



## LINCOLNSHIRE UNION OF GOLF CLUBS

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on the  
2nd May 2018 at Market Rasen GC, commencing at 18.15hrs

### PRESENT:

L.Toyne (President- in the chair), J.Lammin (Immediate Past President),  
P.Rogers (Past President), H.Harrison (Hon Sec & President Elect), C.Lloyd  
(Hon Treasurer), N.Harris (Hon Comps Sec), K.Farrow (Lge Chairman),  
K.Moody (Junior Organiser), S.Kellett (Seniors Captain)

### Club Representatives:

D.Culyer, AJ Thompson, G.Baines, R.Wardhaugh, H.Castell, P.Davis,  
D.Leonard, S.Elley, S.Wood & S.Boylan

### (1) APOLOGIES:

J.Halmshaw, JTRPrice, DFPrice, D.Brotherton, T.Ireland, T.Haggerty,  
S.Brattan, D.Carter, R.Newns, S.Dickson, R.Burnsnel, J.Barley, P.Hull, A.Keogh,  
P.Martin.

### (2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Proposed by J.Lammin and Seconded by P.Rogers that they were a true  
record. Agreed.

### (3) MATTERS ARISING:

A correction was made to the Annual Donation that was given to the LSGA,  
the amount was increased by £250.00 to £1500.00 and not £1750.00

### (4) ENGLAND GOLF REPORT: (DF Price)

Report previously circulated as below:

- Mr. Desmond Duffy was confirmed as President for the ensuing year.
- 8 directors were elected including the Lincolnshire nominee Mr. Doug Poole from Cambridgeshire (elected for 2 years) This means that The Midland Counties group has a representative on the EG Board.
- James Crampton outlined actions to assist with implementation of the new rules in 2019. Including..... reminding clubs to not print too many score cards with old rules on them! An on-line academy will be available in Sept, approximately 30 workshops will be held across England (level1), Championship referees will have a level 3 course in March 2019
- Additional audits with a focus on under declaration of members will be taking place.
- The finance director indicated that there could be as much a 200K players under reported who should be paying affiliation
- Counties were again reminded that if they want to merge with the ladies a process was available, as was a process to enable incorporation
- The changes to the rules and special resolutions were accepted unanimously.

- The continued use of the special projects funds for under 14 developments was agreed unanimously
- However, there was considerable and intense debate on the issue of the board proposal to increase affiliation fees from £8.25 to £9.50. An initial vote indicated that the board's proposal was passed by a close margin, but a POLL VOTE was called, and this reversed the decision by 4018 against – 3890 for. The Chairman spoke at length after this and sought views from the floor. Concern was expressed that as Sport England funding reduces over the next 2-3 years the affiliated members of clubs are being expected to pick up the balance. Some questioned the benefit of this particular work stream. The board did not appear to have a 'plan B'.

As it stands and without a significant reduction in costs there will be an increasing deficit on running costs and an erosion of reserves. Early indications also suggest, perhaps due to inclement weather that, clubs are having reduced renewals of memberships.

The situation is not critical but clearly some actions will be needed to address the finances. I suspect that a further ad hoc meeting with the Counties will be called in the next few weeks. For now, the affiliation remains at £8.25.

(5) M. G. U. REPORT (L.Toyne):

LT gave an overview of the issues that are being debated relating to some of the fixture issues/clashes that are ongoing at the MGU at this time. This was also having an impact on fixtures at a county level.

(6) COUNTY CAPTAINS REPORT (S.Brattan)

Report previously circulated as below:

- County Coaching took place March – luckily weather held out and Steve Bennett did his usual fantastic job in looking after two groups of 10 over the weekend.
- An aim point session was arranged via our putting coach Mark Bentley on the 1<sup>st</sup> April at Forest Pines GC  
13 attended and the day was very successful and much was learnt.
- County Squad day held at Seacroft GC Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April – with 16 in attendance  
Fresh from an England elite coaching conference I was able to introduce course games to provide a different type of golfing competition on the day – Can I express my thanks in allowing me to attend on behalf of LUGC.
- 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018- Lincolnshire V Yorkshire – narrowly lost but excellent golf was played and we came close to a win
- 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018 -Lincolnshire V PGA – a very inexperienced team were soundly beaten by a strong PGA team  
lessons learned by the team and will only grow from the experience – please note as many of our team work and it is difficult to put together a strong team out to challenge the PGA at this time.

