



YORKSHIRE VETERAN LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE YORKSHIRE VETERAN LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION HELD AT SAND MOOR GC ON MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2019

The President Jo Somers was in the Chair & welcomed 87 members representing 43 clubs and the Lady Captain of Yorkshire to Sand Moor GC for the 87th AGM of the Association. She was delighted to see everybody. She thanked the Officials & Committee for their hard work throughout the year. As in past years and before the meeting started, she asked the Competition Secretary to read out the winners of our competitions and asked Lady Captain, Sandra, to present the trophies.

The Hon Secretary read out the notice convening the meeting.

APOLOGIES: these had been received in advance from Glad Cook, Jane Wainman, Jane Guckian [Alwoodley]; Julie Leadbeater, Pauline Longbottom [Bradford]; Julia Shirley [Brough]; Gill Reed [Claverley]; Margaret Brown [Cleckheaton]; Jen Rowland [Doncaster]; Sue Proctor [Elland]; Shirley Harrison [Filey]; Julie Brown, Heather Bingley [Ganton]; Anne Savage [Hallamshire]; Marion Riley [Hessle]; Christine Greenhalgh [Horsforth]; Rosie Atkin [Hornsea]; Chris Bullock [Huddersfield]; Mary Bryan [KP Club]; Elaine Pearson, Jackie Starkie [Keighley]; Enid Spencer [Leeds]; Sue Verity [Lightcliffe]; Judy Butler, Carol Simpson, Chris Oldfield, Carol Wilson [Malton and Norton]; Jane Wood, Anne Stebbing [Masham]; Nan Hirst [Meltham]; Karen Jobling, Vanessa Thomas [Richmond (Yorks)]; Julia Smith [Rotherham]; Liz Tucker [Saltburn]; Debbie Brown, Sue McMeeking, Jennie Groombridge, Clare Jenkins, Victoria Littlewood, Jean Hall, Diane Hallas [Sand Moor]; Mary Welsh [Scarcroft]; Linda Davies [Selby]; Chris Hope [ShIPLEY]; Mavis Burton [Thirsk and Northallerton]; Bet Sworowski [Wakefield]; Margaret Blakeley, Sarah Arrowsmith [Woodsome Hall]

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: these had been on the website with the Agenda & were taken as read, agreed & signed by the President.

Proposed – Fiona Wood [Ilkley] Seconded – Joyce Slater [Oakdale]

MATTERS ARISING: there were no matters arising.

HON SECRETARY'S REPORT: As you know, I stood in as Hon Sec for the year as no-one had come forward to take on the role for the second year running. I have to say I have learned more about our wonderful association from a different perspective to that of being competition secretary previously. The Committee have had another busy year organising and managing the association on your behalf. Others will cover in more detail what we have been up to. Many of you will be aware that we run a raffle at all our Vets competitions. Our decision to make a donation of £50 to each venues Lady Captain's charity has been very much appreciated. I hope that you will enjoy next year's competition venues, again they are spread well around the county. This information is already available on the website and I am sure Patsy will let you know when the entry forms will be there too. Lastly, we have been asked to provide an Hon Sec and Hon Treasurer for the Northern Counties Committee as we will be hosting the Jamboree in 2022 and it is felt that officials from the hosting county make the job that much easier. The current incumbents will stay in place for the next year but would welcome our nominations sooner rather than later, so anyone who thinks they would like to take up one of these positions, please drop me an email expressing your interest.

HON TREASURER'S REPORT: Helen Duckett gave a detailed report on the finances of the Association. At the bottom of the income & expenditure sheet above the bank balances is a surplus of **£190** of income against expenditure. Notable details as follows.

Income - Membership Subscriptions £6,880 is 1376 annual members at £5 per member, 100 more than 2018. **Competition Entry Fees** Gross income £20,908 (£20,858 nett with refunds of £50) against maximum of

£22,537 from 12 competitions. It included an extra competition at Howley Hall as several competitions were vastly oversubscribed. **Team Expense Contributions** Players & officials contributed £1,397 towards hotel rooms for 3 Richardson Trophy away matches. **NCVLGA Championship at Rotherham** Yorkshire host the event once every 6 years. Gross income £5,820 made up of Golf £3,920 & Dinners £1,608. **Loan Repaid** is for a YLGA team match meal. **Expenditure - Annual Subscriptions paid to NCVLGA** £1,425. **Competition Expenses** A new item including competition associated expenditure. £1,018. **Committee Expenses Including Travel** £1,143, higher than expected. **Printing & Postage** of £441. **Team Expenses** £7,311 (£5,914 nett with contributions). **NCVLGA Championship at Rotherham** Expenditure of £5,539 associated with running a Championship & dinner created a nett profit of £281. **Jamboree Expenses** £1,644. **Course Fees & Gratuities for Competitions** £8,800. **Prizes for Competitions** £4,605. **Public Liability & Trophy Insurance** £437 **Charity Donations at 12 Competitions** £600. **Website Hosting Costs** remain at £288 & same for 2020. **PC Costs** £260. **Sundries** £109. **Bank Balances** - Treasurers current account balance of £9,295 at 30th September 2019, with cheques outstanding for payment of £2,177.53. Skipton Building Society 2 year fixed rate restricted access bond paying 1.4% gross interest matures in January 2020. Balance £20,971. Skipton Building Society Clubs & Charities no restrictions account current interest rate 0.8 %. Balance £5122.65. Both accounts have Tax Free status. **Looking to next year:** 2020 Team Expenses may be similar to 2019.

