



## Somerset Ladies County Golf Association

	<b>Minutes for the General Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 11.00am at Burnham &amp; Berrow Golf Club</b>
	<b>Present</b> Linda Hill-President, Sue Stilwell-County Vice Captain, Stephanie Moorfoot-Hon Treasurer, Lesley Matthews-Hon Secretary, Sandra Ford-EG SW Rep, Anita Butcher-Junior Organiser, Fran Davies-Vice President, Margaret Gliddon-Past President, Minehead, Vera Ireland-Isle of Wedmore, Hilary Rowdon-The Mendip, Janet Fear-Worlebury, Eileen Arundell-Long Sutton, Louise Buxton-Bath, Linda Moore-Enmore Park, Pauline Cornish-Mendip Spring, Christine Harris-Saltford, Lyn Gridley-Taunton & Pickeridge, Jenny Davis-Wells, Tessa Williams-Weston-super-Mare, Alysia Rees-Burnham & Berrow, Carol Lake-Saltford, Lin Phillips-Long Sutton
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Gill Brown-County Captain, Jackie McDonald-Competitions Secretary, Susie Gibbins-Course Rating Assessor Amanda Mayne, Yvette Gregg, Beryl Richards, Linda Johnson, Alison Lee, Pat Roscow, Sheila Grant, Ellie Harper, Jean Booth
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held at Burnham &amp; Berrow on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b> Approved and signed as correct <b>Minutes of Executive Committee Meetings held by Zoom during the pandemic</b> Approved
<b>3.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> None
<b>4.</b>	<b>Finance Report – Stephanie Moorfoot</b> Account Balances: Current Account £35,681.57. Fixed Term Deposit Account £25,000.00  The Somerset County Team will be playing in the National Finals at Denham Golf Club this week. Included in the Current Account monies is a grant of £4,000, received from England Golf to offset expenses for the Somerset Team.

One of the main responsibilities of the County Treasurer is to write to all the Somerset Clubs to request that they submit to the SLCGA all the Affiliation Fees they have collected from the Ladies and Junior Girls at their Club. The Affiliation Fees include fees to England Golf, the SLCGA and payments for the County Card. The fees due to England Golf accumulate and are submitted every few months.

The sum of £5,443.50 in Affiliation Fees is being held in the account and will be paid over to England Golf by the end of the month.

## 5. Reports

### a. County Captain – Gill Brown, read by Sue Stilwell

Following the success of Somerset at Inter Counties, Somerset now represent the South West at The English Women's County Finals at Denham on the 17-19 September with a practice day on the 16th.

Somerset will compete alongside Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire, Surrey, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire for The Lady Katherine Cairns Challenge Cup which was presented by Somerset Ladies Golf Association and first played for in 1956. Let's hope team Somerset can bring the cup home! The matchplay format consists of 5 games with 2 foursomes and 3 singles.

The team which has been selected to represent Somerset is

Amanda Mayne (Saltford), Davina Xanh (Mendip Spring), Ellen Reakes (The Mendip), Frankie Dezis (Farrington), Hannah Woodley (Enmore), Harriet Lockley (Burnham and Berrow), Jade Cope (Weston-super-Mare), Jess Haines (Burnham and Berrow), Lizzie Stephens (Mendip Spring) and Patience Rhodes (Burnham and Berrow)

#### Reserves

Abby Gray (Wells), Aimee Sawyer (Mendip), Amelia Matthews (Orchardleigh) and Helen Hayward (Taunton and Pickeridge)

The team travelled to Denham on Sun 29th August for an extra practice day, the course was in fantastic condition and the hospitality received from Denham Golf Club was excellent.

We are looking forward to returning this week for the finals, spectators are encouraged, please wear green to show your support for the team.

Later this month the inaugural South West Seniors (Over 50) Gross team Championship will take place at Bristol and Clifton on the Tuesday 21st September. Teams from Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Somerset, unfortunately no Cornwall, will field a team of four Ladies for individual scratch medal play, the best three scores to count to determine the winning county. The team selected to represent Somerset is Alice Robinson (Burnham and Berrow), Amanda Mayne (Saltford), Gill Brown (Burnham and Berrow) and Sarah Burnell (Burnham and Berrow).

Golf in Somerset is going from strength to strength across all the teams, we have a fantastic junior set up, which is admired by other counties. The future is bright and I am sure more success will be achieved.

## **b. County Vice Captain – Sue Stilwell**

1. The County 2<sup>nd</sup> team match against Gloucestershire took place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at Weston-super-Mare GC. The team was Abby Gray (Wells), Carys Parker (Saltford), Ellen Reakes (The Mendip), Frankie Dezis (Farrington), Jess Haines (Burnham & Berrow) and Megan Wilde (Wedmore). A strong performance by Somerset resulted in a convincing win – 7 to 2.
2. The County 2<sup>nd</sup> team match against Wiltshire took place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at Cumberwell GC. The team was Abby Gray (Wells), Amelia Matthews (Orchardleigh), Ellen Reakes (The Mendip), Frankie Dezis (Farrington), Jess Haines (Burnham & Berrow) and Kim Parker (Saltford), with Libbie Dezis (Farrington) as reserve. Another great performance resulting in a 6 to 3 win for Somerset. **This means that Somerset has won the 2<sup>nd</sup> team league and will now play Devon in the SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Finals on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021 at East Devon GC.**
3. After the match on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> team colours (8 performances for the 2<sup>nd</sup> team) were awarded to Ellen Reakes and Frankie Dezis.

