

LINCOLNSHIRE UNION OF GOLF CLUBS

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on the 10th September 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), K.Moody (Junior Organiser), J.Hodge, J.Barley, R.Kedzlie (Asst Junior Organisers), K.Farrow (League Chairman) T.Haggerty (Schools Representative) J.Flindall (Vice Captain)

Club Representatives:

D.Culyer, L.Toyne, M.Hyde, J.Smith, R.Boot, A.Drennan, J.O'Reilly,

(1) APOLOGIES:

J.Halmshaw, JTR.Price, S. Graves, P.Rogers, G.Smith, D.Price, S.Forth, S.Brattan, A.Hurst, R.Newns, R.Burnsnel, A.Thompson, N.Over, P.Morrison, P.Davis, R.Reid, D.Carter, D.Jackson, P.Martin.

(2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 7th May 2014

Agreed as a true record.

Proposed by Chris Lloyd and seconded by Jim Lammin.

(3) MATTERS ARISING:

Matt Boyes (previously at Owmbly GC) has taken over as Professional/Manager at Sandilands GC.

(4) ENGLAND GOLF REPORT:

David report as below had been circulated previously as he was unable to attend the meeting.

- The difficulties with leases/titles at Woodhall Spa GC now appear to be resolved and the signing of the relevant leases is expected between the relevant companies.
- Wood Hall Spa accounts were encouraging reflecting cost savings made and the improved marketing of the course.
- The impact of the Bridport and West Dorset case was still on running with the issue of "unjust enrichment" still to be resolved.
- New CASC rules are stalled due to other sports having major issues.
- Membership nationally continues to decline with 4.4% less men and 5.1% less women. Budgets had been drawn up allowing for a 5% reduction due to dual membership resolution.
- Ongoing declining membership means there would without an increase in subscriptions be a likelihood that core activity and investment in strategic aims could not be met by 2016. It was proposed and agreed by majority of voting members to increase fees by £1.00 to £8.25

- The CEO had overseen a recent staff reorganisation which had been effected without increasing costs.
- The Strategic Plan was endorsed by a significant majoritythe CEO confirmed it is for Unions and Associations and CGPs to work together locally to determine their own priorities in line with the Strategic Plan
- The movement of the AGM to April 2015 prompted a resolution from the board to reduce the number of voting members meetings from 3 to 2. This was rejected by the voting members. The full details of the complete meeting structure for 2015 onwards are still to be confirmed but it is likely there will be 2 meetings at Woodhall Spa for all voting members to attend and perhaps a regional arrangement for the 3rd meeting.
- Approval of funding from special projects fund.....
 - Approved £40k per annum for 3 years support for golf foundation, KPI to be number of young people playing golf at golf clubs and becoming junior members
 - Approved County Pilot Programme £150k per annum for 2 years to assess impact on memberships with a focused approach in a few counties

There were no questions raised from the floor

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

It has been proposed that county subscriptions due to the MGU be reduced by 20%. This would be put to the AGM in October. If passed this would mean an approximate reduction for ourselves of £600.00.

Our Under 14 team won the ten counties event at Broughton Heath.

Nick Watson (Stoke Rochford) came second in the Midland Open.

The MGU Seniors held at Lincoln Gc proved to be a highly successful day and was won for the second time in three years by Tim Seaton from Grimsby GC.

Bob Davies (Shropshire/ Herefordshire) has been proposed as the next President of the MGU.

Much debate had taken place around the date for the Boys Qualifying event, this will be discussed further at the next Junior Delegates meeting.

(6) COUNTY CAPTAIN'S REPORT:

Steve Brattan was unable to attend the meeting and his report below had been circulated prior to the meeting:

“The season has come to an end; I was tasked with picking up some silver ware and gaining more league points than last year
Silver ware - a fantastic win in the Eastern County foursomes at Skegness. The team led by Jeff played magnificently all weekend to blow away all teams to bring victory back home to us.

A great team spirit all around was present both among the senior and junior players within the team and it was both Jeff and my hope that this would continue throughout the season.

Match v Norfolk drew 6-6 - good result against a very strong Norfolk team
Second team won 6.5 to 5.5 away at Sheringham
Match v Suffolk won 10-2
Second team won 6.5 to 5.5
Match v Leicestershire lost 6.5 to 5.5 - thought we got short-changed as couldn't get on course for full practice round on the Saturday due to captains day? better knowledge of the back nine may have prevented this loss - point to league please
Seconds lost 6.5 to 5.5
Match v Northants lost 7.5 to 4.5 - outplayed on very windy day at Skegness
Seconds lost 6.5 to 5.5
Match v Cambridgeshire won 8.5 to 3.5 - very convincing win and stopped Cambridgeshire winning league (big smile on face)
Seconds won 10.5 to 1.5 - fantastic win
1st team finishing third - improvement from last in 2013.
2nd team finishing similar in third also.

