

ENGLISH WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Meeting of the Operational Board held on Tuesday 23 September 2008 in the EWGA Board Room, 11 Highfield Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3EB at 09.30 am

Present:	Mrs E Earnshaw	President
	Mrs R Whitehead	Chairman, Operational Board
	Mrs A Andrews	Midlands South
	Mrs M Berriman	South
	Mrs S Goulds	Midlands North
	Mrs A Pyke	East
	Mrs S Rawles	South West
	Mrs A Allsopp	LGU Councillor
	Mr M Hall	Accountant
	Mr J Robinson	Chief Executive
	Mrs L Walker	Minutes

1. Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Barbara Brooke and Sonia Harvey, LGU Councillor. Action

2. Chairman's Remarks The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

a) The Minutes of the Operational Board held on 19 August 2008 had not previously been circulated. These were read and amendments made. The amendments would be incorporated into the Minutes ready for signature at the meeting scheduled for 15 October 2008.

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b) Replacement Accountant/Company Secretary – all attempts to persuade Mike Hall to stay in post have been unsuccessful.

A draft advertisement has been produced and Jim Robinson has spoken to Agencies, CIMA, and our Auditors. He has met with Michael Page (agency) and also the Secretary of CIMA who are both interested in helping us fill this vacancy. Heathcote and Coleman have confirmed that they can help in the interim period at a cost of around £4,000 excluding VAT.

A job and person specification has been sent to the Management Board and Carolyn Baker has advised that the process needs to be discussed by the Management Board, before the matter can be taken further on a permanent basis.

Heathcote and Coleman will be in the office from week commencing 29 September to ensure that the end of year accounts are done.

3. EWGA EGM

The practicalities of the EGM were discussed.

An article in Women and Golf, giving representations from both The President and Non-Executive Directors, has been published. The Non-Executive representation states that they will resign providing that the Chairman resigns also.

Some counties have asked for mediation rather than cast their vote for or against the resolution but the Non-Executive Directors have clearly stated that mediation is not an option.

The Non-Executive Directors have now issued an email stating their offer of resignation to be in the best interests of the Association, thus avoiding the need for an EGM. It is understood the offer of resignation has conditions attached. It was agreed that if resignations are forthcoming, these should be accepted with no pre-conditions.

Discussions took place on the best way forward.

4. Any Other Business

2012 World Amateur Team Championship – Voting will take place in Adelaide on the venue for 2012 WATC. Submissions have been received from Turkey, Austria and Italy. Having read the submissions it was agreed that EWGA would vote that Turkey host this championship in 2012. Julie Otto, Captain of the England team at the Espirito Santo will be asked to vote on behalf of EWGA if she is available.

Club Services Committee – EGU are holding conferences throughout the County at which EWGA have been invited to chair some of the workshops and also have a display to demonstrate the qualities and services of EWGA. Jim Robinson will liaise with Lisa Di Placido on the matter. It was agreed that Jim Robinson will attend conferences within the Midlands and will forward the list of venue to members of the committee.

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Trust Marketing Group – Sally Goulds reported that arrangements are now being put in place for the Trust AM-AM Charity Golf Day and asked that members of the committee investigate any potential sponsors for this event.

EWGA Medals – All information is to be sent electronically to County Club Delegates by the end of the week. Information will be mailed to clubs who do not have a Club Delegate.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Operational Board will be held as scheduled on Wednesday 15 October at 10.30 am in the EWGA Board Room, 11 Highfield Road, Birmingham B15 3EB.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and Angela Allsopp gave a vote of thanks to both the Chairman and President for their hard work and patience at this difficult time.

