

LINCOLNSHIRE UNION OF GOLF CLUBS

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on the
3rd December 2014 at the Petwood Hotel, commencing at 18.15hrs

PRESENT:

D.J Brotherton (President- in the chair), J.Lammin (President Elect), T Ireland (Immediate Past President) H.Harrison (Hon Sec), C.Lloyd (Comps Sec), S.Brattan (County Captain), J.Flindall (Vice Capt), D.Price (Voting Member), K.Farrow (Lge Chairman), K.Moody (Junior Organiser), J.Barley (Asst Junior Organiser).G. Pearce (Match Sec), N.Harris (Comp Sec Elect)

Club Representatives:

D.Culyer, L.Toyne, A.Drennan, P.Davis, A. Thompson, D.Carter, J.Smith, R.Boot, T.Moody, J.O'Reilly, R.Burnsnel, P.Martin, R.Wardhaugh, D.Millington, K.Onyon.

(1) APOLOGIES:

J.Halmshaw, JTR. Price, S. Graves, P.Rogers, J.Hodge, A. Hurst, R.Kedzlie, T.Haggerty, S.Dickson, H.Castell, M.Hyde, R.Reid, P.Morrison, D.Jackson, S.Forth.

(2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 10th September 2014

Proposed by Chris Lloyd and seconded by Keith Farrow that the minutes be agreed as a true record.

Agreed accordingly.

(3) MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising that were not agenda items.

(4) ENGLAND GOLF REPORT: (D.Price):

All relevant meetings etc have been attended and the interests of the LUGC represented. A brief summary follows

- Staffing structure review almost completed and staff in place
- 3 committee vacancies Handicap course rating , Championships, and Performance.... clubs will be circulated
- There will be at least one female and one male board vacancy ...details by end Nov
- Annual plan reviewed ... some targets will not be achieved ie Get into golf centre, 200 courses USGA rated, 90% of affiliation fees paid by end June 2014-11-10
- Sport England Portas review of take up of sport...findings still being reviewed ...outcomes by end of year
- Pilot programme involving Staffs, Northants, Warwickshire...planning taking place and project moving forward
- Digital strategy underdevelopment to inform future communications ... likely to be seeking 100k from Special Projects Fund at April 2015 meeting
- Tender issued to look at generating more sponsorship etc
- Review of CONGU to ensure supports the EG strategy
- Expect affiliation numbers to fall by 5%....numbers of girl members dramatically reduced

- Budget looks like being achieved for EG
- Figures for Woodhall Spa indicate very good trading position
- CASC ...detailed guidelines awaited...difficult to assess impact till these are received and expert interpretation applied
- Bridport etc... “unjust enrichment” stance was being pursued by Inland Revenue hence delay of payments to clubs... hearing rejected IR case on 25 Sept. but KPMG were tasked by the hearing with doing a review at 4 clubs ...decision will be made shortly ref the percentage of money likely to come to clubs.
- VAT and proprietary sector ... 40% of EG clubs are proprietary hence EG need to be represented in discussions concerning UKGCOA with HMRC and the recent KPMG report on reducing VAT to 5% for this sector. This is difficult for EG as such a proposal will have a distortionary effect if agreed.
- Golf development ... it was stated that during the past 12 months 4000+ new golf club members have joined as a direct result of CGP activity.
- Club services..... The European Golf Conference had identified the following as key wants for new members.... Friendliness, Fun, Families welcomed, Flexible membership, Future sustainability e.g. health benefits.. There were also discussions on free membership for under 16 years.... The Lawn tennis association has made enormous increases in tennis player’s affiliation with this approach.
- Marketing.....National Club Golfer 3 editions now published ...clubs and counties are encouraged to submit articles.

Changes to Articles

1. Enabling Board to empower any individual rather than just a committee..... will enable delegation to C Execthis was passed by majority (just Yorkshire against)
2. Implementing single transferable vote system (STV) for election of directors. After some discussion it was agreed that the articles were part of a wider review of governance and the meeting agreed to adopt the STV for next years AGM but not to amend the articles at this time.