- 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Lincolnshire V Notts – This game was used a “bleeding” ground for those players on the fringes and primarily consisted of potential second team players.  
After losing the morning foursomes 5-1 with 4 games going to the last things looked desperate but a magnificent fight ensued during the afternoon which saw Lincolnshire win 8 out 12 singles to force a tied game. – A great spirited fightback and many positives for the season ahead.
- We now move onto the first league matches of the year v Suffolk at Spalding and Diss quickly followed by the Eastern County Foursomes at Seacroft.
- Both David and I will do all in our power to bring about winning starts for both teams””

(7) COMPETITIONS SECRETARIES REPORT: (N.HARRIS)

Report previously circulated as below:

- All entries forms have been issued to the clubs and are available on the LUGC website. Online entry is available for all competitions as usual.
- The first round of the Elsham Foursomes has been completed although some results have been slow on coming in. It is important that teams submit their scores as requested within 24 hours of the completion of each match. Scores can be reported by email, text or phone so there should be no excuses.
- It was necessary to cancel the LUGC Mid-Amateur Championship following a very disappointing entry of only 14 players. It is not viable to run a competition with such low numbers. It may be time to rethink the validity of this event and possibly replace it with something else. A handicap event has been suggested and will be considered for the future.
- We were hoping to register the Lincolnshire Poacher as a WAGR event combined with the Gogs Trophy, however the regulating authority have turned down our request and therefore it will remain as a 36-hole event. The Midland Golf Union have boosted the interest in the Midland Order of Merit events by putting up a large prize fund to the top 5 in the final Order of Merit and therefore it is hoped this will encourage more entries. I will continue to discuss the combining of this event with another Order of Merit event with the WAGR officers.
- Entries for all the remaining competitions are coming in with the following recorded at 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018

Senior Amateur Match Play (ongoing) = 21  
 Bramley Trophy (ongoing) = 26 clubs  
 Elsham Trophy (ongoing) = 28 clubs  
 Senior Amateur Championship (13<sup>th</sup> June) = 19  
 Amateur Championship (24<sup>th</sup> June) = 5  
 Henry Lunn Shield (8<sup>th</sup> July) = 3  
 Lincolnshire Poacher (22<sup>nd</sup> July) = 3  
 Presidents Day Captains (1<sup>st</sup> August) = 17  
 Open Championship (6<sup>th</sup> September) = 0  
 Hotchkin Taylor Butlin (9<sup>th</sup> September) = 2

Rita Hurst Salver (16<sup>th</sup> September) = 0  
Jubilee Trophy (14<sup>th</sup> October) = 4

There is still a month to go before the closing date for the Senior Amateur Championship, and 6 weeks before the Amateur Championship closes, but I would hope for a significant increase in entries in the next few weeks for both competitions.

- A big thank you to all the clubs who are hosting events for us this season. Their support and assistance as we move forward towards the events is very much appreciated.
- I would also like to thank all those clubs who have agreed to host events in 2019. The support from the clubs is vital to the continued success of all events.
- Finally, thank all officers of the union for their continued support throughout last season and I am looking forward to the new season ahead.

A general discussion ensued around the whole question of why we were not getting full entries and what we could do to improve the situation.

#### (8) JUNIOR ORGANISERS REPORT (K.Moody):

Report previously circulated as below

##### Registration

Juniors are registering (both boys 7 girls) but as anticipated the numbers are lower due to losing a substantial number at the turn of the year on age grounds.

The removal (albeit accidentally) of the handicap limit for junior registration has had the benefit of attracting some much younger previously unknown juniors to the registrar.

##### Increased Participation

Already we have in excess of 30 entries for each of the years individual competitions due to the offer of "six for the price of five" entry fee and the introduction of a Lincolnshire PGA sponsored order of merit.

##### County Team Squads.

A large county junior boys team squad have already had one re vamped get together and three more shorter sessions are planned in the near future. There is an emphasis on more home coach style involvement and the counties are also targeting certain competitive objectives.

(9) LEAGUE CHAIRMANS REPORT (K.Farrow)

Report previously circulated as below:

**Pre – Season Meetings**

The usual Pre Season Meeting in both the South & North Areas were held respectively on 19.3.2018 & 21.3.2018

**South League Junior Organiser**

Neil Tunstall (Sleaford) has agreed to take over from Alan Smith in October 2018 as South League Junior Organiser

**League Subscriptions**

We are currently collecting League Subscriptions in both North & South and will submit the LUGC element to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

**Player Priority**

Reference to Player priority – Country / County / Club was in the usual manner reiterated to all present and included within my League Chair Report for both respective Area Meetings.

