

LINCOLNSHIRE UNION OF GOLF CLUBS

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on the
2nd December 2015 at the Petwood Hotel, commencing at 18.15hrs

PRESENT:

J.Lammin (President- in the chair), L.Toyne (President Elect), T.Ireland (Past President), P. Rogers (Past President), H.Harrison (Hon Sec), C.Lloyd (HonTreasurer), S.Brattan (County Captain),J.Flindall (Vice Capt), K.Farrow (Lge Chairman), K.Moody (Junior Organiser), J.Barley, (Asst Junior Organiser).G. Pearce (Hon Match Sec), T.Haggerty (Schools Rep)

Club Representatives:

A. Thompson (PAC Member) D.Culyer, D.Leonard, J.P.Smith, N.Davis, S.Catlow, K.Onyon, P.Davis, R.Wardhaugh, M.Carr, P.Martin.

(1) APOLOGIES:

J.Halmshaw, DFPrice, D.Brotherton, J.Hodge, P.Morrison, H.Castell, S.Dickson, D.Jackson, B.Howard, S.Morley, N.Over, A.Drennan, R.Newns.

(2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 2nd September 2015

Proposed by Peter Rogers and seconded by Steen Catlow that they were a true record. **Agreed.**

(3) MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising that were not agenda items.

(4) ENGLAND GOLF REPORT:

Report previously circulated. David Price had sent his apologies for the meeting.

“Mr President, firstly my apologies for absence. As usual the interests of Lincolnshire have been fully represented at England level. The strategy review and consultation has continued to dominate recent events and this report will commence with these and recent history.

15 proposals relating to governance and affiliation were originally produced discussed by the PAC. An indicative vote was taken at a voting members meeting in August. The intention of this was to sound out the feelings of the counties and consider any proposed amendments prior to a formal vote on these at the December meeting of EG. There was considerable discussion and several issues were raised in August.

It is fair to say that several of the proposals did not find overwhelming support from those voting and a further series of meetings with the counties were carried out in October. 9 proposals are now being put before the voting members meeting in December for possible adoption. The PAC have considered and discussed these and have agreed that all 9 should be supported as considerable effort has been made to clarify and reshape the original proposals and the PAC feel that the board's proposals are acceptable.

Other matters

- David Joy the CEO has tendered his resignation and is joining British Canoeing. The post is currently being advertised.
- Budgets for next 2-3 years continue to look achievable as long as projections on membership are maintained
- Membership figures continue to indicate that the decline is bottoming out
- Woodhall Spa Golf Management 2005 Ltd continues to operate within budget on budget and is performing well
- LGU and R&A merger talks are progressing satisfactorily
- KPMG have met with HMRC on unjust enrichment claim limit of 50% ...negotiations are still on going

Property Company

As reported at the last meeting, a recent merger of ladies and gents into a new company in Northamptonshire has raised some concerns as the new company does not meet the terms of the Property Company incorporation and technically could mean their share of property assets being dispersed to the other counties! Further concerns have been raised by the board that mergers or similar between Unions and Ladies County Associations could weaken the separation between the property company and England Golf which is maintained to protect assets from claims. The views of the counties were sought to frame a request for legal advice on this matter. An opinion has now been obtained and has been circulated to the PAC for consideration. “

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

David Price had held his first meeting as the new Chairman of the MGU on the 10th November.

Many of the issues raised in the EG report were also discussed regularly at the MGU meetings.

A new Junior Golf Organiser was being sought and the opportunity has been taken to revisit the current job profile and review if necessary to attract a suitable candidate.

The future of Annual County Dinners has been on the agenda of late and I will keep the Executive up to date with these discussions.

(6) COUNTY CAPTAINS REPORT (S.Brattan)

“It has been an honour and a privilege to be Lincolnshire County Captain this year. I knew when I took over the role that the task at hand was never going to be easy.

This year has exceeded all expectations; it is probably easier to report to you of the trophies that we didn't win.

Eastern county foursomes – won

EGU midland qualifier – won

Anglian league – won

Unfortunately we came very close to bringing in the fourth at the English County finals but just failed to get over the line - we will not mention foursomes but rest assured it will be addressed at coaching and in pre season. The English county finals were a fantastic experience for me and the team it is hoped that the players will want to compete at this level again very soon.