Governance and Affiliation review

Portas consulting have been engaged to carry this out ...they are a very experienced company. The first stages of the review took place at the voting members meeting, further sessions will follow. There is a programme of consultation set out. It is anticipated that the emerging hypotheses will be discussed at the meetings scheduled for April 16-17 2015. Final recommendations projected for Dec 2015

(5) M. G. U. REPORT (H. Harrison):

Subscriptions to the MGU reduced as previously reported, this means that we will pay £2900.00 to the MGU as opposed to the £3700.00 we paid last year. The Midland Open in 2016 will be held at Kedleston Park and Mickleover GCs. The U16 team event will again be held at Kedleston Park in 2015 but will then move to a four county rota. (Derbyshire, Notts, L & R and Staffordshire). MGU were looking to agree a representative to be nominated to the board of EG.

The Midland Open in 2016 would be held at Kedleston Park and Mickleover GCs

Following a great deal of debate at the MGU meetings it was agreed that it was not practicable to move the Boys Qualifying event from its usual date.

(6) COUNTY CAPTAIN'S REPORT (S.Brattan):

The season has come to an end

Results put forward on my last report 10th September

Both Jeff and I planning and looking forward to 2015, we have assumed that we are still in post and have met all that was asked of us

Plans for 2015:

No county trials next year – felt that we have considered all potential county players for next year

Continue to encourage our 18 squad players and bring forward into senior squads as and when ready

Decided that our main focus on coaching will be on the short game & putting

Contribute to individual lessons as appropriate to cover long game with Professional assessment to be relayed back to LUGC

Looking at either

Squad coaching abroad (with player contribution)

Squad coaching weekend (with player contribution)

Two short game sessions two separate dates in February and March 2015

Plus a squad day – team bonding session with coaching as required

With a years experience under our belts (more under Jeff's) with our more open and transparent management styles both Jeff and I feel in much better position as regards team selections and have created a stronger pool of capable county golfers who are all committed to Lincolnshire for next year.

Compared with last year which showed a major improvement plus silver ware in the Eastern Counties Foursomes we aim to continue our transitional period and feel that we are in a position to:

Defend the Eastern Counties

Improve and challenge for Anglian league titles

EGU Midland Qualifier improve position from 2014

Finally - my sincere thanks to David and Irene whose support over the year was so appreciated .You will both be missed

I look forward to working with our new President Mr Jim Lammin once again and a very warm welcome (back) to Mr Les Toyne our New Vice President I hope the clubs are dusted down Les?

Jeff and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas – Bring on 2015!!

It was hoped that Tony Diable would again sponsor our 1st team clothing this year as he had kindly done last year.

(7) COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT (C. Lloyd):

As usual at this time of year there is very little to report – only the results of the last three competitions.

The Hotchkin, Taylor and Butlin Cups were played at Cleethorpes. James Osmond of Louth won the Hotchkin Cup, Lean Bell of Belton Park won the Butlin Cup and together with Steve Mitchell he ensured that Belton Park took the Taylor Cup.

The 9 hole clubs competition, the Rita Hurst Salver, returned to Sutton Bridge and in a close run competition Sudbrook Moor took the trophy by two points from the host club.

The final event of the season, The Jubilee Challenge, was held at South Kyme and was won by the Belton Park team of Past President Trevor Ireland and Sue Walker-Sherriff.

Finally my thanks are due to all the Clubs who have hosted our events this year and also to all my fellow officials and officers for their assistance throughout the year.

Discussions then followed regarding the future of some of our events but the "Poacher" in particular. It was agreed to promote this event quite hard this year not only to other Midland golfers but to our own players also.

(8) JUNIOR ORGANISER'S REPORT (K.Moody):

Overall we have had a successful season and completed an extensive fixture list for 2014, which I summarised in a newsletter which was circulated to all clubs, which I hope is on their junior notice boards. It also went to many individuals and is also on the LUGC website. But if anyone wants a copy sending to themselves please let me have your email address and I'll gladly oblige.

Feedback from this newsletter has been very encouraging.

The fixture list for next season is almost complete with just a few venues needing to be confirmed. Again this can be seen on the website.

As usual there will be a progression of the 'out of age' juniors into the 'adult' game. This means that we need to ensure as many club juniors register and participate in the county programme next season to maintain healthy county junior ranks. One step that has been taken to help this is the increasing of handicap limits for the county competitions.

