

South West Veteran Ladies Golf Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Monday 26th October 2021 1030am (by Zoom)

Chair: Valerie Williams (Dorset)

Present: Sue Mawhinney (Secretary); **Cornwall:** Joyce Cain, Captain; Gillian Prodger, President; Trudy Tremain; Sue Harmer-Bland. **Devon:** Rickie Pawsey, Captain; Marion Seaward, Vice Captain Elect. **Somerset:** Christine Harris, Captain; Jill Paul, Past Captain; Carole Patterson, President; Caroline Lumley-Frank, Past President.

Apologies: **Cornwall:** Gill Simmons; Sue Goddard. **Devon:** Sue Ritchie. **Dorset:** Sue Winkle; Jane Dowling. **Somerset:** Pat Macmichael; Kay Lockett.

Minutes of the AGM 26th October 2020:

Minutes of the 2020 meeting were approved as a true record. Proposed by Caroline Lumley-Frank (Somerset) and Jill Paul (Somerset).

Matters Arising:

No matters arising.

Chairs Report:

VW said that while 2020/2021 have been difficult year for all of us, due to Covid our new quarterly "Zoom" meetings have been of benefit, enabling us all to keep in touch. She thanked all Ladies of the Association for their patience while we got to grips with Zoom and also for their time and effort in helping to update the Constitution.

VW said that the introduction of the WHS had presented a few problems. The current divisions are based on the handicap divisions currently used by the 4 counties. However, this will be continually assessed over the coming years.

VW said she was sorry she had to cancel both Field days this year. This was due to Lock down and then lack of entrants. She hoped 2022 would be more successful.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

VW had protracted exchanges with Lloyds Bank, simply trying to change signatures on

the account. This is now resolved and she is now trying to move the account to 'on-line banking' to make entries easier.

No accounts were presented to the meeting as no transactions had taken place in the reporting period.

The question of when to pay the affiliation fees, currently £50 was raised. As on-line banking is now available this can now be done simply and VW will provide receipts.

County Captain's Reports:

Cornwall Report

Cornwall said they had not a great deal to report. Their AGM had took place in Launceston in September. Only 43 attended, substantially down and they were concerned.

Cornwall managed to host their Autumn meeting and had 128 entries. They also managed to raise over £500 for their charities. SG provided thanks to Barbara and Sylvia for their support.

Devon Report

Although we were unable to arrange a match against the Junior Girls, all other County competitions went ahead and were well attended. Our Spring Meeting had to be moved to October and was renamed as the Captain's Meeting as it is traditionally held at the home Club of that year's Captain.

Our only matches, following the cancellation of the inter-County ones, were against the DMVGA (male veterans) and the DLCGS (past Lady Captains). I am happy to say that we won both.

We are planning to hold a 'live 'AGM in January as we have some vacancies and would like to get recommendations and support from our members in person.

Whilst we have had many complaints about Devon's handling of the SW Vets, I would just like to say that the Devon Committee did their best under totally unexpected circumstances. As any Committee would have done, they planned ahead, booked courses and purchased prizes, only to have everything come to a complete halt. They had no chance to hold any events so could not recoup any expenditure and then the bank let them down by not handling the changeover properly. It was only when they made a formal complaint to the bank that things finally started to move forward. I am therefore taking the opportunity to thank the Devon ladies for doing what they could under such difficult conditions.

I sincerely hope that we soon get back to normal and that all of our matches can be played.

Dorset Report

Dorset said that although the SW Veterans was not played for, three friendly matches were held against Somerset, Wiltshire and Hampshire. They managed 2 draws and a win. Their Spring Greensomes were cancelled but the Autumn Greensomes at Knighton Heath was held and well supported. Next years fixtures are all arranged and will open with the Spring Meeting in Bridport on 20th April 2022.

Somerset Report

Somerset held regular 'Officers' meetings throughout the year on Zoom and one in person. They also held two delegates meetings on Zoom. This has worked well. They held their AGM the previous week to this meeting and appointed Carole Paterson as President and Christine Harris as Captain. They currently have 460 members. Only new members have paid subscriptions this year. Existing members did not pay as membership was carried forward due to the lack of activities as a result of Covid in 2020.

Competitions held included a Bowmaker at Cricket St Thomas and a Better Ball at Brean. Despite fewer Ladies than usual they were successful days. There was not enough support for the individual Stableford in September.

Matches: Despite having no Shield Matches, Somerset had Friendlies against Gloucester at Gloucester GC which they won, Wiltshire at Long Sutton which they lost, Hampshire at Royal Winchester which they lost and Dorset at Ashley Wood which they halved.

Somerset have enough Ladies to keep the balance of both Division 1 and 2 players but feel other counties have a predominance of Division 1 players.

Somerset have also arranged an extra fun-day match with 28 players as a Captain v Vice Captain Challenge.

The Constitution

Through the course of the year the Constitution has been discussed, updated and amended. VW proposed that all changed and updated items (listed in red) to be approved by the committee. This proposal was accepted and seconded by CP.

Details of 2022 Field Days:

The Spring Field Day will be held on Wednesday 4th May 2022 at Bridport and West Dorset GC in Dorset and the Autumn meeting on Monday 19th September 2022 at Elfordleigh GC in Devon.

SM raised concerns about the rising prices in booking venues in Dorset. She had previously approached Camedown GC but this was cost prohibitive at £30 per person before prizes etc.

AOB:

Concerns were raised about the number of shots sometimes given in match-play. Perhaps an upper limit should be considered?

Congratulations were given to VW by all at the meeting. It was agreed that Zoom meetings were successful and a proposal was made that the 2022 meeting should be held by Zoom too. This was agreed by all present. The next Zoom meeting will be held on the 10th Jan 2022 at 10:30.

Date and Venue of the 2022 AGM:

Monday 24 October 2022 at 10:30am by Zoom