## **c. Junior Committee Report – Anita Butcher**

See attached.

## **d. England Golf SW Region Representative – Sandra Ford**

The South West Foursomes competition will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> October at Stover.

A replacement will be required for the position of SW Representative in 2022. Working with England Golf is very interesting and Sandra has taken part in numerous online updates by EG during the pandemic. Each of the six counties has to host one event per annum, which is not very onerous.

## **e. Competition Secretary – Jackie McDonald – read by Lesley Matthews**

Since we last met in May, we have held all our summer competitions.

69 ladies played in the Bowmaker at Oake Manor

24 played in the 50+ champs at Brean

102 ladies played in the Handicap Champs at Burnham and Berrow

16 pairs in the Fowler Lock Greensomes at Worlebury.

The handicap Championships was the first time we had run the Medal and QS on the same day and ladies could choose a particular playing partner if they so wished.

Many ladies felt this was very beneficial and despite being logistically hard to set up, the day ran very well....if long! We saw over 30 more ladies playing than in the two separate competitions when last held.

The only remaining competitions are the Rogers Cup and Centenary Plate, the finals have been deferred until October.

This year has been “different” but we have survived!

I would like to thank all the delegates, captains, referees, volunteers and the clubs for hosting our events this year and working hard to make them such a success.

**f. Standard Scratch Assessor – Susie Gibbins – read by Lesley Matthews**

No course rating has been done, due to Covid. England Golf are gearing up for the next phase of the general plan but no details have been received as yet.

We were extremely sorry to lose one of the rating team – Gill Prophet who recently passed away suddenly.

**g. Handicap Advisor – Janet Fear**

We have made it to the end of the first golf season using WHS and we have all survived.

Some have made a real effort to understand it, many have not and some are still fighting against it! They need to go with the flow and hopefully by next year it will be able to work for them too.

There have been a few problems, mainly with competition set up and results. But those go into the melting pot to be sorted out.

Appendix C, Handicap Allowances is now MANDATORY and no longer just recommended, too many reports of clubs sticking to 100% for “fun”, and that is not fun for players with handicaps calculated under WHS.

There are lots of guidance documents now on England Golf website, including one for Winter Golf. Qualifiers are still allowed over the winter and the requirements are reminded in this document. The Annual review is also mentioned and this needs to be done between 1<sup>st</sup> October and end of December. I have sent copies to your handicap secretaries

My club has 13 of 47 ladies now with a soft cap, preventing them getting a much bigger handicap in 12 months, I think this will settle once they have done an acceptable score in November and all calculations used will be under the new system.

Remember the more cards you submit the more accurate your WHS handicap will be.

With my other hat on, the new rules seem to have bedded in. Our small team of referees have been busy and will have a very busy year next year. Anyone out there interested in joining us, have a go at Level One on the R&A website and let me know how you get on. If you then fancy a day out with us to see what we do before going forward to level two this can be arranged, we won't leave you on your own first year.

Janet then answered questions from the floor.

**h. Hon Secretary – Lesley Matthews**

Lesley advised that the SLCGA SafeGolf accreditation has been updated.

She will be retiring from the Committee in November, so would be very grateful to hear from anyone who would like to take over the position. She would be happy to do a gradual handover and provide any help and advice needed for the first few months.

7.	<p>A discussion took place as to whether the SLCGA should seek a merger with the SLCGA. Linda Hill reported that the Exec Committee did not feel the time was right for this at the moment and that SGU, although very supportive, were also not open to a merger at this time. Some of the Counties who have merged have experienced a lot of teething problems. The meeting was happy to leave this matter in abeyance.</p>
8.	<p><b>News from the Clubs</b></p> <p><b>Burnham &amp; Berrow</b>  Many thanks to Long Sutton for a really good away day. Women in Golf Charter completed.</p> <p><b>Wells</b>  Have run a very successful membership campaign through Women &amp; Girls in Golf.</p> <p><b>The Mendip</b>  Aimee Sawyer is playing golf again after her accident. Women in Golf has been very successful. The Club will have two new holes by next spring.</p> <p><b>Bath</b>  There is a new Club Manager. The head greenkeeper has left so recruitment is taking place. Bath hosted the Harper Salver, which was won by Patience Rhodes.</p> <p><b>Taunton &amp; Pickering</b>  Three greenkeepers have retired with 110 years of service between them. A new Pro has started.</p> <p><b>Enmore Park</b>  It has been a very busy year. Buddy system is working well and ladies are becoming more integrated into the Club. The Pros are going from strength to strength.</p> <p><b>Worlebury</b>  Integration also improving</p> <p><b>Saltford</b>  David Owen is doing great work with the Juniors.</p> <p><b>Minehead</b>  A new County Delegate has been appointed – Anne Oglesby.</p> <p><b>Long Sutton</b>  A new chef has been appointed. Lin Phillips will be taking over as Delegate.</p> <p><b>Weston super Mare</b>  There will be a Ladies’ Open Bowmaker on 5<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p><b>Isle of Wedmore</b>  As an experiment they will be running their Autumn Meeting, followed by an evening meal.</p>
8.	<p><b>AOB</b>  None</p>
9.	<p><b>President’s Comments – Linda Hill</b>  Linda thanked all the Delegates for attending the meeting and for their work and support throughout the year. She reiterated that volunteers for the Executive Committee are urgently needed. We all send our very best wishes to the team playing in the County Finals from 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> September at Denham GC.</p>