Our successes in 2014 shows that our system works – but only if the juniors join.

Registration forms will be sent out by John Hodge, they will also be available on the website under the juniors' tab. Or please get in touch with me and I'll make sure that you will get one.

Finally I must thank the team that have worked so hard for the benefit of junior golf, including the Little Imps, during 2014.

They are John Hodge, John Barley, Peter Rogers, Trevor Ireland, Rob Kedzlie, Steve Cooper, Stephen Bennett, Paul Spence, Nick Hiom and Tim Hutton.

(9) REPORT OF LEAGUE CHAIRMAN (K.Farrow)
NORTH & SOUTH LEAGUES

Sadly Forest Pines did not fulfil their fixtures in the Handicap League and withdrew their team part way through the season. They have found it difficult to raise a team and the need to rearrange postponed fixtures due to the adverse weather course closures etc merely compounded this difficulty.

Holme Hall and Lincoln have applied and been accepted to join the Handicap League in Division 3 from the 2015 Season.

The Scratch Leagues for 2015 and onwards will be played on an East & West split basis with Promotion & Relegation between their respective Divisions 1 & 2.

In the Junior League - Waltham Windmill have withdrawn leaving 11 Teams. We have now reduced to 2 Junior Leagues on an East & West split basis.

In the South League there were no withdrawals or applications to join the Leagues – their formats for 2015 will be as in 2014. .

Neil Harris had replaced Sandy Watson as Chairman at their recent AGM

PLAYER PRIORITY

At the respective North and South League AGM's in October Clubs were again reminded that Player precedence was Country, County, Club. They were asked to appreciate this priority and wherever possible to bear this in mind to avoid player allegiance conflict. This would continue to help lift the profile of Lincolnshire Golf.

2014 FINALS

Junior League Final - Boston GC 28.9.14

Although it clashed with the final day of the Ryder Cup both teams were very well supported.. Belton Park emerged as winners 2 : 1 and will represent Lincolnshire in the English Junior Champion Club in 2015.

Handicap League Final – Spalding GC 5.10.14

This match was between Pottergate GC and Spalding GC who had the advantage of playing on their home Course. This did not however deter the resolve of Pottergate.

Spalding emerged as the winners by 4: 2 in a very tight match

Scratch League Final – Spalding GC 5.10.14

A closely fought contest between Carholme GC and Blankney GC both of whom arrived by bus with significant support.

The result was Blankney 5.5 Carholme 0.5 – but the score does not reflect how closely fought and tight the match really was.

Well done to everyone who reached the Finals. Especially Many Congratulations to all the Winners.

The weather was kind on both Sundays - both Boston and Spalding courses were presented in super condition – Many Thanks to the respective Green Staff.

The three Matches were all played in an excellent spirit with all the players, caddies and supporters a credit to their particular Clubs.

Everyone's catering needs were well looked after throughout too - . Many Thanks to all involved.

2015 FINALS

Junior Final: Market Rasen GC – Sunday September 27th 2015

Scratch / Handicap League Finals: Grimsby GC – Sunday October 4th 2015

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Estimates of the League's 2014 season income and expenditure account and the proposed budget for 2015 had been presented at the most recent League Management Meeting. These show a £444 loss on 2014 activities.

It had been proposed that the subscriptions for 2015 are changed to reflect the increasing costs of running the League as follows:

Scratch / Handicap League - £55

Junior League - £25

It was agreed by the League Management Committee that these proposed increases be accepted and applied.

INELIGIBLE PLAYER – HOLME HALL GC

In late August, following the North Scratch League Play-offs - Holme Hall GC, advised the League Chairman Keith Farrow (KF) - through their Manager Gerald Pearce (GP) - that unfortunately the Club had on a number of occasions in the 2014 Season been represented in the North Scratch League by a player who held Professional rather than Amateur Status. The player had not declared his change of status to the Club.

Following continued liaison between KF & GP on the matter, clarification of certain additional points were established. This then allowed KF together with the North League Committee to fully consider the situation and serious breach.

The outcome of these considerations was that Holme Hall GC should forfeit the right to progress to Division One of the North Scratch League West in 2015 but rather should participate in Division Two.

