

## LINCOLNSHIRE UNION OF GOLF CLUBS

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at the Petwood Hotel, commencing at 18.15hrs

### **PRESENT:**

D.J Brotherton (President- in the chair), T Ireland (Immediate Past President) H.Harrison (Hon Sec), A. Hurst (Hon Treasurer), J.Lammin (President Elect/Lge Chairman), C.Lloyd (Comps Sec), P.Morrison (County Captain), P.J Rogers (Junior Organiser), R.Kedzlie, J.Barley (Asst Junior Organisers), G.Pearce (Match Sec), T.Haggerty (Schools Representative). J.Flindall, K.Moody.

### Club Representatives:

D.Culyer, L.Toyne, P.Davis, A.Thompson, M.Hyde, D.Carter, S.Farren.R.Burnsnel, K.Onyon, T.Moody, P.Martin, D.Jackson, P.Bridge.

### **(1) APOLOGIES:**

J.Halmshaw, JTR. Price, S. Graves, D.Price, GD Smith, J.Hodge, N.Over, D.Millington, R.Newns, S.Brattan, J.Smith, G.Kirk, A.Drennan, S.Forth.S. Bennett and S.Dickson.

### **(2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 4<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

Agreed as a true record.

### **(3) MATTERS ARISING:**

There were no matters arising that were not agenda items.

### **(4) ENGLAND GOLF REPORT:**

David's report had been previously circulated as he could not attend the meeting.

**Affiliation fee rule change ....** It has been agreed that one affiliation fee only for England Golf (EG) will be paid by each affiliated member based on their home club, regardless of how many clubs they may belong to. The full wording of the rule change is available on the EG website. The budgetary impact on EG is estimated as -4%.

**Strategic Plan...** the second draft has been produced and is available for further comment. The document is large in scope and contains 9 "priorities". (DFP is concerned this is too many and will be difficult to achieve) Clubs are invited to comment on the relevance to them of the 9 priorities.

A framework for both clubs and counties has been added in the second draft, together with suggested deliverables. Clubs are invited to comment on the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft and especially the club framework. EG are looking for a response to the proposals from CGPs and would like this by 13<sup>th</sup> January. **National golf month ....** The British Golf Industry Association (BIGA) are leading on a project to promote golf in April /May 2014. EG are supportive. The idea is to encourage new players and those who are "lapsed" to take up the game. CGPs and clubs are advised to coordinate efforts to coincide with this initiative and link their efforts and promotions to this month.

**County Development Officers ...** EG are offering to take on the contractual arrangements for these posts if unions want. If not taking this offer up it is suggested CDO's should be self employed. It is unlikely that the LUGC will vary our current employment arrangements with our CDO.

**CASC...** as previously reported the scheme is under review by HMRC. EG have been consulted with and have made representations. It is not yet clear what the new rules will be but it is **possible** that a maximum subscription per annum of £1,300 will apply and a limit of **possibly** £100k for other income. Full details are awaited and guidance will be produced as soon as the details are confirmed. It is understood that for any ineligible clubs there will be a 12 month period to consider and withdraw without penalty.

**VAT....** Hearing was in October 2013, outcome anticipated before end of the year. EG advisers KPMG are "bullish" about the possible outcome. Again advice will be forthcoming from EG .

**Special Projects Fund ...** it was confirmed that in accordance with previous commitments the balance of income is being placed into the special projects fund.

**Terms of Reference for Committees....** After some discussion it was confirmed that the CEO will "nominate" the chairs ...after deliberation by committee members and a recommendation being made to the CEO.

**Club Services ...** clubs are again recommended to contact club service for advice if they have concerns ... there is a wealth of experience there! Some interesting facts and results from surveys etc are available to inform marketing etc. e.g.

- A friendly environment in clubs is particularly important to attract new members... what part can stewards and other staff play in this?
- Leaver surveys are recommended to identify any trends influencing leavers.
- Social media is becoming increasingly important and do clubs have Apps?
- Female golfers in the UK are 14% of the total .....in Europe the figure is well in excess of 20%
- Are clubs "family friendly" enough?
- Have clubs targeted the growing migrant community?

**CRB/DBS...** now called DBS. EG working on an online system ...further info to follow. Intention is for system to be live on 6<sup>th</sup> January. If clubs elect to use other systems there may be an impact on Golf Mark etc....clubs are recommended to use the EG system.