I would take this opportunity to thank the LUGC, all the people who supported us at the finals and our generous sponsors who provided us with everything possible to make these finals such a success. Thanks to Proquip, Ping Europe, Diable Roofing and Gas Safe.

Your players have represented the county with full commitment levels this year which has meant our strongest team possible has been selected on most occasions making us very competitive and the envy of all other midland counties.

My squad has been awesome and I have had very few last minute call offs which has made team selection easy. They have all made Lincolnshire and me extremely proud of each and every one of them.

Moving onto 2016 we will be preparing for county coaching in late February/ early March similar to last year with a full weekend of coaching in order to gather momentum before the pre season which starts with a tasty friendly match against Yorkshire at Royal Waltham Windmill GC. We will be operating on a very thin squad this year and will continue to bring in and develop the youngsters whenever possible. We will give chance to fringe players to impress in pre season and test them to see if they have the necessary aptitude and ability for county golf.

I hope that we as county continue to be as successful as this year and Jeff and I will do everything in our power to make this happen.

None of this year would have been possible without your county's unsung heroes

To Harvey your secretary who has kept me on the straight and narrow.

To Chris Lloyd who has not let me bankrupt the county

To Gerry Pearce for his administration at matches and for his poor choice of hotels especially in his home town of Northampton.

To Jeff second team skip for all his support advice and shoulder to moan on

And Finally to Mr President Jim another shoulder to lean ,moan and cry on - what a year

You have all been amazing many many thanks to you all.”

(7) COMPETITION SECRETARY’S REPORT: (N.Harris)

“There is very little to report as we head into winter. The results from the final three events of 2015 were as follows:

The Hotchkin, Taylor and Butlin Cups were played at Boston Golf Club. James Hodgson of Boston won the Hotchkin Cup, John Jarrel of Cleethorpes won the

Butlin Cup and James Hodgson and Andy Green of Boston took the Taylor Cup.

The 9 hole clubs competition, the Rita Hurst Salver, hosted by Sudbrook Moor, was an excellent day with RAF Waddington wining a keenly fought contest edging out Sudbrook Moor by three points to take the trophy.

The final event of the season, The Jubilee Challenge, was cancelled due to a lack of support. It is intended to alter the format for next season in an effort to boost interest and ultimately achieve sustainable entry levels.

It is also planned to change the format of the Mid Amateur Championship next season with a handicap prize being introduced in addition to the scratch competition. The event will also be reduced to 18 holes.

The fixtures for next season are all in place with the exception of the Mid Amateur Championship and the Lincolnshire Poacher where the intended clubs have confirmed they are unable to host the events. New venues are being sought in order to progress as planned for the coming season.

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.”

NB Burghley Park GC will now be hosting the Mid Amateur- our thanks to the club.

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

“The juniors have, as usual, completed an extensive fixture list this year; all results were posted on the web site and can still be seen on there. Sadly I've overlooked writing an open newsletter - as I did last year – hopefully over the winter month's I'll try to put this right. BUT the fixture list for next season is almost complete with just a few venues needing to be confirmed. It has already been published on the website and the missing details will be included as and when they are known. Apart from the fixtures being almost complete we've already made a start on our new look squad coaching sessions. After a very encouraging coaching meeting, chaired by John Barley, a few weeks ago the various squad players were identified and will be invited to the respective squad coaching days in due course. In fact the first day was held recently at Gainsborough when the new format was launched. The new format involves a morning warm up session on the range before going out onto the course to practice foursome play and course management skills. This change is in response to feedback from the more 'senior' juniors, the team managers, the coaches and due to poor outcomes in the foursome part of the team matches. As usual we have seen the progression of our 'out of age' juniors into the 'adult' ranks. This, obviously, means that we need to ensure as many clubs as possible register their juniors and encourage them to participate in next season's county programme. 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.

As usual I must thank the team that have worked so hard for the benefit of junior golf, including the Little Imps, during 2015.

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)

2015 Winners

Scratch League – Cleethorpes GC

Handicap League – Grimsby GC

Junior League - Gainsborough GC

Both the North League and South League had over the past few weeks held their respective Annual General Meetings.

North League

In the Scratch League Forest Pines have due to a reduced number of low handicap players withdrawn leaving just 4 Teams in Division 2 West.

They had however for the 2016 Season rejoined the Handicap League.

Sandilands too have rejoined the Handicap League

In the Junior Leagues Grimsby Lincoln and Pottergate have rejoined for the 2016 Season.

