



SOMERSET COUNTY SENIOR LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Somerset County Senior Ladies Golf Association Annual General Meeting

Held at the Long Sutton Golf Club on Monday 7th October 2019

Caroline Lumley-Frank (President) opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Long Sutton Golf Club before introducing the Lady Captain, Sarah Uzzell, who also welcomed Members to the club and hoped that everyone had enjoyed playing the course despite the weather. Caroline thanked Sarah, the Long Sutton Members, Catering and Bar Staff & Pro Shop and also LSGC Senior men for all their help.

Caroline called for a minute's silence to remember Peegan Fear Hill, who died in the Spring aged 97. She had an interesting life outside golf, being awarded an MBE in 1954 for services to the Red Cross (more can be found on the Internet). Peegan was a member of Burnham and Berrow Golf Club for 54 years; Lady Captain in 1995 and had been a great supporter of Somerset Seniors; Lady Captain in 2001 and President in 2008, when she provided the Fear Hill Trophy for the Bronze Putting Competition, which members competed for earlier in the day.

Apologies Marilyn Kirby (secretary) gave the following apologies: Susan Morton-Jenkins (Bath); June Mills (Committee Member, Honorary Member & Clevedon), Pauline Deal (Clevedon); Sandra Ford, Connie Stolworthy, Diana Mason, Chris Jowett, Mary Marshall, Ann Simpson and Sylvia Coache-Tucker (Long Sutton); Margaret Hawker, Margaret Allen (The Mendip); Liz Lyons (Mendip Springs); Kay Luckett (Minehead); Sheila Goodbody, Pat Jones (Orchardleigh); Yvette Gregg (Stockwood Vale); Pat Follett (Taunton and Pickeridge); Val Russell (Vivary); Sue Kinch (Worlebury) and Val Boothman, Diana Bowerman (Honorary Members).

(Attendance 55 Members)

1. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2019.** Caroline reminded the meeting the minutes had been circulated by email and asked for the meeting to approve these as a correct record: proposed by Mary Dolman and seconded by Jill Paul; approved unanimously by the meeting.
2. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the AGM 2019:** None
3. **Captain's Report** (Carole Paterson). Carole began her report by saying that it had been an amazing experience. While the match results have been mixed, overall the team spirit showed by Somerset Senior Ladies had been second to none. Even when we lost matches that we felt we should have won the sportsmanship was very evident. Although changes in player availability at the beginning of the year was a little frustrating; the chosen team players have been brilliant. Carole told the meeting that the experience of working with each match team had been wonderful. The player's commitment and effort has been second to none. They have travelled, financed accommodation (at times) and bonded brilliantly as teams.

Unfortunately the results have not always reflected the quality of golf displayed with 3 matches won and 3 lost. Carole thanked Maureen Charlton for putting match reports on the web-site and Christine Harris for making more we-pages available. There was a thrilling win at Trevoise (4-3) when we really benefited from having 5 Links players paired with non-links players. We were the only County to beat Cornwall. They beat Dorset 6 ½ to ½ so won the Shield (to be confirmed). The New Forest friendly, although played in excellent spirit was a real disadvantage to Somerset as Hampshire played 11 Silver players instead of 7 silver maximum. They stated that they couldn't get anyone else to play (despite knowing the required format); we lost 5-2. Our first home game

against Gloucester resulted in a win 4 ½ to 3 ½ at Mendip Spring. We also won (5-2) at Isle of Wedmore against Wiltshire (when Wendy Lucas from the Isle of Wedmore) stood in at the last minute and played brilliantly). Although we lost to Devon at Honiton, 4 of the games were decided on the 18th and another half would have halved the match result. It went down to the last putt. Unfortunately we did not perform to our best in our last Shield Match against Dorset at Weston-super-Mare losing 5-2 (again many matches went to the wire).

Match Results Summary

- **Shield Matches**

- i. Somerset v Cornwall Away 4-3 Win
- ii. Somerset v Devon Away 3-4 Loss
- iii. Somerset v Dorset Home 2-5 Loss

- **Friendly Matches**

- i. Somerset v Hampshire Away 2-5 Loss
- ii. Somerset v Gloucestershire Home 5-3 Win
- iii. Somerset v Wiltshire Home 5-2 Win

Carole then thanked Caroline Lumley-Frank for being so supportive and available throughout the season, adding that other counties did not seem to know their Presidents, if they had one, let alone have their help and support. She also thanked Jill Paul (Vice-Captain) for being at 5 of the matches, playing in most and playing well alongside selling uniform and supporting her.

Carole told the meeting that discussions were on-going to tighten up the structure of the Friendly Matches for 2020 as our opponents play various combinations of players. We are also discussing whether to raise the maximum handicap to 32. Players with higher handicaps would be able to play but 32 would be the maximum they could play off.

