



	Minutes for the General Meeting held on 13th January 2020 at 11.00am at Burnham & Berrow Golf Club
	Present Linda Hill President, Alysia Rees County Captain, Gil Brown Vice Captain, Stephanie Moorfoot Hon Treasurer, Jane Pitcher Competitions Secretary, Sandra Ford EG SW Rep, Zena Balcombe Assistant Competition Secretary, Anita Butcher Junior Organiser Margaret Gliddon-Past President, Vera Ireland-Isle of Wedmore, Alison Lee-Clevedon, Patricia Pitt-Orchardleigh, Fran Davies-The Mendip, Janet Fear-Worlebury, Eileen Arundell-Long Sutton, Linda Edmondson, Lynn Bird-Brean, Sam Robinson-Bath, Joan Kendall-Woodspring, Linda Moore-Enmore Park, Pauline Cornish-Mendip Spring, Christine Harris-Saltford, Tricia Grinter-Minehead, Jan Uhl- Tall Pines, Lyn Gridley-Taunton & Pickeridge, Patricia Brown-Oake Manor, Yvette Gregg-Stockwood Vale, Sue Harrop-Wheathill, Ruth Dowell-Cricket St. Thomas, Jenny Davis-Wells.
1.	Apologies Lesley Matthews Hon Secretary Past Presidents: Sally Irlam, Eileen Binding, Amanda Mayne, Jenny Hobbs Kay Clarke, Pauline Young, Beryl Richards
C	Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held at The Mendip on 2nd September 2019 Approved and signed as correct
3.	Matters Arising None

4.	Finance Report – Stephanie Moorfoot See attached.
5.	Reports (i) County Captain - Alysia Rees AR reported that squad training will commence on 23 rd February at Wells. Friendly matches will be held vs Devon on 29 th March at Tiverton and against Monmouth on 10 th May at Clevedon. There will be a Titleist ball session at Burnham for the squad to try out the Titleist range. The new format Inter County matches will be at Dudson starting on 28 th June for three days. All supporters will be very welcome. (ii) County Vice Captain – Gill Brown There will be a second team match on 19 th April against Wiltshire at Chippenham and then the home fixture is against Gloucestershire at Wells on 12 th July. If we win our group, we will progress to the final which will be on 4 th October at Tiverton. (iii) County Junior Organiser Report – Anita Butcher See attached.

	<p>(iv) England Golf SW Region Representative – Sandra Ford</p> <p>The South West Ladies Committee runs regional events on behalf of England Golf. All the SW events are advertised on their own page on the SLCGA website. Delegates are asked to help promote and participate in these events. Last year Somerset hosted the SW Bowmaker at Isle of Wedmore with great support from the Club and the County. This year Somerset is hosting the SW Championship at Weston super Mare on 30th August. The first SW event of 2020 is the Regional Medal Final at the Kendleshire on 7th July.</p> <p>(v) Competition Secretary – Jane Pitcher</p> <p>JP gave an explanation of the entry procedure for County competitions, which is now accessed through the SGU website. This system will go live at 6pm on 13th January 2020.</p> <p>The Centenary Plate and Rogers Cup draws were announced and will be posted on the SLCGA website. Delegates asked to encourage ladies to enter the County competitions.</p> <p>(vi) Standard Scratch Assessor – Susie Gibbins</p> <p>No report</p> <p>(vii) Handicap Advisor – Janet Fear</p> <p>No report</p>
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6.	<p>Talk by Natalie McColl of EG</p> <p>NM gave a very informative talk on Safe Golf and Safeguarding. England Golf are making it compulsory for all affiliated Clubs to be signed up for Safe Golf by January 2021. There is helpful information on the EG website and NM is available to help any Club through this process. Clubs that had received Golf Mark accreditation would automatically be enrolled in Safe Golf.</p> <p>Safe Golf is the minimum accreditation for the protection of children and vulnerable adults. All Clubs should have an appointed Welfare Officer and these officers are required to attend training. All Club members should be aware and responsible of the need for safeguarding. It was important that employees had the right training and were placed in appropriate jobs.</p> <p>Delegates were asked to go back to their Clubs and speak to their Club Managers, or Professional and their Welfare Officer, to ensure that their Club will be compliant with these regulations.</p> <p>The presentation was followed by a lively question and answer session.</p>
7.	<p>News from Clubs</p> <p>ENMORE PARK: They have new club and ladies captains. 2019 was a successful year. New pro and assistant – Barry and Harry. New enthusiasm for the coaching groups the pros have initiated. Women in Golf programme went well and so far has produced 5 - 18 hole ladies and 10 - 9 holers.</p> <p>BATH: In 2020 the ladies are celebrating 100 years since lady members were able to formally join as 18 hole members.</p> <p>BREAN: Have made their Ladies Open this year into a Bowmaker.</p> <p>LONG SUTTON: The Club has new owners, new pro and new manager. The Pro shop and Clubhouse have been refurbished and there are new lights on the Driving Range. Changes have been made to the 16th hole bunker, more bunker reconstruction is planned and there is new signage. A new pump has been installed to remove water from the course. 22 July, Ladies Open</p>