**Junior Registration**

On behalf of Keith Moody (County Junior Organiser) the opportunity was - with a captive audience of Club Representatives at both recent League Meetings - taken to request they encourage all juniors at their respective Clubs - both Boys and Girls - to register and participate in the County Junior programme.

**Finals 2018**

Junior Final - Blankney Golf Club - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Scratch / Handicap Finals - South Kyme Golf Club - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Finals 2019**

Junior Final - Ashby Decoy Golf Club Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Scratch / Handicap League Finals - Cleethorpes Golf Club Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

CL talked the meeting through our current financial position having previously circulated his Income/Expenditure account. 2 clubs have yet to pay their affiliation fees and Chris is discussing the situation with the clubs concerned

(11) GOLF PARTNERSHIP UPDATE /COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REPORT:

(J.Lammin/K.Farrow)

Report Circulated Previously:

**Club Support**

3 new Clubs not previously supported now working with us :

7 Clubs now being provided with tailored bespoke support :

7 Clubs updated their Safeguarding Policies :

Club Support Officers attended the following Workshops :

Digital Media :

Business Planning:  
Club Governance:  
Recruitment and Retention:

### **Initiatives**

County Golf Chicks have developed a new series of Girls Activity days and additionally a new Chicks tour covering North and Central Lincolnshire. Both are for high or non-handicap girl golfers.

Little Imps provide competition for medium /high handicap girls and boys at 5 venues through the 2018 season.

5 Clubs undertaking Women only golf activities:

### **Recruitment**

Plan to set up Women & Girls Committee to promote and increase numbers:  
Utilising Women & Girls recruitment pack to increase Lady Members.

Evidence of a Club introducing a 9-hole flexible membership package with points system.

Also seen new flexible Memberships to suit seasonal members and additionally 9-hole Memberships for older members

Aiding 9 Clubs to promote the new Get into golf campaign:

Assisting a number of Clubs preparing long term Business Plans

Working with 2 Clubs on Get out get Active (GOGA) projects: 28 participants have been encouraged back or into golf through these activities

Demonstration of Clubs including within their fixture lists:

Cross Country Golf:

Ready Golf:

Night Golf:

Forward tees:

9-hole putting competitions:

Membership Surveys being used by Clubs to gain better insight into Club Members views.

2 Clubs attended Club Governance and Changing Culture Workshop and have had follow up meetings to develop retention plans.

### **Juniors & Young People**

16 Clubs now participating in Golf Foundation and England Golf Joint Action Plans:

### **Disability**

Dementia friendly golf in Lincoln continues every Thursday

1 Club continues to offer and develop Inclusive Golf to schools and disabled groups in their area

1 Club progresses their relationship and group work with Inspire Lincs in their area

### **Junior Priority County:**

Junior Survey sent out and completed by 27 clubs in November 2017

Following this a Junior Forum was held in March 2018 where 17 clubs were represented

From this the following priority areas were recognised and identified by Clubs:

Communication: Volunteers: Pathways: Planning:

The Development Group Steering Committee of this initiative met 11.4.2018 to discuss and progress the above and align with our strategy as we develop a County Plan.

(12) GDPR/GOVERNANCE.

Hon Sec worked through the ongoing situation regarding GDPR and Governance.

(13) PAC RECOMMENDATIONS:

- That David Carter is offered the role of 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain.
- A donation of £150.00 is given to our players for participating in agreed national events. (Boys – British Boys - Reid Trophy- McGregor Trophy – Carris Trophy. Men – The British Amateur, The English Amateur, The Lytham Trophy, The Brabazon Trophy.
- That our financial year end be changed from 31<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December.
- That the method of funding our senior team is changed from an allocated annual amount to a similar way we provide funding to our other teams.

Proposed by A. Thompson Seconded by J.Lammin Agreed.

(14) AOB.

- Steve Kellett expressed his thanks to the President for all his hard work in integrating the seniors more into the mainstream of the LUGC.

(15) DATE/TIME/PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at Market Rasen GC commencing at 18.15hrs. There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.10hrs.