Leigh Swinburne has replaced Simon Moody as the North League Secretary

South League

Blankney have withdrawn their Junior League Team

Chris Elsey had replaced Fred Atter as the South League Results Coordinator.

Player priority - Country: County: Club: this had been reinforced at both League Meetings

Junior Golf - A request from Keith Moody had also been presented at both League Meetings to all Club League Representatives present to encourage their juniors both Boys and Girls to register and participate in the County Junior programme.

The League Management Committee Meeting was held on 27.11.2015 at Canwick Park GC.

This included our usual League Rules review and how we might prevent recurrences of events which had required judgment during 2015.

We also discussed the current rule regarding Caddies and will be taking our thoughts on this to the next PAC Meeting

LUGC League Subscriptions will remain as at present – Scratch / Handicap £55 Juniors £25

We also discussed the current Junior League anomalies with 3 Ball Betterball in the North – 4 Singles in the South and a 3 man Team – with 2 out of 3 Stableford scores to count - for the eventual County winners – in the Junior Champion Club event.

This had been mentioned and discussed briefly at the North League AGM in early October when League Representatives were asked to raise this with their respective Club Officials in order we could then discuss in more detail and ideally vote on the matter at the forthcoming North League March meeting. We have already received some feedback and by way of reminder

following the League Management Meeting Dave Armitage the North League Junior Organiser has mailed the North Junior Organisers asking they please provide us with their respective feedback.

2016 Finals

Junior County Final – Boston West GC Sunday - 25.9.2016

League County Finals – Thorney Lakes GC Sunday - 2.10.2016

Arrangements for these Finals are made several years in advance and Nick Over Lincolnshire League Secretary will over the next few days as usual be liaising with the above two Clubs to re-confirm these dates.

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 Spalding and Canwick Park Golf Clubs for continuing to host the respective North League South League and League Management Meetings.

To the Team Captains / Team 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. “

KF also announced that he had received a letter from Nick Over resigning as secretary to the Lincolnshire Leagues. The President thanked Nick for all his hard work over the years and wished him good luck for the future.

10) REPORT OF THE HON TREASURER (C.Lloyd)

Income and Expenditure account had been circulated prior to the meeting and is also attached with these minutes for your perusal.

Various expenses were worked through by CL and any questions were answered.

(11) GOLF PARTNERSHIP UPDATE /COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

(K.Farrow &J.Lammin)

“Lincolnshire Golf Partnership – (www.lincolnshiregolfpartnership.org). -

The Lincolnshire Golf Partnership is dedicated to creating opportunities for everyone to experience golf. The aim is to develop links between community groups and our open and accessible Golf Courses and Ranges

We continue to work closely and receive support from our three partners - PGA, Association and Union.

Bi - annual Review

We have now submitted our review for the period of March – Oct 2015 – and await the response from England Golf which it is anticipated will be received shortly

Although not all clubs who were involved with the Get into golf scheme responded we received data replies from 19 out of 24. The combined number of new participants who either received coaching or moved from a taster into

regular participation was 634 with approximately 130 moving into membership. The clubs who have 2 or more active Professionals were very busy and had excellent coaching and retention rates. Although this figure is reasonable we know there are a number of Clubs who capture data very inefficiently and therefore miss the opportunity to engage at a later date with the participant. One of our priorities going forward is to simplify the capture of this data and help clubs to see the benefits of doing so. In addition, we also need to help the “stand alone “Professionals with ways to engage with beginners

Disability Focus

A Project has been established by Anthony Blackburn at Lincoln Golf Centre. He asked the Golf Centre to recruit volunteers to assist dementia sufferers to either get back into golf or to learn to play. They meet every Thursday to practice and then have a coffee and a chat. Anthony is looking to run regular Golf Day competitions - there were 6 people on the first day signed up for the experience together with 20 volunteers from the Club. We are looking to help them roll this scheme out to other clubs in our County.

Shona Dickson with the help of Robin and Alex from Cleethorpes ran a taster at an Inclusive Sports day organised by Sue Over at Grimsby Leisure Centre. It was well received and we hope to become involved on a more regular basis to offer golf every week run by Rob and Alex.