Additionally and to complete the League files - Holme Hall GC was asked that, where their Committee deemed there was an awareness of the situation at the time of these serious breaches, they keep us informed of any developments or ultimate sanctions if any that their Committee have or are intending to impose.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all the Clubs who have given up Members Tee times to accommodate the Area and County Finals for all the Teams and Divisions. Many Thanks too to Market Rasen and Spalding Golf Clubs for continuing to host the respective North and South League Meetings.

To the Team Captains / Managers and Junior Organisers of all the Clubs – Well done and Thank you.

On behalf of all - Thanks must also go to all the Members of the respective League Management Committees for their continued good work – often behind the scenes - running the Lincolnshire Golf Leagues.

On a personal note - Many Thanks too to Harvey and Jim who provided me with invaluable support and guidance as I settled into my first year as League Chairman.

(10) REPORT OF THE HON TREASURER:

Unfortunately Alistair was unable to attend the meeting due to ill health.

Hon Sec gave an update of our current situation regarding Alistair's retirement and what needs to be done for Chris to take over as smoothly as possible. Our Bank, Barclays, have been informed of the changes and that we will be looking to commence on-line banking in the New Year. The affiliation fee forms have been changed so they go to Chris when they start being returned.

(11) GOLF PARTNERSHIP UPDATE (J.Lammin);

Work place Challenge

A national initiative that encourages company workers to log in their activities in an inter-company work based challenge. This is overseen by the Lincolnshire Sports Partnership. This year they are introducing a series of sporting events to encourage people to try out different sports or to encourage further activity. Golf is putting on a golf challenge to be held at the Lincoln Driving Range on March 26th 2015. They will be offering golf tasters in the weeks leading up to the challenge and Get Into Golf group lessons following the event. This would be a good opportunity for golf clubs to advertise group lessons etc to a wider audience. The majority of companies (134) that are engaged are based in or around Lincoln, but that doesn't mean clubs further afield can't get involved.

Coach Development

The PGA is offering coaches professional development in the shape of professional MOT meetings. The one to one meetings are free and are designed to help coaches to develop a professional development plan. The Lincolnshire Sports Partnership are offering 2 bursaries for coaching qualifications. One is for golfers with a disability and the other is for women or girls between the ages of 16-30. The application forms are on the Lincolnshire Sports web page.

Disability Focus

Lincolnshire has been chosen as a focus county for disability golf. We have been asked to find at least 3 facilities and coaches that are suitable for the project. The project requires coaches and venues that can accommodate a wide range of physical and or mental impairments and has suitable facilities to allow participants to progress to playing competitively on a course. The targets being set are fairly challenging and the funding is a lot lower than similar projects so will have to choose our representatives very carefully.

Sportivate

The next deadline for Sportivate funding from the Lincolnshire Sports Partnership is January 16th 2015.. Due to the complex nature of the funding we need to work with people who communicate well with us. Sportivate funding is an excellent way for clubs to fund junior programmes and or groups that need extra help with costs. Sportivate only funds projects for 11-25 years of age participants.

Get Into Golf Activities

- Ashby Decoy have used the net at a local housing estate in working with North Lincolnshire Homes.
- Greetham Valley have used the net and been into work place at Kendrew Barrack.
- Grimsby Golf Club had an open day 30th October with net.
- Disability work with structured coaching for Navigational Trust at Lincoln Golf Centre and Inspire Links.
- Lincolnshire Sports partnership had a disability sport activity day at Lincoln College on Saturday 15th November GIG supported the event.
- Boston College running a course for golf at the college and Boston West, GIG supporting the activity.
- Reports given at LUGC Executive meetings.
- Newsletter No 3 October, distributed by email to clubs and PGA members.