EGU Midland qualifier held at Moseley GC
Team finished 5th out of 10 - Simon Richardson top man finishing 3rd with Sam Whitaker 9th. This is a very high pressure top level golf championship and very pleased with performance of other team members who have gained very valuable experience for future years. Both Jeff and I have operated on fairly thin but dedicated and committed squads but we have not struggled for teams.
We have stuck mainly with our chosen squad players and brought in players who have had outstanding results in National and Lincolnshire events.
We will if asked to continue operate next year on similar lines.
We are meeting very shortly to discuss our performance - season review and plan for next year.
Both Jeff and I are delighted that our junior players have come up to the plate this year Sam Done, Adam Barnard, Josh Illsley, Rhys Mayers, Ollie Harrod and lately Billy Wright have all impressed and have provided us with a now competitive second team and we hope that they continue their commitment and dedication to Lincolnshire and progress as we hope they will next year.

I think I managed to gain the trust of our elite players this year with many enjoying playing and not pulling out at last minute - stress free team selections - long may this continue
With all targets hit - I look forward to receiving our end of season bonuses shortly.
As stated last meeting not quite champion league but think we made the Europa Cup?
Finally - my sincere thanks to David and Irene who had provided me with immense support over this year - I got a tear out of David at Brampton???

Thanks for all the flapjack?? which we **shared** all year , we even got Irene converted !! “

The President thanked Steve for all his hard work throughout the year and the President Elect echoed those thanks and also said how much he had enjoyed his year with Jeff and the second team. Jeff also thanked his team for their commitment and effort and also the way they had conducted themselves both on and off the golf course.

(7) COMPETITION SECRETARY’S REPORT (C. LLOYD):

“Entries for the competitions this year have been very similar to last year with the exception of the Mid Amateur which, as I reported in May, had to be cancelled due to lack of entries. Additionally I have to report that the Poacher had to be cancelled for the second year running, again due to lack of entries, again just 23 in total.

The Seniors Championship was held at Market Rasen Golf Club and attracted a field of 51 and was won by Steve Cullington of Stoke Rochford by 1 shot from the defending champion Richard Latham.

The Amateur Championship was held at Elsham with 53 entries and Simon Richardson of Spalding successfully defended his title. With two under par rounds he won by 4 shots from Aaron Ashberry of Woodhall Spa.

Nineteen clubs contested the Sir Henry Lunn Shield at Spalding and on home territory the Spalding team of Wayne Wallace, Phil Wakefield and John Reynolds took the honours with Phil Wakefield winning the R & A Trophy for the best individual score.

Twenty one Captains enjoyed the Union’s hospitality on Presidents Day at Woodhall Spa. Neal Rothwell of Waltham Windmill and Ken Taylor of Carholme won the Captains’ Betterball Stableford. Dan Bush of Elsham won the Amateur matchplay title in a closely fought contest from Darren Fuller of Cleethorpes and Aaron Kay won both the Presidents Trophy and the U18 EGU Salver with the only under par round of the day.

Both the Elsham and Bramley finals were held last month and resulted in two new names on the trophies. In a very tense match Belton Park overcame Kenwick Park in the Elsham final whilst in the Bramley, with the new round robin format, Toft Hotel came out on top from Market Rasen and Elsham second and third respectively.

The Open Championship was held at Lincoln last week and attracted a maximum entry. Paul Streeter of Lincoln Golf Centre took the title with Michael Pressick of Toft Hotel the leading amateur.

Three competitions remain this season – the HTB at Cleethorpes on Sunday with 20 clubs represented – 4 down on last year, the Rita Hurst Salver at Sutton Bridge on 21 September and the Jubilee Challenge at South Kyme on 12 October.”

A full and frank discussion ensued regarding the general malaise of some of our golfers to enter not only Lincolnshire competitions but Midland events also. The situation regarding the Poacher was discussed and various alternatives were put forward including a day/date change.

Les Toyne and Keith Farrow both raised the issue of whether or not our elite players planned their golfing year properly and what could be done to assist them.

Adam Keogh (Spalding GC) and ex England player had offered his services in some type of mentoring role for the younger players and this would be discussed later in the year at the end of year coaching meeting.

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

"This is my second report to the executive since my election and again I am delighted to report that everything has, so far, been trouble free and that my relationship with my various colleagues is still holding firm.

To date we have continued to progress through the extensive fixture list still without any serious issues.

1. The Boys Championship at Holme Hall at the end of May was won by Sam Done from Hugo Kedzlie in a sudden death playoff.
2. The Stamford and Molson Trophies were played at Greetham Valley and was won by Jake Pacey.
3. The Woodroffe Walter Trophies were held, as usual, at Belton Park with Billy Wright taking first place on a rain interrupted day.
4. The Les Johnson Trophy was held at Market Rasen and was won by Adam Barnard.

Like many other competitions we are experiencing a decline in numbers.