Golfmark

We currently have 13 awarded with 3 Rangemark centres and 11 clubs are registered or working towards the new award. Progress is slow mainly due to us being re focussed on the Get into golf scheme over the summer and additionally Clubs having other priorities during the busy Summer season. We hope to be able to complete some of the Clubs who are almost finished over the coming few months

Lincolnshire Sports Partnership

A Stakeholder Day was facilitated on the 24th Sept which we attended. It was very interesting to hear Wendy Campbell from Sport England discuss their Youth Insight and Emily Pope talk about Getting Active Outdoors. We also met Mark Humphreys the Managing Director for Magna Vitae and arranged a further meeting to discuss running golf sessions at their Leisure centres.

Junior Talent Pathway

“To strengthen the talent pathway from club to county, leading to even more county success at a local, regional and national level”.

We have now received confirmation our Application mentioned in my previous report was successful and will be funded. 80% of the monies having already been received. We shall be arranging a meeting over the coming weeks between the LUGC the LLCGA and the County Development Committee to discuss implementation of the Plan

England Golf

David Joy – Chief Executive has recently resigned but will remain in situ until 31.12.2015. The position has already been advertised and we understand

applications have already taken place although for the moment we have no further information – but will keep you advised.

Governance & Affiliation

JL : HH : KF : together with Shona Dickson (LCGP County Development Officer) attended a presentation at Scarcroft GC on 21.10.15 - part of which concentrated on Governance & Affiliation. This was one of a recent series taking place nationally. Presentation slides are available from the series of Meetings which I shall be happy to circulate on request.

An England Golf Board Meeting had been arranged for 29.10.2015 to discuss and formulate final Governance Review proposals. Papers regarding this have been circulated to Counties for discussion ahead of an EG General Meeting on 3.12.2015.

Business Growth Forums.

England Golf are hosting a series of Business Growth Forums at various venues around the Country. Sutton Bridge and Woodhall Spa attended the 1 day Seminar at Newark GC on 18.11.2015. A further twelve Lincolnshire Clubs have registered their interest and indicated their attendance for the forthcoming event to be held at Gainsborough GC on 1st December. Further comments feedback etc will be provided.

(12) ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE SCHOOLS REPRESENTATIVE: (T.Haggerty) County Championships

0-14 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 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

*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

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 “

Terry had also produced a financial statement from last year, it was proposed by Trevor Ireland and seconded by Keith Farrow that we donate £1250.00 towards LSGA funds for 2016. **Agreed.**

(13) ANNUAL REPORT FROM SENIORS SECTION:

Peter Britcliffe had provided a financial report which was circulated prior to the meeting. It has also been agreed by the PAC that in future the senior accounts would be included in our main accounts and audited accordingly.

It was proposed by Steve Brattan and seconded by Neil Harris that we donate £1750.00 towards the senior's activities for 2016. **Agreed**

(14) PAC RECOMMENDATIONS:

“That the following Officers/Officials be elected for 2016/2017”

President J.Lammin

Imm Past President D.Brotherton

Hon. Treasurer C.Lloyd

Hon Competitions Secretary N.Harris

Junior Organiser K.Moody

President Elect L.Toyne.

Hon. Secretary H. Harrison

Hon Match Secretary Vacant

League Chairman K.Farrow

E.Golf Representative. DF.Price

Midland Group Rep D. F. Price

Captain S.Brattan

Assistant Jun. Organisers J.Hodge, J.Barley, R.Kedzie and S.Bennett

League Secretary Vacant

Midland Group Rep H. Harrison

Vice Captain J.Flindall

Schools Rep T. Heggarty

Auditor Bulley Davey
Seniors Captain **S.Kellett** Secretary / Treasurer P.Britcliffe
Trustees A. Thompson – G. Kirk – J. Lammin

Proposed by Trevor Ireland and seconded by Keith Farrow that the above be elected at the Annual Meeting of Council. **Agreed**

(15) AOB

The President announced that Gerald Pearce would be leaving his role as Hon Match Secretary as he was taking up a secretary's post at another golf club outside the county. **JL** thanked Gerald for all his hard work and wished him every success for the future.

Hon Sec reported that we are reviewing our current insurance needs and will keep the executive updated.

Tetney GC and RAF Waddington were no longer affiliated to EG/LUGC

(16) Date/Place/Time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will take place on Wednesday 4th May commencing at 18.15hrs at Market Rasen GC.

Annual Meeting of Council 27th January 2016 at the National Golf Centre, Woodhall Spa commencing at 14.30hrs

There being no further business the meeting closed at 18.55hrs.