My thanks to the Auditor for auditing the accounts so quickly & efficiently. To Karen Leake, Patsy Rochester, all the YVLGA Reps, Sandra, Vets Captain, and Jo, President. I've now completed 5 years as YVLGA treasurer. It's been hard work & demanding at times but rewarding. Elaine Pearson of Keighley GC will be your new Treasurer. Elaine's had a career in banking & finance & is an ideal candidate for the role of Treasurer.

Charlene Wright from Headingley asked if it was really necessary to have a £25K buffer. Helen responded saying that funds were required to cover cancellation of events and funding of those competitions that were not fully attended.

Jo asked if this report was approved.

Proposed - Sally Runton [Ilkley] Seconded - Brenda Parker [Huddersfield]

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A SHORTENED ACCOUNT OF THE HON TREASURER'S REPORT. PLEASE SEE THE WEBSITE FOR THE FULL VERSION OF THE REPORT & THE INCOME & EXPENDITURE REPORT.

HON COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT: Firstly, I would like to thank all the committee, representatives and members for their support during my first year as competition secretary and putting up with my spelling mistakes and sometimes sending emails without attachments! Also, I would like to thank members of clubs that hosted events and provided starters, raffle ticket sellers, spotters and helpers on the day. During the year the YVLGA has run a total of 12 competitions including the NCVLGA Championships at Rotherham in May, Thank you to Yorkshire, Heather for the loan of the results boards.

Entries for 2019 - The majority of entries were received by 1st March and draws for competitions were completed during the first two weeks of March, loaded onto the YVLGA website and sent to reps via email. A total of over 2300 entries were received from 96/110 clubs affiliated to the YVLGA. Apart from the Spring meeting at Northcliffe, the Championship at Huddersfield, the 9-hole Texas Scramble at Queensbury and the foursomes at Huddersfield (as outlined by Helen Duckett) all events were oversubscribed. Hull, Headingley, Pannal and Alwoodley were particularly oversubscribed and we could have filled Pannal twice and Alwoodley three times! It was decided to offer an additional competition at Howley Hall to try and accommodate those who were unsuccessful initially. For the President's Trophy there were only 40 places – initially places were allocated to those teams who were unsuccessful in 2017 (37) which left three places for the remaining entrants – so a draw was made for these places. The Competitions all ran smoothly apart from the Championship when there was a fog delay at the championships which delayed the start by an hour & a half!. **Additions for 2019** - A raffle was held at each event – in addition to donations for the Alison Nicholas Fund, we have made a donation to the Lady Captain's charity of the club hosting the event. We also provided rule books, pencils and included & 2s club in the entry fee. We have a special prize for a hole in one. The Reps

meeting was held in August at Pike Hills Golf Club and attended by about 30 members – the notes for this are on the YVLGA website.

Planning for 2020 - The posters and entry sheets for next year have been sent to reps and are also on the website. The closing date for entries will again be 1st March and draws will be completed during the first two weeks of March and sent to reps as well as been added to the website. Please can you post entries rather than send by email until we have a full-proof system up and running. Please do not send any money with your entries – we will send out invoices once the draws have been completed. Please remember that it is the club's responsibility to find replacements for members who withdraw from the original time sheet. Withdrawals in pairs competitions are especially awkward, particularly late withdrawals as it leaves very little time to sort out & can leave a team stranded. I will be using my Gmail address for all correspondence as I need to access this for the PUMA software.

