

South West Veteran Ladies Golf Association Annual General Zoom Meeting.

Monday 24th October 2022, 10.30 am.

The Chairman welcomed all the attendees and commented that the free zoom meeting was restricted now to 40 mins only, so a subscription might be worth investigating.

1. The Attendees were:-

Dorset: Valerie Williams President, Janis Kay, Secretary,
Jane Dowling, Joint Captain (with Sue Winkle not present)
Cornwall: Sue Goddard, Captain, Sue Dicker, Vice Captain
Devon: Sue Ritchie, Captain, Stephanie Long, Vice Captain,
Somerset: Carol Paterson, Past President, Jill Paul, Vice President, Christine
Harris, Past Captain.

2. Apologies.

Cornwall: Pat MacMicheal, President, Joyce Cain, Past Captain
Dorset, Pat Ray, Vice Captain, Sue Winkle Joint Captain
Somerset: Kay Luckett, President, Sue Bamping, Captain.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were accepted.
Proposer: Sue Goddard, Cornwall.
Seconder: Jill Paul, Somerset

4. Matters Arising

There were none.

5. Chairmans Report.

2022 Has seen the commencement of a return to normal for the South West Vets, with Field Days and Inter County matches, although the number of Ladies taking part has been lower than previous years. This is only to be expected with the worry of COVID hanging over our heads and the increase cost of fuel, accommodation and green fees.

The Spring Field day was held at Bridport Golf Club with a field of 53 Ladies, mainly from Devon and Dorset. The Parry Trophy winner was Rosemary Perry and the Venerable Vets Cup was won by Pat Ray of Weymouth. The Chairman thanked Bridport Golf Club for their help in running this event. Unfortunately due to a clash of dates the Autumn Field Day was not held.

The Inter County Shield was played for this year, with each county managing to field complete teams, even though at one point this looked as if it was going to be a problem. Dorset were the overall winners this year, they actually won all their matches and the Shield was presented to the incoming Captain at the Dorset AGM last week.

Due to there only being one Field day and a reduced number of entrants, South West Vets were only able to raise £130, via a raffle and a donation, for this years Charity, Guide Dogs for the Blind This money has now been sent to them.

During the year the County Captains have had quarterly zoom meetings.

This is my last event as the Chairperson of South West Vets and I would like to thank Janis Kay for stepping in and covering the role of secretary this year. Her help has been greatly appreciated.

6. Treasurer's Report.

Hopefully you have all had time to look at the accounts. They have been verified by Jenny Keates who is an Accountant friend of mine. As you can see there was a surplus of £201.89. This was mainly due to the fact that we were using up the unused M&S Vouchers from last year.

As you can see there are no extraordinary costs this year.

I have now received the invoice for engraving the Inter County Shield and a payment has been made which will appear in next years accounts.

Sue Ritchie asked if a date typo and a heading error could be changed. Also why there was an outstanding cheque for J. Dowling, which would by now not be cashable by the bank. It was decided that the cheque should be reissued. With these changes in mind, The Accounts were accepted.

Proposer: Sue Ritchie, Devon,

Secunder: Stephanie Long, Devon.

7. County Captains Reports.

Cornwall Report, Written by Joyce Cain, Captain 2022, and given by Sue Goddard, Captain 2023.

We were so pleased to achieve normality in 2022.

Cornwall held their Spring meeting at St Austell and their Autumn meeting at Newquay. Both were much enjoyed but with less entries than pre Covid.

Our Inter County matches were played in a sporting manner. At all 3 venues, Worlebury, Bridport and Tavistock, we were blessed with fine weather, good company and excellent catering. It was a delight to meet the Captains and their teams.

I would like to thank you, Valerie, for all your hard work over the last 3 years.

Everything was made so much harder because of Covid, so I do hope you have a

well earned rest from all the administration and can concentrate on just playing golf. Hopefully our paths will cross next year..... either the match v Dorset or the Field Days.

Kind regards, Joyce Cain.

Devon Report, Sue Ritchie, Captain, 2022.

My year as Devon Vets Captain has been a very enjoyable one and it was particularly enjoyable to be able to return to our Inter-County matches after a long break due to Covid. I think our members were pleased to be back because a considerable number put their names forward for selection to my teams, for which I am very grateful. We won one and lost two of our Inter-County matches but all were well contested and played in a great spirit.

We have also played some friendly matches. We beat the Devon Men's Vets for the third year in a row and last week drew our match against the Devon Junior Girls, who gave many of us a lesson in how the game should be played! Well done girls! Our final match against the Past Devon Lady Captain's had to be postponed because it clashed with the Queen's Funeral and has been re-scheduled for the end of this week.