Signed .....

Date

The meeting closed at 12.15pm. The next General Meeting will be the AGM to be held at Isle of Wedmore GC at 11am on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## APPENDIX

### Junior report 11.09.2021

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021 a Somerset 9 hole stableford took place at Wells Golf Club. The weather was hot and sunny. Dave Owen described the conditions as challenging. Thirteen girls took part, the winners were as follows:-

Division 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> Amber Adams (Wells), 2<sup>nd</sup> Poppy Slinn (Saltford)

Division 2- 1<sup>st</sup> Freya Keirl (Wells), 2<sup>nd</sup> Maisie Dezis (Farrington Park)

Division 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Erin Cutterbuck (Burnham & Berrow), 2<sup>nd</sup> Olivia Reading (Burnham & Berrow)

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 the girls in the performance and developments squads were invited to take part in a Stand aside Texas Scramble at Wells Golf Club. This event was financed by coaching money that had not been used due to Covid restrictions and lockdowns. The winning team with gross 72 was Abi Moore, Ffion Richardson, Poppy Slinn and Freya Keirl.

### Inter counties report

The annual inter counties between Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire took place 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at the Isle of Wedmore Golf club. The county teams had 8 players. Each match consisted of 7 girls playing 2 foursomes and 3 singles matches with 1 girl resting.

The team for Somerset Girls:

Kim Parker Junior Captain (Saltford) , Leah Bowden (Burnham and Berrow), Jo Champion (Burnham and Berrow), Frankie Dezis (Farrington Park), Abby Gray (Wells), Jess Haines (Burnham and Berrow), Ellen Reakes (Mendip) Megan Wilde (Isle of Wedmore)

Reserves

Alex Champion (Burnham and Berrow), Libbie Dezis (Farrington Park), Lilianna Marshall (Farrington Park), Abigail Moore (Isle of Wedmore)

**Sunday** –Following team photographs each county played a practice round of golf.

**Monday** morning – Somerset had a tough match against Gloucestershire having to give lots of shots. Somerset lost 4/1. Jo Champion and Frankie Dezis had a convincing win. The afternoon matches were abandoned due to continuous heavy rain flooded greens and bunkers. The County Junior Organisers agreed that all matches should be cancelled

and deemed a half.

**Tuesday** morning- the weather was warm and sunny. Somerset played Cornwall. All the matches were close and both foursomes matches Kim and Jess and Frankie and Megan won. Ellen won her singles match and Jo halved. Somerset won 3 ½ / 1 ½.

The afternoon we played Wiltshire with a win from the foursomes pair, Abby and Jo. Jess and Frankie each won their single matches. Somerset won 3/2. All the matches were very close and some incredible golf was played.

**Wednesday** morning- Another tight match was played against Dorset. Most of the matches were decided on the 18<sup>th</sup> resulting in a half. Leah had a very good win. In the end the match against Dorset was halved.

**Result** – Three counties finished with 6 points and Somerset were 3rd on count back from Devon and the winners Gloucestershire.

Unfortunately there was a mix up with the accommodation that had been booked from June 2020 and confirmed on numerous occasions both by email and telephone. An apology from the hotel has been received. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents who accommodated girls who lived the furthest away.

This event would not have been able to take place without the help and support from numerous people.

I would like to thank the following:-

The Isle of Wedmore Golf Club for allowing us to host the event. All of the staff for their help and support.

The Isle of Wedmore Ladies Captain and her team of aunties and helpers.

The Somerset Ladies Executive Committee

Jackie Macdonald and Sandra Ford – Competition Secretaries

Janet Fear and her team of referees

The Junior Committee

Dorset and Gloucestershire CJO's

All the parents

Selection day was held at Mendip Spring Golf Club Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Dave organised the chipping, Andrea the putting and Katie Rule the driving range. Juniors Grace Emmerson and Megan Wilde helped out on the day. Sixteen girls with age ranges 4 to 15 applied with thirteen attending. The plan is to meet the remaining girls at the 9 hole competition on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at Long Sutton Golf Club.

We are delighted to welcome three replacement coaches Development South – Richard Antrobus (Long Sutton), Development North Alex Todd (The Mendip) and Lee Corfield who will be joining Katie Rule as a performance squad coach.

Anita Butcher  
CJO Somerset

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