



SOMERSET LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

Due to Covid19 restrictions, the Annual General Meeting of the Association was held in “paper” format on 16th November 2020. The Agenda, the Minutes of the AGM 2019 and all Officers’ reports were forwarded to all Voting Members and Past Presidents before the meeting and were also posted on the County Website.

1. President’s Address – Linda Hill

Welcome, ladies, to our first and hopefully our last “paper” AGM. I don’t think any one of us was prepared for a year like this but thank goodness for the decision to allow us back to golf after the first lockdown. And thanks too for the Masters giving us our golfing fix during the second one! After a month of lockdown, winter golf has never been so attractive!

As with any other AGM, we should all just take a minute to remember some of our ladies who died this year.

Despite the government restrictions, you will see that our executive business has continued as normally as it could, even though we could not meet in person.

I hope you enjoy reading the reports and that you visit our website regularly to keep up to date with news from the various sections.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2019

The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

Proposed by: Amanda Mayne

Seconded by: Lyn Gridley

3. Matters arising – none

Hon Treasurer’s Report and Statement of Accounts – Stephanie Moorfoot

To say that 2020 has been a challenging year, is an understatement. It is certainly a year that we will never forget. As Treasurer it has been a relatively quiet period. A good part of my time was spent refunding the entry fees for all the County competitions that unfortunately had to be cancelled.

It has been a difficult time financially for many clubs and it has taken quite some time to collect all the Affiliation fees that the ladies and junior girls had paid as part of their club membership. Most clubs have paid up to date. A large number of clubs have renewal dates of the 1st April and 1st May. Lady member numbers are down somewhat for those clubs, but I am hopeful that a quite a few ladies will have subsequently joined, and their fees will be included in the half year collection.

The prepayment amount of £1,059.48, includes a deposit paid to The Bridge House hotel in Dorset, which should have been the location for SW Inter County Championship, which was subsequently cancelled. The hotel issued us with a credit voucher, and this has now been redeemed by another golfing group and the SLCGA has been reimbursed, after the end of the financial year.

The entry fees of £220 for the Centenary Plate and £200 for the Rogers Cup, paid by Clubs for the 2020 competitions will be carried forward to 2021 events.

The SLCGA made a loss of £2,177 in 2019. This has been reversed this year to a profit of £11,614. Overall expenses were down considerably and with no competitions there has been no costs there either. The Executive Committee has decided not to increase the entry fees for County competitions for 2021 as had been planned, but to keep them at the 2020 level.

I would like to thank Judith Sperring of Outreach Bookkeeping and Accountancy Services for auditing the accounts this year.

I present these accounts for your approval.

Accounts attached. There were no questions, and the accounts were adopted.

Proposed by: Alison Lee Seconded by: Tessa Williams

4. Officers' Reports

See attached.

5. Election of Officers

NOMINATIONS FOR VACANCIES ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Name	Position	Proposer	Seconder
Sue Stilwell	Vice-Captain	Weston super Mare	Farrington Park
Jackie McDonald	Competitions Secretary	Mendip Spring	Long Sutton

Members voted in favour of the election of the above Officers.

Badges will be presented and leaving gifts made when regulations allow.

6. Competition Results 2020

Owing to the Covid pandemic, there were no results to report this year, apart from some Junior events which were able to take place. These were reported in the Junior report.

7. President's Comments and closure of meeting – Linda Hill

As you are all aware, most of our events did not take place this year. Those that did take place only did so due to the diligence of Carole Paterson, our Safeguarding Officer, who together with David Owen and Anita Butcher, our Junior Organiser, created watertight Risk Assessments, to keep our juniors and their parents absolutely safe.

I would like to thank all the County Delegates – it has been a very quiet year for you, but we managed just the one General Meeting in January, which I thought was very productive.

It has not been so quiet for the members of the Executive Committee. The last time we met face to face, was on March 2nd, back in the days when the coronavirus was something happening elsewhere. Since then

we have held regular Zoom meetings to keep the County business ticking over and to plan for the future. I thank them all for their commitment to the County throughout this unusual year.

A special thank you to those non-executive members of our team.

Carole Paterson, who has worked so hard to get Somerset Ladies our Safeguarding Accreditation.

Susie Gibbins, our Course Rating leader, working closely with Di Yates and members of the SGU, to achieve their target of rating all Somerset courses in preparation for the WHS.

Janet Fear, for her thorough understanding and explanation of how the WHS system will affect us all.

Chris Harris, our website manager, who keeps us up to date with news from all sections, competition dates and reports and photos from major events.

Our coach, Terry Williams, David Owen, who runs First 4 Golf and the boys and girls 9-hole competitions, and all members of the Junior Committee, who do

such valuable work in developing our large number of talented players, paving the way to a promising future for our county.

This year we say goodbye to Alysia Rees, our energetic first team captain, who has been the inspiration behind one of the most successful first teams we have ever had. It was such a shame we were unable to build on that success this year, but you can be sure the team, led by new Captain Gill Brown, will be ready to take on the other SW counties at Bristol and Clifton in 2021 – if covid restrictions allow.

After several years of dedicated service to the County, Competitions Secretary, Jane Pitcher, has stepped down and I thank her for a job extremely well done, with immaculate attention to detail.

We have small tokens of our appreciation for these two departing officers, which I would have presented to them in person today, complete with photographs for the website. We will re-schedule as soon as restrictions allow.

As ever at this time of year, there are changes in the Executive Committee as we welcome three new members.

Sue Stilwell from Weston-Super-Mare in her role as Vice-Captain, Fran Davies from The Mendip as Vice President, and Jackie McDonald from Mendip Spring, who is our new Competitions Secretary. Jackie comes with a very impressive CV and is well qualified to take on this role.

However, we feel the job would be made more enjoyable if she could have a small committee to work with her. If you, or you and a friend, feel you could spare some time to give this a try, next year would be a great time to do it. All the preparations for the competitions are already in place, and they just need to be run. Jackie is very organized and comes with the essential good sense of humour! Do consider this and contact Lesley, Jackie or me if you would like to chat about it.

Finally, I hope you winter well and that we can all look forward to a time when we can get back to our usual meetings and competitions.

With best wishes to you all.

Date of next General Meeting 11th January 2021

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APPENDIX I

Accounts for 2019/20

Balance Sheet as 30th September 2020

	2020	2019
Bank Accounts:		
Current Account	£15,731.50	£3,948.50
Deposit Account	£25,000	£25,000
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	£40,731.50	£28,948.50
Stock		
Merchandise	£252.11	£416.06
Golf Balls	£454.86	£454.86
Debtors & Prepayments	£1,059.48	£1,064.48
Creditors & Accruals	0	0
Current Assets less Current Liabilities	£42,497.95	£30,883.90