LADY CAPTAIN'S REPORT: To use the ever popular cliché of 'how time flies' when you are enjoying yourself, I cannot believe that in a flash, the year has gone! It has been a very busy 12 months and I would like to thank Jo Somers our President, Karen Leake our Vice Captain and Helen Duckett for their help and support in what turned into a very tough year health wise for me. Thanks also to Penny Holroyd for taking on the role of acting Secretary, Patsy Rochester for running the competitions so smoothly. Big thanks again to my friend Helen Duckett for her hard work as Treasurer and also keeping the website up to date. Thanks also to the Past Captain Sarah Arrowsmith and our Committee members, Rosie Cleave, Mary-Pat Moore, Joyce Slater, Fiona Wood, Enid Spencer and Alison Mowat for their hard work during the year. A special mention goes to the ladies and staff at my home club Huddersfield, they have been brilliant this year. Congratulations to all the winners this year. We started the year with the annual pre-season matches, the first at Huddersfield against the Yorkshire County Mid Ams which we won 4.5 to 0.5 and a few weeks later at Wetherby against the Yorkshire County 2nd Team, which we unfortunately lost 3 matches to 1. The team trials followed a couple of weeks later at Huddersfield Golf Club, with players of handicaps of 6 and less who had entered the championship. Alison Clark had the best gross score of the day. **The Championship** - The Championship was held at Huddersfield Golf Club and 79 ladies waited to start the qualifying round which was delayed for an hour and a half due to fog. Julie Wheeldon won the Barrett Trophy with the best gross score of 74 and Mary Pat Moore won the Elliot Trophy with a best nett of 70. The top 16 players went through to the Matchplay stages on the morning of day 2 and all matches were keenly contested. The 8 winners went through to the afternoon quarter finals where Sandra Paul beat Patsy Rochester, Carol Simpson beat Judy Butler, Melody Svenson beat Jane Oliver and Karen Jobling beat Bet Sworowski. The Tri-am was also played on the second day and the winners were Debbie Berry, Patricia Smith and Pauline Hazelden from Meltham. On the morning of the 3rd day in the semi-finals, Sandra Paul beat Carol Simpson and Karen Jobling beat Melody Svenson. The final in the afternoon between Sandra and Karen saw Karen winning to become our champion for 2019.

Richardson Trophy Matches - The YVLGA team selected to play in the 2019 Richardson Trophy matches were Karen Jobling, Julie Wheeldon, Bet Sworowski, Pat Wrightson, Mary Pat Moore, Heather Staniforth, Jackie Barraclough and reserves Carol Simpson, Alison Clark and Sandra Paul. We welcomed the Northumberland team to Huddersfield for our first Richardson Trophy match, we had a resounding win of 6.5 matches to 0.5. Our second match was against Durham, again at Huddersfield Golf Club and we won in style by 6 matches to 1. I was pleased to present Mary Pat Moore with her County Colours as she had now played 3 matches for us. After only 2 home matches this year, we then embarked on our 3 away matches. We played Cheshire, (the current holders of the Richardson Trophy), at Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake. Unfortunately, we lost by the narrowest of margins of 4 matches to 3. Next, Ulverston Golf Club to play Cumbria. Our team winning by 5 matches to 2. We travelled to West Lancashire Golf Club for our match against Lancashire. We had a wonderful White Rose win of 5 matches to 2. I am so proud of Team YVLGA this year. We have finished second, narrowly losing only one match and missing out by only half a point.

Achievements - Congratulations to Karen Jobling, Julie Wheeldon and Bet Sworowski who were selected to play for the Northern Counties Team in the Jamboree in August. In the English Senior Women's Amateur Championship at Enville in May Julie Wheeldon finished 5th, Karen Jobling 23rd and Heather Staniforth 25th and they progressed to the Matchplay stage. The English Senior Women's Open Amateur Strokeplay

Championship in June was held at St Enedoc in Cornwall, where Julie Wheeldon finished brilliantly in 3rd place. Following her success in the English Championships Julie was selected to play for England in the European Seniors Team Championship at the Black Sea Rama GC in Bulgaria. Many congratulations to the Gold Medal winning England team. Julie was then selected to play for the England Team again for the Senior Home Internationals at County Sligo in Ireland. Great performance by England who eventually finished 2nd after a countback with Ireland. Congratulations Julie on your outstanding achievements this year, the Yorkshire Vets are very proud of you.

NORTHERN & JAMBOREE REPORTS:

NORTHERN REPORT - This year it was the turn of the YVLGA to host the NCVLGA Championships at Rotherham Golf Club. It's hard to tell you the amount of work and organising it takes to host a championship like this, but we did it and did it brilliantly. Special mention goes to Karen Leake and Patsy Rochester who worked from dawn till dusk every day making sure everything ran smoothly, Helen Duckett and of course our President Jo Somers. Thanks also to Rotherham Golf Clubs' Lady Captain Jan North and our own Julia Smith who worked with us and coordinated everything perfectly. The Championship Dinner on the Tuesday evening was a thoroughly enjoyable. The Captain made a very special announcement, Julia Smith was named as the NCVLGA Captain for 2021, a very popular choice and many congratulations from us! Sadly, a few months later Julia found she was unable to take up the position and I was proud to be nominated to take over from her. On to the golf - Tuesday, the qualifying round had 96 entrants. Yorkshire had 7 of the 16 players qualifying in the championship flight, Karen Jobling (who finished top qualifier), Sue Dye, Julie Wheeldon, Mary Pat Moore, Ann Flintoff, Pat Wrightson (also had best gross in the over 65 category) and Bet Sworowski. Bet got to the semi-final, beating Karen and Julie along the way in very close and exciting matches. The champion this year was Caroline Berry from Cheshire. Congratulations everyone. In the second flight Julia Smith, Angela Morris and Elaine MacGregor qualified. Julia and Angela made their way to an all Yorkshire final and Angela went on to win the match and the trophy. Well done all. A great Championship for Team Yorkshire!

