.0 Competitions

5.1 The Secretary went through all of the main competitions and venues and asked for support from members.

She explained the changes to the County Championship – now one 18 hole stroke play competition on first day and a handicap increase to 20.4.

6.0 Junior Girls

6.1 County Junior Organiser (CJO) confirmed that all of the ‘under 21’ returns should have been with her by 28th February.

She will contact all of the girls and encourage them to join LGGA, this provides a good regional training programme for girls with no handicaps.

There are currently 130 girl members, and we have invested in a new modern ‘kit’ for the girls which they are delighted with.

CJO advised that the applications for the Abraham Trophy are now open on the website.

The CJO thanked the ladies and clubs for their kind donations which she confirmed it helps greatly towards the training programmes.
7.0 **Shields**

7.1 The Secretary explained that due to the increase in the number of teams entering the shield this year the divisions have had to be realigned.

In the South West it would have meant groups of 8 clubs in all 4 and this was felt to be an unreasonable number of games having to be played as well as the burden of extra tee times from clubs.

This will be reviewed in light of the number of applications received for next year and clubs advised of any further changes.

8.0 **Change to Rule**

8.1 Secretary explained the change to the rule ‘Accidental Movement of a ball on a Putting Green’

Confirmed that the County will be adopting this local rule for all of its competitions.

A limited number of copies were available at the desk for collection.

9.0 **AOB**

9.1 A question was raised regarding the Council Meeting/AGM and the method of getting items on the agenda.

The Secretary explained that it would be a matter for the Council meeting. All nominations and resolutions must be proposed and seconded by separate clubs, in writing and received by the Secretary on or before the 31st August in any year.

Clarification was requested on single handicap players and shield matches.

The Secretary confirmed that one single handicap player may play in a handicap shield team, however if that player was to play in any finals she must have played in 3 handicap matches.

A question was raised regarding the venue for the AGM & Council Meeting.

The Secretary explained that that was the location for the meetings before moving to Wellington Park. Wellington Park has become very expensive and for the past 2
years we had had complaints regarding the sound system and cost of refreshments. An alternative was therefore sought.

There being no further business the Captain closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.