	<p>SALTFORD: The Club catering has been taken in house. The Course has regenerated well after the very dry summer two years ago.</p> <p>MENDIP SPRING: There has been a pro change, George Riley has joined the Club and Katie Rule, a lady pro has been added. County Junior Competition was held at MS. Ladies Open is a Cocktail on the 10th June.</p> <p>MINEHEAD: Has a new pro and the pro shop has been revamped</p> <p>CLEVEDON: Have a 9 hole membership and these ladies are encouraged to follow the 18 holers. Mixed competitions are well supported. The Challenge Tour will be held at Clevedon in July 2020.</p> <p>TAUNTON & PICKERIDGE: Greens greatly improved and it is expected that the course will now be able to be open all year.</p> <p>THE MENDIP: Approval has been received for the new 17th and 18th holes and work should commence when the weather improves.</p>
8.	<p>AOB None</p>
9.	<p>President's Comments – Linda Hill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Linda asked delegates if their Clubs were incorporated and requested feedback at the June meeting. Natalie McColl advised that EG recommend incorporation and there is a Governance Guide on the EG website. (ii) Linda asked for volunteers to take over as Merchandise Officer. (iii) Sandra Ford noted that a new South West Rep will be needed in two years.

Signed

Date

The meeting closed at 12 noon. The next General Meeting will be held at Wells GC at 11am on Monday, 1st June 2020

APPENDICES

1. Financial Report – Stephanie Moorfoot

Good morning, Ladies – Madam Chair

This will be a brief report as this is the winter season, with less competitive golf being played.

There has not been much activity in the Bank Account since the AGM in November. At that time the Current Account stood **at £3,948.50.**

Money has been received from several Clubs in payment of their Affiliation fees. With the addition of entry fees for the Rogers Cup and Centenary Plate competitions the balance has increased to **£6,379.34.**

The balance of the Fixed Deposit Account remains at **£25,000**.

Usually at the start of each year, I include a brief explanation of Affiliation fees. These form part of the money we pay to our Clubs when we renew our membership each year.

The current Somerset County ladies and junior girls fee is **£19.50**, a 50p increase from last year.

Of that **£19.50 - £9.50** goes to England Golf, **£7** comes to this organisation, the SLCGA, and **£3** is for the County card.

The Clubs deposit these fees into our bank account. I then send off the money due to England Golf and a proportion of the **£3** County Card money to the Somerset Golf Union (SGU).

That completes my report, but if anyone has any questions please let me know.

2. County Junior Organiser Report – Anita Butcher

Somerset girls winter junior coaching continues to run. The next scheduled session is on Sunday 8th February 2020. The number of girls attending coaching sessions is increasing yearly. During the next year the junior committee will monitor and review the structure of coaching sessions.

Arrangements for junior competitions are progressing well. Competitions are 9 and 18 holes depending on ability and whether or not the junior has an active handicap. Dates and application forms for the competitions will be available on the Somerset Junior website. Copies of the posters and entry forms will also be sent to individual golf clubs.

The competitions are as follows:-

Spring meeting Sunday 26th April 2020 at Mendip Spring Golf Club

Somerset Girls 2020 Championships Sunday 21st June 2020 at Taunton & Pickering Golf Club

9 hole competitions

Sunday 17th May 2020 Mendip Spring

Sunday 14th June 2020 Isle of Wedmore

Sunday 26th July 2020 Wheathill

Sunday 29th September 2020 Wells

Friendly match Somerset V Devon at Taunton & Pickering 15th March 2020

Individual club delegates will be contacted as help will be required on competition days.

During the past year there has been a reduction in donations received. The Junior Girls' Captain has suggested that she and some of the girls would like to do some fund raising in order to buy team kit for matches. Discussions and planning to follow.

Gareth Jones from England Golf recently has commended Somerset on the progress that has been made in developing junior girl's golf. This has been achieved by the hard work of the Junior Committee and support of Somerset Ladies Golf.