**Handicap and benefits package registration ... Lincolnshire at 16% (3278)** some counties in excess of 30% (lowest at 9%) .... Can clubs please consider promoting this with their members?

**(5) M. G. U. REPORT (H. HARRISON)**

Subscriptions for 2014 have been forwarded to the ten midland counties; they remain the same as 2013.

H.H has asked the midland counties if they can look at amalgamating their county card systems. There can be no change for 2014 as some counties have already issued their cards for next year.

Fixtures for 2014 have been completed: We are hosting the Youths at Stoke Rochford, the Boys Qualifier at Greetham Valley and the Seniors Championship at Lincoln GC.

There has been a proposal to have an Under 16 ten counties event (to be held at Kedleston Park GC on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2014). Further discussions to take place at the next junior delegates meeting in February 2014.

**(6) COUNTY CAPTAIN'S REPORT (P. MORRISON):**

Since my last report in September, we have obviously entered the quiet period for County golf. We held a Squad day here at Woodhall on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November which was attended primarily by First team players. As ever, the day was well planned and presented by Neil Harvey. The day opened with a discussion on the short game with Neil providing stats to the players to illustrate the differences between the standard of Plus handicap amateurs, journeyman pros and the Elite pros. After a warm up session, the players worked on drills and exercises to give them comparisons to the stats provided at the start of the session. This was followed by nine holes on the Bracken working on constructive practice games. We had an open discussion with players at the end of the day and it was generally felt that it would benefit the squad to get together monthly during the Winter but only for half a day at a time to keep things fresh and also keep costs down. Neil followed up the day by providing me with his profiles on the players that attended. During the couple of seasons that Neil has been looking after the Men's squad, I have always been impressed by the way the days themselves are properly structured and keep the players interested through drills and routines. Neil is quite conscious not to provide technical input unless a player asks for it. Our Captain elect is in discussion with Neil over the future coaching plans and I'm sure Steve's extra enthusiasm and fresh approach will build on the successes so far.

Hon Sec made everyone aware of the deal with Pro Quip to provide clothing for the LUGC at cost price. Tony Diable (Cleethorpes GC) has also agreed to sponsor the first team to a cost of £600.00.

The President went on to thank Paul not only for his contribution for this year but also for all he has given to the LUGC over the last ten years.

**(7) COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT (C. LLOYD):**

There is very little to report since the last meeting with the exception of the results of the three competitions played in the latter part of the season.

At the last meeting I did say that we had had decent weather for our competitions so far. The following day the Open Championship was played at Woodhall Spa but thanks to the lingering early morning fog we had to hold this as an 18 hole competition. It was won by Jordan Wrisdale of Boston with a round of 68 who finished birdie, eagle to beat Scott Emery by 1 shot.

The Rita Hurst Salver, the competition solely for 9 hole clubs, was held for the first time away from Sutton Bridge at Sudbrook Moor and there was a new name on the trophy with RAF Waddington winning convincingly by 9 shots from Pottergate. The final competition of the year, the Jubilee Challenge held at Blankney was won by David Spence and Margaret Hartley from Elsham.

Once again it has been a thoroughly enjoyable year and I would like to thank all the Clubs who have hosted our events and also my fellow officials and officers for their assistance throughout the year.

**(8) JUNIOR ORGANISER'S REPORT (P.ROGERS):**

Peter updated the committee on the results from the final two competitions of the year. The matchplay title was won by Sam Done (Kenwick Park GC) and Joe Knox (Elsham GC) won the Patrons Cups with Luke Parkinson (Market Rasen GC) in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Peter informed the C'tee that the three main items of Income were £13000.00 from the main account, £1700.00 from the Patrons and £3375.00 from junior entry fees and meals. The three main items of expenditure were £3500.00 on mileage, £7700.00 on accommodation/food and £6000.00 on coaching fees.

Peter concluded his final report by thanking John Hodge, John Barley, Rob Kedzlie and Steve Bennett for all their hard work, he also wished Keith Moody an enjoyable period in office and good luck for 2014.

Hon Sec raised the issue of the money raised by the Patrons being only allocated to junior boys (this has always been the case historically).

