

<u>ENGLISH WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION</u>		
Minutes of the East Regional Committee held at Gog Magog Golf Club on Tuesday 13 th April 2010 at 10.30am		
Present:	Mrs Judi Walker - Regional Chairman Mrs Margaret McCall - Cambs & Hunts Mrs Helen Morgan – Essex Mrs Ann Green - Hertfordshire Mrs Nicky Wylie - Norfolk Mrs Margaret Seabrook - Bedfordshire Mrs Anne Archer – Suffolk Miss Kathryn Harris - Regional Administrator	
		Action
1. Welcome, Apologies and Chairman's Remarks	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Mrs Helen Morgan. Apologies were received from Mrs Par Garner. The Chairman's remarks had been previously circulated.	
2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3 rd February	The Chairman asked for any amendments or comments. Item 6 AOB CMW 2011 is now w/b 27 July The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.	
3. Matters Arising	Nicky advised that all Counties check their County Insurance to ensure that all ages of players are covered <12 and >65. Norfolk needed to change theirs to acknowledge 12 years old and younger. Also a Facility Fee and not a Gratuity Fee should be paid to a club hosting an event in order that the Club's insurance is valid for cover of the competitors.	
4. Items from Operational Board Meeting 23 rd March	a. Inactive Handicaps - Clarification is needed from the Handicap Committee with regard to their suggestion that Counties encourage inactive handicap players to play in County Competitions. All clubs should be encouraging players with inactive handicaps to regain their active handicap. The completion of 13 holes of a competition will make a card eligible for handicap purposes. There is concern regarding igolf and Jim Robinson is to look into this as apparently they can issue handicaps. b. The Champs & Venues Committee is looking at why the EWGA is not using the LGU Hardcard. c. A breakdown will be produced to show the percentage of players not playing in their own region for medal finals. d. An agreement has been set up with La Manga for the EWGA staff to run competitions there. This type of initiative had great potential. e. Nemysis have now come back with proposals to cover the EWGA requirements. JR and Nicky Clarke will meet with them to progress this. f. All club winners of the Ping competition will receive a logo umbrella, and runners up will receive a logo towel.	

	<p>g. EWGA is looking to run more events for single figure golfers – not elite players. This could involve overseas finals in conjunction with one of the new companies wishing to get involved with amateur ladies golf. The meeting agreed that more competitions were needed for ladies within the 8 - 15 handicap range and Judi will report this back to the Ops Board.</p> <p>h. 900 ladies sections have uploaded on to CDH as at 5.3.10. It is hoped that by the time the Championship takes place paper handicap certificates will no longer be required.</p> <p>i. The uptake on the electronic newsletter continues to rise. Nicky wants a breakdown of how well counties are doing in the sign up.</p> <p>j. The job description for Regional Representatives and Delegates has been updated and will be available shortly.</p>	JW
5 Update on Merger	<p>EWGA have said there should be a decision by October, which means that relevant information must be available for clubs as soon as possible. The County Delegates will need to arrange County Meetings in September to get the vote to take to the proposed AGM.</p> <p>Anne A felt that there was a potential to waste money by holding Roadshows in addition to all the County Meetings.</p> <p>Ann G asked if any Counties were in discussions with their Men's Committees? Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire were arranging meetings, Norfolk were meeting via the County Partnership.</p> <p>(See February 2010 Management Board Meeting Minutes – item 6 on website.)</p>	
6. Rules Seminars	<p>These have all been very successful and all attendees are 'Rules Officials'. Judi will attend a meeting on the 28th April to discuss the next 'Rules' course. EWGA will 'invite' attendees for the next R&A Rules Course. Judi reminded the meeting that the LGU also hold an R&A Rules exam.</p>	
7. Regional Events & Reports	<p>a. Foursomes - Suffolk Anne A reported that this had been a very successful event with 44 pairs entering with ages ranging from 11 to 70. The winners were Sally Shayler and Bridie Quinn from Bedfordshire. The meeting agreed the following for organizing a Regional event: - the organizer must have access to a computer - all start sheets and results should be posted on the EWGA East web site - two plates must be on the tee and all other 'furniture' should be removed.</p> <p>b. Medal Finals - Norfolk Nicky has not been kept informed about this event by Emma Lowe. It was agreed that the Regional Representative should be involved with all EWGA events in her region.</p>	