Carole wished Jill and her Vice-Captain Christine Harris a wonderful year in 2020. She then gave her best wishes to Judith Rowsell for her first year as President and her Vice-President Yvette Gregg adding that with these ladies we are in very safe hands.

Carole thanked all the Somerset Senior Ladies for their on-going support and commitment to Somerset Ladies Golf. She especially thanked the Delegates who have quite a role to carry. Carole also thanked her fellow Senior Ladies at Long-Sutton who have supported everything to the full; 38 ladies had signed up but unfortunately she could not use them all as much as she would have liked to do so.

Carole concluded by saying that it had been a real pleasure being Somerset Seniors Captain and she was certainly going to miss being Captain.

4. **Vice-Captain's Report.** (Jill Paul) Jill began her report by saying that she had really enjoyed her year as Vice-Captain working with Carole and that she had appreciated her support and advice as well as that from Caroline Lumley-Frank and the Committee. The time has flown by and we are nearly at the end of another season. During the year Uniform sales have been good and all who played in matches looked smart. The white fleeces (£25) have been a popular addition. There is a good stock still available, especially Polo shirts (£15). She told the meeting that we are trying to source a supply of the green sleeveless sweater as Balmoral have ceased production of this colour. Jill asked anyone who discovers a possible manufacturer to let her know.

Jill then announced the Matches for 2020 and asked Delegates to take the information sheets regarding this and please put them on their club noticeboards. The sign up sheets will be available at the County AGM on 18th November and will be posted if no-one from Delegate's club is present.

Shield Matches 2020

- 4th June Cornwall Home at Taunton and Pickeridge Golf Club
- 15th July Devon Home at Clevedon Golf Club
- 10th August Dorset Away at Ashley Wood Golf Club

Friendlies 2020

- 30th June Away Gloucestershire at Gloucester Golf Club
- 6th July Away Wiltshire at Kingsdown Golf Club
- 2nd September Home Hampshire at Long Sutton Golf Club

Jill then congratulated Carole on this year's matches. A lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes to ensure the day runs smoothly. There has been a really good atmosphere on the day and the matches have been played in a competitive, but friendly way. The days are excellent value for money (£20 for a match followed by a two course meal). Jill asked members when signing up to be considered for a match to PLEASE check the dates carefully and if they are chosen as a reserve to still keep the date free as changed often have to be made at very short notice. Records of ladies who have played in previous years are kept so that selection can be done as fairly as possible. Jill told the meeting that she would endeavour to give as many ladies as possible a game.

Jill then introduced Christine Harris from Saltford as her Vice-Captain. She thanked Christine for agreeing to take on this role, adding that they both looked forward to working with the Somerset Senior Ladies during the coming year. Jill told the meeting that it is an honour to be Senior's Captain for the upcoming year, following in the footsteps of other Taunton and Pickeridge ladies namely Gladys Cunnebar, Renee Hart, Doreen Buck and Diana Bowerman. Jill concluded by saying that she would do her best to make it an enjoyable year for everyone and that she looked forward to seeing members at the Competitions and Matches in 2020.

5. Treasurer's Report (Hilary Dennes) Copies of the Annual Accounts were circulated (copy filed with signed minutes) Hilary told the meeting that overall there had been a loss of £114.93 compared with a profit of £144.99 in the previous year. She summarised the reasons for this:

- The Association has taken over the responsibility for engraving of Trophies (which ensures a uniform standard of engraving and, where engraving costs had sometimes been claimed as expenses by the holders, there had often been a wide discrepancy in the charges from engravers)
- It had been decided to purchase a computer and printer for the Association in order to check handicaps and record and print results at competitions, as it was not always possible to use the clubs' computers. Note the cost is included in the Postage and Stationery figure.
- Travel costs have increased considerably, partly as a result of distance to venues as well as fuel costs. (In answer to a question on this matter Hilary confirmed that travel costs are not claimed when an Officer or Committee Member is playing)
- Competitions do not this year include the Stableford income or expenditure as this competition took place after the end of the year.
- Match expenses reflect the fact that the Home Shield match, for which we would expect to pay Visitors' green fees and meal costs, took place after the year end. This means that the new financial year would contain disproportionately high match expenses.

Hilary then invited questions.

- Travel Expenses. Hilary clarified that when an Officer or Committee Member is playing they do not claim travel expenses.
- Post-Dating of cheques for Competitions. Hilary explained that for the coming year members will be asked to post-date cheques using the date that the competition closes. This

will prevent cheques needing to be banked early and then refund cheques issued in the event of a late withdrawal before the closing date. A question was asked from the floor regarding her Bank's advice not to issue post-dated cheques. Hilary explained that this was a private arrangement and no post-dated cheques would be presented at the Bank. Carole Paterson confirmed that all cheques are kept securely.