5. We were runners up at the MGU Boys Qualifier at Greetham Valley and were perhaps unlucky not to win – we managed to claw back a first round deficit only to miss out by a couple of shots at the end of the day.
6. Similarly we were also runners up in the Anglian League Qualifier held at Cold Ashby.
7. Only last week we completed a successful team and league programme. The joint Under 16's and Under 14's team were unbeaten in their programme which culminated in the Under 14's winning the Under 14's Team Event at Broughton Heath by a 14 shot margin.
8. The under 18's team have also had a successful season and the league outcome was only decided in the last match of the season at Elsham last week. We came up against a very strong and experienced Nottinghamshire side who ran out winners 9 – 6 and by doing so became league champions. Sadly Cambridgeshire had team raising difficulties in

this league and were unable to fulfill the fixture against Lincolnshire and fielded a very weak team against Nottinghamshire.

9. Peter Rogers and Trevor Ireland have continued with the successful Little Imps sessions at three or four more venues.

10. The support shown by Steve Cooper, Steve Bennett, Nick Hiom, John Barley John Hodge and Rob Kedzlie with all junior fixtures has been tremendous. Without them my job would have been much more difficult.”

Trevor Ireland asked that the age group for the Little Imps be increased to 14, this was duly agreed. Following some debate and in an effort to counter falling numbers in junior competitions it was also agreed to increase the handicap limit from 18 to 24.

(9) REPORT OF LEAGUE CHAIRMAN (K.FARROW):

“In the South

Blankney won the 1st Team 1st Division

Spalding won the 2nd Team 1st Division

Belton Park won the Junior League Finals

In the North

Carholme won the Scratch League Finals

Results are being pursued to complete the Tables and confirm the winners of the 1st Division Handicap League. (Now confirmed as Pottergate)

Forest Pines won the Junior League Finals

Holme Hall & Lincoln have applied and been accepted to play in the Handicap League with effect from 2015

The Junior League Finals Day is Boston Golf Club on Sunday 28th September 2014

The Scratch & Handicap League Finals Day is at Spalding Golf Club on Sunday 5th October 2014 “

10) REPORT FROM TREASURER:

Alistair was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

EG affiliation fee would remain at £7.25 for next year but it had been agreed at the last voting members meeting that it would increase by £1.00 in 2016.

The President announced that Alistair had decided to retire and that it would take effect from the 1st November 2014. Chris Lloyd would be taking over as Treasurer and would be formally nominated at the Annual Meeting of Council.

It was agreed by all present that due to his outstanding contribution to Lincolnshire Golf Alistair would be offered Honorary Life Membership of the LUGC.

(11)GOLF PARTNERSHIP UPDATE: (J.LAMMIN)

GIG Activities

- 1,000 leaflets being produced for the 15 Golf Centres, “Golf Offers for Everyone” the leaflet explains the pathway. Get into golf 5 x 1 hour weekly sessions for £25 on basic skills. Play more golf 5 x 1 hour weekly sessions for £25 on further your golf skills. Get onto the course 5 x 1 hour weekly sessions for £30 split between on course and practice sessions. Trial membership tailored to the golf centre.
- Service Level Agreements being completed for the 15 Golf Centres. This to be agreed by the Club/Coach/Partnership.
- 15 Golf Centres: Ashby Decoy, Belton Woods, Boston Golf Club, Bourne Golf Centre, Cleethorpes, Greetham Valley, Lincoln Golf Centre, Market Rasen, Normanby Hall, North Shore, Skegness Golf Centre, Spalding, Thorney Lakes, Toft Hotel, Woodhall Spa.
- Overview of the club, this includes county affiliation numbers, local market review, green fees, GIG website bookings, clubhouse, data collection, members survey, local media contacts, play more golf.
- Carholme Golf Club went to the Lincolnshire Show located in the Lincolnshire Sports sport zone. They have contacted local schools for summer golf camps.
- Bourne Golf Centre have been into Tesco at Bourne, Bourne Festival and Grantham Ability
 - Woodhall Spa has been represented at the Summer Spectacular in Woodhall.
- Cleethorpes had a company open day that included Linkage “learning centre for those with learning disabilities” Cleethorpes have follow on opportunities.
- Ashby Decoy have supported North Lincolnshire Homes at a carnival event in Scunthorpe.
- North Shore have been into Golden Palm Resort in Chapel St Leonards on two occasions in July.
- Sutton Bridge had a GIG day in July.
- Lincoln Golf Centre have put an 8 week structured course for 19 with learning disabilities from the Navigational Trust.
- Burghley Park will be going into Burghley House date to be agreed.

(12) PAC RECOMMENDATIONS:

That our affiliation fee for 2015 remains at £6.50.

Proposed by D.Culyer and Seconded by C.Lloyd. Agreed unanimously.

(13)AOB:

a) Trevor Ireland explained that next years county cards would be distributed at the annual Meeting of Council. (The numbers would be based on this year’s affiliation numbers).

b) The annual dinner invitations had been sent to Clubs/Guests.

c) It was agreed that the Boys Championship next year would be combined with the Girls, the venue is the Bracken course and the girls would play 18 holes in between the boy's two rounds

(14) The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd^h December 2014 at the Petwood hotel commencing at 18.15hrs

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.25hrs