We had good turnouts for all our other "open" events, even having to start a reserve list for a couple of them.

In the New Year I hand over the reins to my Vice Captain, Stephanie Long, who I know will do a very good job in representing Devon on the SW Vets Committee.

Dorset Report, Jane Dowling, Joint Captain with Sue Winkle, 2022.

Dear Ladies,

It was a great pleasure to run the Inter County matches for Dorset this year against Cornwall, Devon and Somerset.

First of all, I would like to thank Sue Goddard, Sue Richie, Christine Harris and Sue Bamping for making these events such fun and the organisation so seamless. The feedback from our players was very positive and I think everyone is looking forward to next year which will be Captained by Pat Ray from Weymouth Golf Club.

We were blessed with good weather in the main which always helps the day and enjoyed some great catering. Dorset did splendidly achieving a three out of three win, Hooray! It was definitely our turn after an eighteen year slump!

Thank you all players and Captains.

Somerset Report. Christine Harris, Captain 2022

Somerset held regular Officers meetings throughout the year either by Zoom or in person. We also held two delegates meeting, one earlier in the year by Zoom and later in the year face to face. On the whole Zoom has worked well and taken a lot of travelling out of the equation.

Somerset have very recently had their AGM and appointed Kay Luckett as Senior County President and Sue Bamping as Senior County Captain.

There are currently 355 members as against 460 last year, however, we are hoping that more ladies will sign up in the New Year.

Competitions held during 2022 included a Pairs Better Ball at The Mendip GC and a Bowmaker at Weston Super Mare GC. Unfortunately, and for the second year running we had to cancel the individual Stableford being held at Tall Pines GC due to lack of numbers and the Senior Ladies Committee recently took the decision to hold a Waltzing Bowmaker for their 2023 September meeting in the hope that it will prove to be more popular.

In 2021 we added a Captain v Captain Elect team match which proved to be so successful that I also had the same format during my year as Captain.

Unfortunately, the ever present Covid meant that some ladies had to drop out at the last moment, although it did not detract from the event itself.

Because of the Covid crisis and Devon and Cornwall not playing in Shield matches for a couple of years, I ended up having to organise four home matches. You might have thought that would have been in our favour, however, that was not the case and Somerset managed to win only 1 match and lose the other 5. Despite the mix-up over handicaps at the beginning of the year, Somerset managed to field a team for all matches, although there were a couple of occasions, when we had to call in extra players on the morning of the matches themselves. I would like to say a special thank you to all the team Captains and players from all the Counties who travel large distances to play.

8. Constitution

The County Captains have this year identified some areas where we needed to rewrite the Constitution. You have been provided with a copy of the Constitution showing Sue Ritchie DCVLGA Captain 2022 at the bottom with the adjustments indicated in Red.

It is the recommendation of your County Captains that you accept this amended Constitution.

Sue Ritchie asked that Item 10. Buggies. Be changed to "England Golf Transportation Policy" in the heading and the body of the paragraph. Also, where in Brackets it says See appendix 1. This should be replaced with a computer link to the updated England Golf Transportation Policy. This will remove the necessity to update the constitution whenever the policy changes.

Adding the use of "measuring devices" to the constitution was felt to be unnecessary as the use is now included in the rules of golf. Rule 4.3a

It was decided that, with these amendments to the New Constitution would be accepted. It was agreed that Sue Richie would make the amendments and circulate the revised copies to the County Captains.

Proposer Jill Paul, Somerset

Secunder Chris Harris, Somerset

9. Field Days

The Field Days for 2023 are as follows:

Monday 8 May 2023, Bowood Golf Club, Cornwall £25 pp

Thursday 21st September 2023, Stover Golf Club, Exeter. £20 pp
Carol Paterson, Somerset, proposed that Accommodation could be arranged for players that wished it. This information would be on the poster together with the relevant details of the Competition.

10. Any Other Business.

The honoraria were discussed. These payments are made from the subscriptions collected from the counties which have not been reviewed for 8 years. Honoraria are supposed to cover incidentals incurred during office. Postage, telephone calls, printing and time. They cannot cover everything but are a token of appreciation. The use of computers has reduced the cost of printing and postage. It was decided to leave honoraria and subscriptions at the same level for now but to revue them over the next year.

It was decided that whilst players should continue to fund their own expenses, the organisers should be able to claim reasonable accommodation and travel expenses, in order to encourage participation of committee members.

11. Next Years AGM

Somerset, as next years Organisers, have proposed Monday 23 October 2023 as the date of the next AGM. Whether it will be a Zoom meeting or a Face to face meeting somewhere in Exeter is yet to be decided by Somerset.

Meeting Closed at 11.10