Beryl Richards (Brean) proposed and Jane Harries (Burnham and Berrow) seconded that the accounts be accepted; this was agreed unanimously.

- 6. Competition Secretary's Report** (Judith Rowsell) Judith reported on the Pairs Better Ball competition held at Taunton and Pickeridge Golf Club in May. This was very well supported with 70 ladies taking part. The next competition was held at The Mendip Golf Club. In the past this has been an individual Medal but was changed to a 3 Ball Bowmaker which proved to be extremely popular with 84 ladies taking part. The last competition at Minehead was an Individual Stableford with a smaller field and Judith thanked those ladies who had supported this event, and thanked Caroline Lumley-Frank for coming to all the competitions.

Competition Dates for 2020

Pairs Betterball 11th May at Brean Golf Club

Bowmaker 22nd June at Stockwood Vale Golf Club

Stableford 1st September at Enmore Park Golf Club

AGM and 9 hole competition 19th October at Wheathill Golf Club

The 9 Hole Competition for 2020 has been put on hold until the criteria for this competition is finalised.

Judith then told the meeting that with the Committee's approval Sue Harrop (Wheathill) and Ann Gates (Wheathill) have been working with her during the year to learn how the competitions are run. Having worked with them Judith told the meeting that she knew we would be in good hands next year. They are very approachable and open to ideas.

- 7. Secretary's Report** (Marilyn Kirby) Marilyn told the meeting that, while it had been a steep learning curve, she had really enjoyed working with her fellow Officers and Committee Members during her first year as Secretary. She asked Delegates to please keep her informed of any Delegates changes during the year and to ensure that she was given their full contact details.
- 8. SWVLGA Report** (Caroline Lumley-Frank) Caroline began by reporting on the Spring Field Day at Yeovil which was played in torrential rain. Despite the weather there were a good number of entries from Somerset. Caroline mentioned that Marilyn Kirby (our secretary), had been the only player to achieve a 2 and so had won a large quantity of golf balls! The Autumn Field Day at Teign Valley had better weather, but there were fewer entries from Somerset. Caroline told the meeting that she was disappointed to see that Devon are persisting in pairing ladies within their Counties and even with their own clubs and not giving a choice of Tee Times, despite the number of complaints which she had passed on to their secretary. The idea of a Field Day is to give the Counties a chance to meet up with old friends and make new ones. However our congratulations must go to Jill Bocquet from Wells on her hole in one at Teign Valley.
The 2020 Field Days will be at Weston-super-Mare in April and Trethorne in September. Full details will be on the County Website in the New Year.
- 9. President's Report** (Caroline Lumley-Frank) Caroline reiterated her thanks to all Committee Members and Delegates and then quoted these lines from June Mills' report when she was President in 2016, which had remained in her thoughts for the past two years; "*In 1966/7 we had ten Clubs*

involved and a membership of 119. The annual subscription was two shillings and sixpence and one competition per year was played. In 1966 it was played at Clevedon and no green fee was charged. The entry money was £6. 10s. The winner received a cup, second prize was £1.19s.6d and third prize was £1.1s.6d". Caroline continued that today we have four competitions per year and six inter-county matches, with a membership of over 500. Without the dedicated hard work of the Officers, Committee Members and Delegates, none of this would happen. Caroline asked more people to consider volunteering to join the Committee when vacancies are advertised and to look at our website as it is frequently updated more pages and photographs of events.

Caroline told the meeting that it had been a great honour to be the first President to serve for two years, each year had passed more quickly than the last. Caroline said that she had enjoyed supporting the teams in their matches and had been to all the competitions. Everywhere the atmosphere and camaraderie had been marvellous, win or lose and she would not have missed any of these events. She then extended her very best wishes to Judith, her successor, and her Committee for the next two years. She wished Judith as much enjoyment in her tenure of Presidency as Caroline had had.

Caroline concluded her report by announcing that the Committee voted unanimously to award an Honorary Life Membership to Jenny Davis (Wells Golf Club) for her support over the years serving as Captain in 2012/13 and President in 2016/17.

10. **Proposals** Details of the following proposal were given on the Agenda for the AGM: "*It is proposed that the Membership Fee be increase to £4 per annum*". Caroline introduced discussion of this proposal by informing the meeting that she had received an email from Kay Luckett suggesting that the increase should be from £3 to £5 in view of deficit detailed in the Accounts presented earlier. Several members strongly supported this. However, others expressed concerns that increasing the membership fee to £5 could result in a fall in those renewing their membership; especially as many of those who join do not play in the matches or competitions. In response it was pointed out that only one of the competitions held in 2019 was full before the closing date (the new 3 Ball Bowmaker at The Mendip). In order to accommodate more ladies at the similar competition in 2020 Tee Time intervals will be reduced from 10 to 8 minutes. It is also hoped that available tee times will be extended. Other members questioned the need for an increase when the balance held was £4149:38. In response it was pointed out, as already highlighted by Hilary in her report, there are considerable expenses still to be paid for the Minehead Competition and also for the AGM.

