

## ENGLISH WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Meeting of MIDLANDS NORTH REGION held on  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010 at Wollaton Park Golf Club, Lime Tree Lane,  
Nottingham, NG 8 1BT at 10.30 am.

<u>Present:</u>	Chairman	Mrs Julie Wright (JW)
	Administrator	Mrs Joanne Marks (JM)
	Derbyshire (Derbs)	Mrs Jaci Elliott(JEII)
	Leicestershire & Rutland (L&R)	Mrs Carol Duncumb (CD)
	Lincolnshire (Lincs)	Mrs Pat West (PW)
	Nottinghamshire (Notts)	Mrs Pippa Handley (PH)
	Shropshire (Shrops)	Mrs Jean Evans (JEva)
	Staffordshire (Staffs)	Mrs Cherry Loomes (CL)

### ACTION

1. Apologies There were no apologies.
2. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman congratulated;  
Rachel Jennings (Staffs) and Holly Clyburn (Lincs) - on their selection for the Curtis Cup which was held recently at the Essex Country Club, Massachusetts. Unfortunately America triumphed but GB&I put up a brave fight and were actually leading after the first day.  
Alex Peters (Notts) - who together with her mother Ann, won the Mothers and Daughter's Scratch Foursomes at Royal Mid Mid-Surrey for the third consecutive year.  
Mel Siviter (Staffs) - who in America has been named Conference Carolinas Freshman of the year.  
Holly Clyburn (Lincs) and Rachel Jennings (Staffs) - on their selection for the European Ladies' Team Championship to be played at La Manga in July.  
Bronwyn Davies (Staffs) - for finishing runner-up in the English Schools' Championship.  
Alex Peters ((Notts) - for her selection for the European Girls' Team Championship in Denmark 6-10 July and the Girls' Home Internationals in Northern Ireland.
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting The Minutes from the Meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2010 were approved by the Committee and signed by the Chairman.
4. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes
  - a. County Affiliation Fees - There are still some outstanding Fees and as of 4<sup>th</sup> June there were 178 final reminder letters sent out. It is hoped that the problem will be less next year and it has been agreed that any reminder letters will be sent a month earlier.

Checks are being made with CDH, although there may be some discrepancies due to new members it is still proving to be useful in providing information.

b. Rules Seminars - The Seminars held in March were very successful but as the cost of each seminar is approx. £5,000 and the present rule book runs out in 2012 the Ops. Board have decided that the seminars will continue to run but only every two years.

c. EWGA / EGU Merger - The Steering Group have now met and discussed the Working Group Reports. The Rules and Articles Steering Group are presently revising the M&A's together with the rules of the EGU.

It is hoped that there will be more information for the members in the Autumn.

The Chairman asked for feedback to give to the Ops Board to give some indication as to what ladies in the Counties expect and after some discussion it was suggested

- President - an alternate male and female president with a vice / elect President of the opposite sex running along side
- Championships - no expectation of a male president attending ladies competitions or championships as it would be too onerous
- Sub-Committees - depending on the committee, there should be a minimum of 2 ladies or 2 men on any Sub-Committee. >>>>>

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d. EWGA Budget - No change as the EWGA are still ahead of the budget and the Finance Director is confident that the year will end with a small profit or at the worst break even.

e. EWGA Trust - The Chairman reported re. the suggestion of winter mittens, unfortunately the supplier has retired, but various options are being considered by the marketing department.

That Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire have still not applied for coaching grants, and there is £310 and £300 still available for junior coaching and suggested that the Reps. encourage the CJO's to apply for this money asap. >>>>>

PH & JEII

The Angela Uzielli Bursaries - These Bursaries are awarded to promising girl golfers, English by birth, who wish to further their education at University or College, and at the same time continue to develop their golfing skills.

The Bursaries are to provide financial assistance for educational expenses of girls in further education. The awards are administered through the EWGA Trust. It is intended that the income from the capital will fund up to four Bursaries at any one time, of up to £1,000 - £1,500 each per annum.

These will be awarded to students who have a financial need and will continue for the duration of their academic course. They will be reviewed annually and students will need to show that their commitment to their golf has been satisfactory before the next year's funds are released.