Following some debate it was suggested by Les Toyne and agreed that we allocate the money raised on a pro rata basis dependant on the number of boys and girls.

The President thanked Peter for all his dedicated work over a number of years with the juniors.

**(9) REPORT OF LEAGUE CHAIRMAN (J.LAMMIN)**

In the North League Sandilands have resigned from the handicap league (experiencing difficulties raising both a scratch and handicap team without compromising the 3 match rule). Tetney withdrew part-way through the 2013 season. Canwick Park have applied and been accepted to join the handicap league with effect from the 2014 season.

In the Junior League Carholme and Lincoln have withdrawn for the 2014 season.

In the South League the same clubs will compete in all the leagues for the 2014 season as did in 2013.

At both meetings all clubs were reminded to try and not play fixtures, on the weekends that the County 1<sup>st</sup> and County 2<sup>nd</sup> teams play. That is the first weekend in May, June, July, August and September.

Player's priority should be 1<sup>st</sup> Country, 2<sup>nd</sup> County 3<sup>rd</sup> Club  
Please look on the LUGC web site for the 2014 County fixtures.

The junior league final took place at a sunny but breezy Holme Hall Golf Club on Sunday 29th September, between Spalding and Market Rasen. Holme Hall was in super condition and the players, supporters and officials were looked after very well throughout the day so our thanks to everyone involved. Spalding eventually ran out winners 2-1

Spalding will represent Lincolnshire in the English Junior Champion Club at Woodhall Spa Golf Club on the 9th/10th August 2014.

Congratulations Spalding

The Scratch and Handicap Finals was played at Elsham Golf Club on Sunday 6th October with Elsham being first class hosts once again.

In the Handicap final; Belton Park v Laceby Manor after six games played it was level at 3 – 3 on count back it ended 7 holes up each.  
So the last match went down the first again in a sudden death playoff.  
After Belton Park made a par 4 it left Laceby Manor with a considerable lengthy put for the birdie 3 which they duly got to take the honours.

The Scratch final between Belton Park and Cleethorpes was again close, finishing level at 3 – 3.

On the count back Cleethorpes won on holes up by 9 to 6.  
Congratulations go to Cleethorpes and Laceby Manor.

The League Management Committee who met on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November confirmed that the subscriptions for 2014 remain the same as 2013:  
Scratch / Handicap League - £45 / Junior League - £25

2014 Finals to be played at:

Scratch / Handicap – Spalding GC on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Juniors – Burghley Park GC on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Closing Remarks:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both the North and South Management teams who have helped to run the Lincolnshire Golf League during my position as League Chairman from December 2006. The North League has created their own identity and the turnout of clubs at the last meeting showed continued commitment. The South League continues to run as efficiently as ever with their well managed structure.

Thank you all for the invitations to both leagues qualifying tournaments which have been as enjoyable as ever.

Finally thank you to Nick Over League Secretary for the support over the past seven years.

This just leaves me to say good luck for the forthcoming year and I shall see you all again at the finals in 2014.

The President thanked Jim for all his hard work as League Chairman.

## **(10) REPORT OF THE HON TREASURER (A.HURST)**

Alistair gave an overview of our current financial situation and said we should be in a position to make a surplus this year of approx £10,000.

## **(11) GOLF PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

### Get into Golf Report

County Golf Partnership Biannual Review 6 month Self-Assessment October 2013

### **14 to 25 age Outcome**

#### ***Golf Roots:***

3 Satellite Clubs in operation Sleaford, Belton Woods and Spalding. A Street Golf projects in North Lincolnshire with Councils Street Sports are being set up, and 5 Golf Roots Centres to be established.

#### ***Get into Golf:***

There was no target for Colleges but 2 have participated Boston and Grantham, 1 University Lincoln as participated, Community Clubs ongoing relationship with Boston United Football Club

#### ***County Academy Programme:***

At the moment 6 Academies and 7 Coaches.

### **26 Plus Outcome**

#### ***Get into Golf Play:***

Public Events 11, Workplaces 3 and Golf Centres 11 have been set up with 425 one off participants.

#### ***Get into Golf Retain:***

Through the Golf Centres 259 have participated with structured coaching sessions and follow on coaching.