Targets 2014/2015

COUNTY	14 to 25 One off	14 to 25 Structured	14 to 25 Once per week	26 Plus One off	26 Plus Structured	26 Plus Once per week	Disability One off	Disability Structured	Disability Once per week
Lincolnshire	378 Actual (Target) 1,600	216 Actual (Target) 170	121 Actual (Target) 45	950 Actual (Target) 1,070	349 Actual (Target) 650	243 Actual (Target) 300	98 Actual (Target) 100	23 Actual (Target) 12	8 Actual (Target) 4

(12) ANNUAL REPORT FROM SCHOOLS REPRESENTATIVE;

Written report from Terry Haggerty:

County Championships:

0-14 hdc Spalding Golf club 9.5.14

- 1 Harry Glenn 73 - Carres Grammar School
 - 2 Oliver Harrod 74 - Carres Grammar School
 - 3 Hugo Kedzlie 76 - Stamford school
- Girls Winner Mathilde Kedzlie

Team Champions -Stamford School, represented Lincolnshire at the ESGA Schools Team Championships at Woodhall Spa GC 9/7/14 finished 18th out of 34 teams.

15-36 hdc South Kyme Golf Club 28.4.14

- 1 Richard Tomlinson (20) 41pts - Priory Ruskin
- 2 James Loder (28) 41pts - Monks Dyke
3. Jack Timby (23) 40pts - Boston Grammar

North of England Championship Bramall Park GC 29/30.5.14

- 2nd* Oliver Harrod 73 -69 +2
- 3rd* Craig Robbins 72- 70 +2
- 4th* Sam Done 71- 71 +2
- 21st Harry Glenn 78 -73 +11
- 24th* Hugo Kedzie 80- 74 +14
- 27th Charles Petrie 80 -80 +18

*Team won the Northern schools a very creditable performance

England Championships Enfield Golf Club 22/23.6.14

- 10th Oliver Harrod 71- 72 +1

24th Craig Robbins 77 - 73 +8

25th Sam Done 72 -78 +8

Oliver Harrod represented ESGA at S and A Golf club Southport on 8th September against Scotland winning both his foursomes and singles match.

England U 16's Birstall Golf Club 20/21 July

11th Will Hopkins 76 - 73

29th Jake Craddock 82 – 74

37th Charles Petrie 80-79

Dates 2015

Championships

Monday 20th April Home Hall GC 0-14

Monday 27th April South Kyme GC 15-36

North of England Schools championships 28th/29th May Blankney GC

It was proposed by Chris Lloyd and seconded by Jim Lammin that we donate £1250.00. to the LSGA

Agreed

(13) ANNUAL REPORT FROM SENIORS SECTION:

Written Report from Peter Britcliffe:

In total 15 matches were played.

A new fixture against Lincolnshire PGA being added to the calendar and hopefully this will become an annual fixture.

In total 11 matches were won and 4 lost

The Lincolnshire squad now has 46 players with 6 people retiring and 8 new players incoming.

The LUGC donated £1750 again for us to use during the season, with balls for every match and the entry being paid for the Midland 6 man team qualifier.

The seniors have now joined in with the Union for purchases of clothing, which has meant a significant fall in pricing and allowing us to make a nominal profit per item. This has been in collaboration with Pro Quip

Fixtures for 2015 have already been posted with the Midland Secretary and I am well on the way to finalising 2016, which will be circulated when ready.

There has also been a change of Captain with Dave Quincey taking over the reins from Ray Pauley.

It was proposed by Chris Lloyd and seconded by Keith Farrow that we make a donation of £1750.00 to the senior section.

Agreed.

(14) PAC RECOMMENDATIONS:

Election of Officers and Officials for 2015/16

Officers of the LUGC 2015/16

President **J.Lammin**

President Elect **L.Toyne**

Hon. Treasurer **C.Lloyd**

Comp. Secretary **N.Harris**

Chairman – Lincolnshire League K.Farrow

England Golf Voting Member D. F.Price

Immediate Past President **D.Brotherton**

Hon. Secretary H. Harrison

Match Secretary G.L.Pearce

Junior Organiser K.Moody

Officials of the LUGC 2015/16

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

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

Honorary Life membership be granted to Alistair Hurst.

Recommendation – That the above Officers and Officials be elected for 2015/16
Proposed by D.Brotherton & Seconded J.Lammin - Agreed unanimously

(15) AOB:

No issues were raised.

(16) The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th May 2015 at the
Petwood Hotel commencing at 18.15hrs.
Annual Meeting of Council will be at the National Golf Centre on Wednesday
28th January 2015 commencing at 14.30hrs.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.15hrs.