CJO's can obtain application forms from the EWGA Office from July each year. Applications should be submitted to

EWGA by 1<sup>st</sup> September in the year of entry.

Applications from students should be returned to the appropriate CJO, who will provide a recommendation and a confidential report on the girl concerned.

These bursaries are for girls who wish to remain amateur and receive their full time education in this country

An article has been included in the Ladies Links, and guidelines and an application form has been sent to all the Counties. The Chairman asked the Regional Reps to bring this to the attention of the CJO's and County Captains. See Page 163 EWGA Handbook for more information. >>>>>

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Cash for Cartridges - The Chairman said that an account had been set up by EWGA for "Cash for Cartridges" and asked all Reps. to pass the message on to their Counties and Clubs and ask them to recycle their empty cartridges. Please note It is important to only send the cartridges that are listed. See e-mail sent on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. This was an easy and lucrative way of raising money for the Trust. >>>>>

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f. Gross Medal Competitions - The Chairman said that she would keep raising the subject but felt that Emma Lowe was still working on this and once the Championships have finished, there would hopefully be more progress.

g. MNR Rota of Events - Re. the present EWGA Medal Final Rota, the Ops Board agreed that this should be changed from 2016 onwards so that the same County is not always committed to finding a weekend venue.

h. La Manga - EWGA was represented at the London Golf and Tennis Show. Interest is being shown and 12 bookings have been taken.

i. Handicaps - Apparently some of the items outlined in the last minutes are still under discussion by CONGU. The Ops. Board felt it should be made clear to the Sub-Committees that all their decisions need ratification by the Ops Board. A member of the Ops Board in addition to JR will attend the next Handicap Sub-Committee Meeting.

j. Medal Finals - Still waiting for analysis of entries across the Region. We discussed this at our last meeting and recommended to the Ops Board who also agreed that there should be a cap placed on the number of entrants from other counties and wherever possible entrants should play in their own region.

In the MNR Final, out of 100 entrants only 53 were from MNR and 47 from elsewhere. That is 31 from North Region, 8 from Midland South Region, 5 from East Region, 2 from South Region and 1 from South West Region.

This will be discussed at the next Championship and Venues Committee Meeting.

Emma Lowe has drafted out a Questionnaire which will be sent to every club.

The Ops Board are aware of the need to satisfy demand for places but it not practicable to have more regional finals.

The Chairman of the Ops Board has suggested that the numbers could be increased from the present 100 to 120.

5. To Receive any Correspondence There was no Correspondence
6. Computer Database Handicaps Update on numbers - 1768 Ladies Sections has now uploaded details on to the Database.
7. County Match Week County Match Week - The Chairman reported that she went to Kenwick Park for the Thursday and Friday and despite the variable weather she enjoyed the two days, and she was very pleased to be invited to present the trophies. That Lincolnshire was impressive during the week winning 37 out of 45 games. She thanked them for hosting the event and wished them every success at the County Finals at Keddleston Park in September. She requested a financial summary of the £1,200 spent. >>>>>  
 The CMW Box is to be taken by Julia Sales to Keddleston Park, for them to hold on to until collected by someone from the DLCSGA for use at Chevin in the CMW 2011.  
 The EWGA tee markers for County match Week need to be placed on every tee, this is to prevent any confusion by the players if any teeing ground has been changed.  
 The Chairman made the point that during County Week the tees on 6 holes were moved which increased the course from 5764 to 5972 yards.  
 The EWGA Handbook states - teeing grounds shall be decided by the Scratch Score Assessor [ Lincs do not have one, as all courses are USGA rated].  
 A point was made that when all courses have been assessed there will be no need for a County SSA.  
 Pat West - asked why is it only the SSA that has the power to make any changes, and not an Organising Committee.  
 After some discussion everyone agreed that it should be in the hands of the Organising Committee of the Host County, which may include the Professional and others.  
 The Chairman said she would make enquires if it would need approval from the EWGA for the Host County to have the power to move tees without a Scratch Score Assessor. >>>>>  
 She also felt it important for the future that all Counties in the Region agree our policy with regard to this point.  
 That if any changes are made to the SSS of the course then these changes should be sent to all the County Captains asap before any practice rounds.  
 Feedback from the Counties for the next meeting. >>>>>
8. Review of County Match Week and Regional Competitions The Chairman said that at the last Ops Board meeting she proposed that at the end of the Summer there should be a review of both CMW and Regional Competitions because;  
 a. They have been running for three years and everyone is in a position to have a reasonable point of view.  
 b. Re. the letter from June Miller (Chairman of Lincolnshire) questioning funding for CMW, (this was discussed at an earlier meeting).