Following further discussion Fay Galley (Bath) proposed and Beryl Richardson (Brean) seconded the following amendment to the tabled proposal: "*That the Membership Fee be increased to £5 per annum*". This amendment to the tabled proposal was voted on by the meeting and was carried by a majority. Therefore the Membership fee for 2019/20 will be £5. (Note this also includes membership of the SWVLGA)

11. **Election of Officers:** Marilyn Kirby (Secretary) announced the following appointments:

President:	Judith Rowsell (Wheathill)
Captain:	Jill Paul (Taunton and Pickeridge)
Vice- President:	Yvette Gregg (Stockwood Vale)
Vice-Captain:	Christine Harris (Saltford)

Competition Secretary:	Sue Harrop (Wheathill)
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Assistant Competition Secretary:	Ann Gates (Wheathill)
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Membership Secretary: Fay Galley (Bath)

12. **Any Other Business.** None

13. **Dates and Venues of 2020 Meetings:** Marilyn Kirby (Secretary) gave the dates and venues for the 2020 Delegates Meetings

Monday 6th April Isle of Wedmore Golf Club at 11:00

Monday 7th September Isle of Wedmore Golf Club at 11:00

14. **Presentations** Gifts were presented to the following retiring officers by Caroline Lumley-Frank: Carole Paterson (retiring Captain); Maureen Charlton (retiring Membership Secretary). Note that as June Mills was absent her gift will be presented at the next Delegates Meeting. Judith Rowsell then presented a gift to Caroline Lumley-Frank (retiring President)

15. **Presentation of Trophies and Prizes.** Trophies and prizes were awarded as detailed below:

Results of 9 Hole Bowmaker held before AGM

RESULT				Club
1 st 45pts	Carole Paterson	Eileen Arundell	Christine Turner	Long Sutton GC
2 nd 37pts ocb	Barbara Miles	June Harrison	Jan Scilly	Bath GC
3 rd 37pts	Pat Thomas	Janet Chapple	Janet Partington	Wood Springs GC
4 th 34pts	Ann Regler	Sue Sweet	Sonia Porbert	Orchardleigh GC

Details of other Trophies and Prizes Presented at AGM

Played at Taunton & Pickeridge	Monday 13th May 2019	
Pairs BBStableford	2019 Winners	Club
Hart & Willmott Bowls 1st	Anne Regler /Sue Sweet	Orchardleigh GC
Wattman Trophies 2nd	Faye Galley /Helen Schofield	Bath GC
Bacon Trophy (Glass) 3rd	Patsy Morgan /Heather Crump	Taunton & Pickeridge GC
Bacon Trophy 3rd		

Played at The Mendip GC	Monday 24th June 2019	
3 Ball Stableford Bowmaker	2019 Winners	Club
Sam's Cup	Margaret Hawker	The Mendip GC
Collett Cup	Margaret Allen	The Mendip GC
Janet Winter Salver	Joan Clarke	The Mendip GC
The Lumley-Frank Trophies	2019 Runners up	
Lorraine Collings / Sue Sweet	/ Marion Underhill	Orchardleigh GC
Played at Minehead GC	Monday 16th September 2019	
Ind Stableford	2019 Winners	Club
Best Overall Score	Kay Luckett	Minehead GC
Cunneber Trophy		
Runner up Overall	Ros Chidgey	Minehead GC
Woodhouse Trophy		
Moore Trophy Best vv	Carole Lancaster	Long Sutton GC
Bothman Trophy runner up vv	Janet Handley	Minehead GC
Fourscore and More 80+	Pat Jones	Orchardleigh GC
Jennings Cup runner up 80+	Elaine Richardson	The Mendip GC
Dolman . Best front 9	Eileen Arundell	Long Sutton GC
June Cup. Best back 9	Corinne Rees	Minehead GC

Putting Results at AGM	Long Sutton GC 2019	
Wilson Cup. Best Silver score	Sue Harrop 19 putts ocb	Wheathill GC
Fear Hill Trophy. Best Bronze score	Janet Partington	Wood Springs GC
Barber Shield.		
The Club with most points over the 3 competitions	Minehead GC 10 Points Orchardleigh GC 8 Points Long Sutton GC 7 Points	Minehead GC

The new, President Judith Rowsell, gave the date of the next AGM as Monday 19th October 2020 Wheathill Golf Club at 15:30 and wished everyone a happy and enjoyable year of golf.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 16.45.