	<p>LGU are also running an event in Norfolk but again Nicky has not been contacted.</p> <p>c. CMW - Hertfordshire Ann G is waiting on the EWGA 2010 Handbooks in order to mail out to all the County Captains. She asked if trolley pullers/caddies would be required but it was agreed that all competitors would arrange their own. Helen Morgan asked if there would be a place for equipment to be left overnight. Ann G will check and report back.</p> <p>d. Australian Spoons – Cambs & Hunts Margaret M was waiting for all the 'Black Book' information from Margaret S. This will be sent as soon as possible.</p> <p>e. Junior Championship – Essex All in hand.</p> <p>f. Championship – Bedfordshire The entry fee will be £30 which will include a sandwich. It was agreed that competitors would be able to book an evening meal on arrival.</p>	<p>AG</p> <p>MS</p>
8. DMD's at County Events	<p>These are NOT allowed in Norfolk, Cambs & Hunts, Essex and Bedfordshire. Hertfordshire will allow them. Suffolk is to be confirmed but Anne A thought they were not allowed in County events but are in Club events.</p> <p>The general feeling was that although these devices may speed up a game there should be no more de-skilling of the game.</p>	AA
9. EWGA Trust Diaries	<p>These will be available much earlier this year, hopefully in August. Regional Representatives should promote them within their Counties as last year £10k was raised for the Trust from the sales.</p>	ALL
10. Finance	<p>a. Ring Fenced Pot This currently stands at £19K any surplus will carry forward to next year. County Finals will now be allocated £2000. It was agreed that there should be more funds made available at lower levels than Ccounty Finals as the meeting thought that £1200 was not sufficient funding for CMW. Judi will report this back to the Ops Meeting. The format for CMW is still under discussion.</p> <p>b. Regional Events 2009 Judi explained that many of the Regional events were run at a loss and although the East were doing well this was mainly due to Aldeburgh's generosity. It was hoped that as the Championship is 1 and not 3 days this year there would be a larger number of competitors. Regional Representatives should encourage all 1st and 2nd team players to enter as a minimum.</p> <p>10c. EWGA Budget Forecast The budget re-forecast is for a small profit this year after the original forecast loss of £8k. Margaret S was concerned that at present there is no cash flow budget and felt that this should be addressed as quickly as possible now that EWGA is a limited company.</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>ALL</p>
11. Any Other	<p>a. The Southern Region had asked if they should have</p>	

Business	<p>Accident Claim Forms. It was agreed that each club where an event is held should be responsible for these.</p> <p>b. All County events must have adequate Insurance cover. EWGA should be providing advice on this and Judi will get information for the next meeting.</p> <p>c. Anne A spoke on behalf of her County Junior Organiser who wanted this meeting to discuss the inclusion of an initiative for women 18 – 40 into the Junior Grant. This grant now comes under the wing of the County Golf Partnership. There was a long discussion on the subject as all County Representatives had the same email. The following points were noted: - this should not be part of the Junior Grant - this was not a viable group to encourage - it could be deemed discriminatory and ageist especially if the governing bodies merge - if Sport England are paying money direct to the Partnerships it could cause problems for both EWGA and EGU. It was agreed that Judi would contact Jim Robinson on the subject.</p> <p>d. County Seniors Matches There was a discussion on this subject and it was suggested that the East Anglian could morph into a Senior Championship. The playing format and age limit would need to be agreed. Regional Representatives should discuss this in their Counties and it will be an agenda item for the next meeting.</p> <p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 14.20.</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>JW</p> <p>ALL</p>
12. Date of next meeting	The next meeting will be on Tuesday 29 th June 2010 at the same venue starting at 10.30.	
13. Other dates for 2010	<p>East Region Committee Thursday 21st October (Please note this date may be amended.)</p> <p>Operational Board Friday 4th June, Monday 23rd August, Friday 8th October and Monday 29th November</p>	

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