



Minutes for the General Meeting held on 2nd September 2019 at 11.00am at The Mendip Golf Club	
	Present Amanda Mayne President, Alysia Rees County Captain, Gil Brown Vice Captain, Stephanie Moorfoot Hon Treasurer, Lesley Matthews Hon Secretary, Jane Pitcher Competitions Secretary, Sandra Ford EG SW Rep, Janet Fear Worlebury, Handicap Advisor, Linda Hill Vice President , Susie Gibbins SS Assessor Yvette Gregg Stockwood Vale, Zena Balcombe Weston super Mare, Jan Uhl Tall Pines, Carol Lake Saltford, Kathy Lane Wells, Eileen Binding Past President, Linda Johnson Wheathill, Angela Webber IOW, Margaret Gliddon Past President, Fran Davies Mendip, Ellie Harper Past President, Tricia Grinter Minehead, Alison Lee Clevedon, Eileen Arundell Long Sutton,
1.	Apologies Past Presidents: Sally Irlam, Ellie Harper Gill Prophet, Patricia Brown, Lesley Organ, Jenny Davis, Ruth Dowell, Kay Clarke, Sam Robinson, Linda Moore, Fiona Hodge, Jill Paul, Joan Kendall, Pat Pitt
C	Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held at Burnham & Berrow on 20th May 2019 Approved and signed as correct Proposed by Yvette Gregg Seconded by Zena Balcombe
3.	Matters Arising None
4.	Finance Report – Stephanie Moorfoot <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. SM reported that we have £5,320.68 in the current account and £25,000 on fixed term deposit. England Golf dues of £3,356 collected over the last two months have been sent to EG. b. Annual affiliation fees will rise next year from £19 to £19.50. c. Junior golf coaching funding from England Golf has been reinstated, so £1,000 has been returned to the County account from Junior funds. d. County Match Week costs at Woodbury Park amounted to £6,076 e. Junior Girls Inter County Championship at Dudsbury expenses came to £2,897
	(i) County Captain - Alysia Rees AR reported that Somerset had an extremely successful County Match Week. The team consisted of Jade Cope, Hannah Woodley, Amanda Mayne, Aimee Sawyer, Lizzie Stephens, Amelia Matthews, Patience Rhodes, Harriet Lockley, Davina Xahn and Abby Gray. Somerset had their best ever result, halving with Gloucestershire, but sadly, losing on the number of games won by 31½ to 27. Nevertheless, second place was very pleasing and very promising for next year.

(ii) County Vice Captain – Gill Brown

GB reported on Junior Match Week, held at Dudsbury. Somerset finished second to Dorset with 3½ points to their 4 points. Many congratulations to the team of Abby Gray, Jess Haines, Ellen Reakes, Kim Parker, Frankie Dezis, Leah Bowden, Alex Champion and Charlotte Millington.

(iii) Junior Coaching Report – Eileen Binding

The selection day for girls interested in becoming part of Somerset Girls Coaching was held at Mendip Spring on 1st September. Coach, Stuart Disney (Mendip), led the way with David Owen (Saltford) and Eileen Binding. 23 girls took part in various activities.

(iv) England Golf SW Region Representative – Sandra Ford

The South West Bowmaker will take place on Friday, 20th September at Isle of Wedmore and there are only three tee times still available.

(v) Competition Secretary – Jane Pitcher

Dates for next year are on the website. We have altered some competition formats. Fowler Brooches will now be a 4BBB. The Championship is to be a 36 hole one day event.

Category Champs – combined Bronze and Silver Meeting plus 9 hole event for hcps 37-54 who will play for the Grass Roots Trophy. Please organise a qualifier at your home Club in May to coincide with the Barlow and Dickinson qualifiers.

The Fowler Lock had to be cancelled this year owing to lack of entries. It will be changed to a Greensomes S/ford next year hoping to attract a wider participation.

Unfortunately, Clubs now want an increased green fee element and this is reflected in a small increase in entry fees.

Rogers Cup and Centenary Plate payment will now be required by 31st December and the fee will increase to £10 per competition. Forms and letters will be sent to the Delegate, listed in the Delegates handbook after the AGM. Please forward to your Ladies Committee and Treasurer/Secretary for payment.

The draw will be announced at the January meeting.

If you have a bye in the first round and your opponents do too, get on and play – please – diaries and courses get busier throughout the season.

Further details of our plan to share the SGU Intelligent Golf software will be announced at the AGM.

Delegates Day – very disappointing only 3 entries. What is the issue? This was arranged as a “thank you” to the delegates. Would you like to do something else? Lunch? Earlier in the year? Nothing? All suggestions gratefully received.

(vi) Standard Scratch Assessor – Susie Gibbins

There are only two courses left to rate in Somerset, which will be carried out w/c September 9th. There are currently two courses with the Regional Adviser waiting for onward submission to EG and there are two that are waiting for Measurement Certificates. It is a great achievement that we have finished all the courses by the end of 2019 and I would like to thank the team of Di Yates, Gill Prophet, Lesley Wicking and Margaret Allen for their hard work and dedication in achieving this goal.

Susie then gave a presentation to the meeting on what is involved in rating a course. This was very interesting and enlightening to most of us and thanks were offered to Susie for her very clear and detailed explanations.

(vii) Handicap Advisor – Janet Fear

	<p>Worldwide handicapping has been delayed until November 2020. Information about the new system is being shared on social media.</p> <p>There will be a County Workshop for 3 people from each club run with England Golf and the Somerset Golf Union on Wednesday 23rd October 2019. Invitations will go from England Golf direct to your club so your ladies handicap secretary may need to go and hunt this one out when it come out.</p> <p>Seven ladies went for a level two rules training day and are now waiting for the two day rules school and exam to be fixed.</p>
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6.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>None</p>
7.	<p>News from Clubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Long Sutton is now under new ownership. Improvements to the course and the clubhouse are already happening. b. Mendip – payment for landfill will now be in kind, rather than cash. The 17th hole will become a par 4 and the 18th will become a par 3. c. Worlebury has a new manager, Tom Widley. d. Wells has had many juniors participating in coaching programmes. e. Minehead has a new manager, Ian Donnelly.
8.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Tricia Grinter from Minehead expressed diapppointment that the Fowler Lock competition had been cancelled. JP agreed but said that she had to follow the advice of the Executive Committee and the Minehead Club Manager. b. A suggestion was made that the Delegates’ meeting should be followed by lunch and not golf.
9.	<p>President’s Comments – Amanda Mayne</p> <p>Amanda commented that it is fantastic that Somerset has so many good juniors who are all playing so well in national and international competitions. She has also been complimented on how polite our girls are on the course. We are still looking for a Junior Organiser, so if anyone is at all interested, please contact Amanda. Again, many thanks to Susie for her talk on how courses are rated for the upcoming slope system.</p>

Signed

Date

The meeting closed at 12 noon. The next General Meeting will be the AGM, to be held at Isle of Wedmore GC at 11am on 18th November 2019