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- c. A past Staffs County Champion questioned who CMW is for as
  - those girls still at school it clashes with exams
  - It is difficult for working ladies to have time off
  - elite players are unable to play as they have commitments at a higher level
- d. The low level of entries for Regional Competitions, at the MNR Ladies Championship in particular.

It was agreed by the Ops Board that a review was necessary, and a questionnaire will be sent out to County Captains and County Committees later in the Summer.

9. Insurance

Jean Evans (Shrops) - asked for clarification re. Insurance. Any event organised by the EWGA or any event organised by a Golf Club, County or Region on behalf of EWGA is covered. (not any event organised by a County for their own events).  
It is necessary to complete an Events Questionnaire to be covered, so please ensure that for all Regional events this Questionnaire is completed. >>>>>

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10. LGU

The EWGA has applied to the LGU for the return of the National Playing Fields Trophy. The suggestion is to present it to the best qualifier across all the Regions in the EWGA medals and also to continue to raise funds for the NFPA.  
The LGU did not like the idea because it is to be used for the EWGA Medal Competition. The EWGA are very disappointed as the Trophy was originally given to ELGA in 1931. This was run in conjunction with the LGU Challenge Bowls.  
The EWGA are writing to the LGU.

11. Any Other Business

Jaci Elliott (Derbs) - There were 26 entries to date for the Girls Championship but was hoping for more. That she was struggling for a course for the Medal Finals 2012 on a Saturday, asked if a Sunday would be acceptable.  
The Chairman said she could not think of a reason why not, but suggested she checked with Emma Lowe at EWGA. >>>>>  
For the County Finals at Keddleston Park, the Derbyshire County President was wondering if she was expected to attend in any official capacity. That perhaps someone from the EWGA, out of courtesy, could provide her with information as to the protocol.  
Chairman said she would follow this up with Emma Lowe. >>>>

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Cherry Loomes (Staffs) - suggested Branston for a course for the Par 3 Competition  
Suggestion from other Counties were  
Broughton Heath - Derbs  
Belton Woods - Lincs  
Greetham Valley - Lincs  
Ramsdale - Notts  
Edwalton - Notts  
The Shropshire - Shrops  
Hawkestone Park - Shrops  
Chairman to pass this information to Stuart in the office. >>>>

JW

Carol Duncumb (L&R) - Australian Spoons was successful - 47 pairs played and the profit was £123. The Chairman asked for a breakdown of costs and a list of prizes. >>>>>

CD

The Foursomes in 2012 - 23<sup>rd</sup> April Scraptoft.

Query re. the Ladies Championship 2011 at Longcliffe 4/5/6<sup>th</sup> July. Is it still 3 days or can it be changed to 2 days. Need to know as soon as possible.

The Chairman said it needs approval to change next year to a two day event and will check that order of merit points still apply for a two day event. For 2012 possibly Friday / Saturday.

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Jaci Elliott (Derbs) - to try to reduce costs for the Girls Championship she had cut down on the prizes. Also Chevin very kindly waved the facility Fee.

Pippa Handley (Notts) - voiced concern re. Cotgrave, the course that has been booked for County Week 2012 has recently been put up for sale, as a result the future is a little uncertain.

After some discussion it was suggested that it was worth making inquiries to other courses to give more options just in case there is a problem. >>>>>

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12. Date of Next meeting

The Next Meeting will be held at Wollaton Park Golf Club, Lime Tree Lane, Nottingham, NG8 1BT on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at 10.00 for 10.30.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 12.30 pm.