### **Sporting Experience (Club Offer) Outcome**

#### ***Club Leaders:***

2 Forums set up

#### ***Club Operations:***

Golfmark 26, Rangemark 1 and National Skills 25

### **Disability Outcome**

#### ***Golf Able (Feel Inspired):***

64 with Learning Disabilities have participated 8 of these have gone into structured coaching sessions and 8 have played once a week.

### **Talent Outcome**

***County Academy Programme:*** Vast majority of players have handicaps of less than 22 and are members of local clubs.

### **Agreed Priorities Going Forward (over next 6 months)**

- Continue to work with clubs in the Golfmark system.
- Encourage more clubs to apply for the Junior Club Coaching Grant.
- Engage with CSPs Sportivate funding more widely.
- Raise awareness of what the partnership is and what it can do for golf clubs and how to engage with it.
- Put in place formal agreements with Get into Golf centres.

- Look at better data collection and reporting by clubs to the partnership.  
A more sustainable programme of structured sessions on offer at GIG centres and more engagement with the overall Get into Golf programme.

**(12) COUNTY CARDS:**

Trevor Ireland appraised the C'tee on how the cards were distributed last year and that talking to various clubs since it had become clear that a large number of cards had not been issued to individual members.

A discussion took place on any alternative way forward for next year and it was agreed to give the matter more thought and seek feedback from our clubs.

**(13) ANNUAL REPORT FROM SCHOOLS REPRESENTATIVE ( T.HAGGERTY)**

Terry gave an overview of events that had taken place in 2013 and presented a summary of their accounts.

It was agreed by all that £1250.00 be donated to the Lincolnshire Schools Association for 2014.

**(14) ANNUAL REPORT FROM SENIORS SECTION:**

Peter Britcliffe (Senior's secretary/treasurer) had prepared a summary of income and expenditure and this had been circulated prior to the meeting.

It was agreed that £1750.00 be donated to the seniors for 2014.

**(15) PAC RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Election of Officers and Officials for 2014/15

Officers of the LUGC 2014/15

President D.Brotherton	Immediate Past President T.Ireland
President Elect J.Lammin	Hon. Secretary H. Harrison
Hon. Treasurer A. Hurst	Match Secretary G.L.Pearce
Comp. Secretary C.Lloyd	Junior Organiser <b>K.Moody</b>
Chairman – Lincolnshire League <b>K.Farrow</b>	
England Golf Voting Member D. F.Price	

Officials of the LUGC 2014/15

Midland Group Rep. D. F. Price	Midland Group Rep. H. Harrison
Captain <b>S.Brattan</b>	Vice Captain <b>J.Flindall</b>
Schools Rep. T. Haggerty	
Assistant Junior Organisers J.Hodge, J.Barley, R.Kedzlie and S Bennett	

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Secretary Lincolnshire League N. Over	
Seniors Secretary- P.Britcliffe	Seniors Captain –R.Pauley
Auditor – Bulley Davey	
Trustees – J. Lammin – G. Kirk – A. Thompson	

Recommendation – That the above Officers and Officials be elected for 2014/15  
Proposed by P.Rogers & Seconded T.Ireland - Agreed unanimously

That the following Lincolnshire Golf League (North) rule 9.3.3 be amended:

“There shall be promotion and relegation from each division as appropriate”.

The North area had agreed to regionalise the scratch league which contravenes the rule as it stands.

The proposal is:

1. Delete paragraph 9.3.3 in its entirety.
- 2 Amend paragraph 8.2.1.1 to read” The North and South Area League winners from the Scratch and Handicap leagues shall contest the Lincolnshire League Finals”

Recommendation – That the above rule changes be accepted

Proposed by L.Toyne & Seconded by C.Lloyd – Agreed unanimously

**(16) AOB:**

Les Toyne made the C’tee aware that due to his wonderful first season as a senior Richard Latham’s current ranking in the world senior’s order of merit is eighth. Hon Sec to write to Richard on behalf of the LUGC to congratulate him.

Hon Sec requested that the executive meeting in September 2014 be moved to the 10<sup>th</sup> September instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the fact the Lincolnshire Open is to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**(17) Date, Place, Time of next meeting- 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at the Petwood Hotel – 18.15hrs**

**(18) Annual Meeting of Council- 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at the National Golf Centre- 14.30hrs**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.30hrs.