JAMBOREE REPORT - The 2019 Vets Jamboree was held at The Northamptonshire County Golf Club on 6th to 8th August and I was very proud as Yorkshire Captain and Northern team selector, to have 3 of our players, Karen Jobling, Julie Wheeldon and Bet Sworowski, selected for the Northern Counties team. Also included in the team were Caroline Berry, Cath Rawthore, Mo Richmond and Gill Mellor all from Cheshire, and Carol Helm from Lancashire. Over the 3 days they play 3 foursomes in the morning and 6 singles in the afternoon. On the first day we beat Scotland by 6 matches to 3. The second day we played the South, again we won, this time by 5 matches to 4. This meant it was all to play for on the final day. The Midlands were also unbeaten, but had more game points than us, so to lift the Miller Sterling Salver we had to win. After the morning foursomes we had a lead of 2 matches to 1, therefore we needed 3 matches from the afternoon play. The afternoon singles were keenly fought, but, unfortunately, we couldn't manage to secure the 3 wins and we were runners up and collected the Tony Moffat Quaich.

PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION: NONE

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The Secretary read out the list of Officials & Committee Members for 2020 as follows; President Ros Lumb [Meltham], Captain Karen Leake [Oakdale], Vice-Captain Penny Holroyd [Richmond (Yorks)], Past-Captain Sandra Paul [Huddersfield], New Treasurer Elaine Pearson [Keighley] who was elected unopposed, Competition Secretary Patsy Rochester [Oakdale]. With no nominations for Secretary, Mary-Pat Moore [Bingley St Ives] had agreed to be 'Acting' Secretary for 2020. Committee Members Joyce Slater [Oakdale], Alison Mowat [Howley Hall], Fiona Wood [Ilkley] would be joined by 3 new members Carol Walker [Meltham], Gina White [Low Laithes] and Pat Sumner [Scarcroft] all elected unopposed. However, a vote was required to decide which 2 served for 3 years & which 1 for 2 years. The result of the vote meant that Carol Walker and Pat Sumner would serve 3 years and Gina White 2.

Sandra said she had been honoured to be Captain & had thoroughly enjoyed her year, & she hoped that Karen would enjoy the role as much as she had done. Jo then pinned the Past Captain's badge on Sandra.

Having received the Captain's badge from Sandra, Karen thanked the Past Captains and said she had a very hard act to follow as Sandra had had such a fantastic year, she presented her with a small memento of her year. She also thanked Jo, our outgoing President, with whom she had spent many motorway hours! She continued, for those who don't know me, I have been a member of Oakdale for nearly 30 years, joining when my years of competitive squash were coming to an end. and was Lady Captain in 2005. I am a regular member of the scratch team and joined the YVLGA committee in 2017. She thanked all the members for their continued support and whilst she understood the frustration of over-subscription, she assured members that every effort will be made, with the help of the Reps, to ensure as many members as possible are offered the chance to play.

Karen welcomed her Vice-Captain Penny Holroyd & presented her with the Vice-Captain's badge. She said that they had worked together during her final year as competition secretary and looked forward to their continued collaboration.

Retiring President, Jo Somers, said before handing over the President's badge she wanted to say a few words. Firstly, thank you to the Past Captains for originally giving me this honour and it has been an honour and a privilege to represent the Association. Secondly, to the two Captains I have had the pleasure of working with and their Committees. It has been so enjoyable visiting clubs all over the North supporting the teams in their County matches and, also, to be able to support our Yorkshire players in the Northern Championships at Rotherham and the Jamborees at Hexham and Northamptonshire. Thirdly, but by no means least, to all of you and the members of my own Club, Alwoodley. It has been lovely to meet so many of you at our events during the last two years and I hope to continue to do so. Thank you. Now it gives me the utmost pleasure to introduce Ros Lumb as President for 2020/2021. I first met Ros on desk duty at one of our competitions way back and she has become a great friend. Ros has been a member of Meltham GC for the last 57 years and was their Captain in 1986. She was our Competition Secretary from 2005 to 2010 and then Captain in 2013. You are extremely well qualified for the job and I do hope you have as much enjoyment being President of this great Association as I have. Congratulations.

Having been presented with the President's badge Ros said a few words : Being asked to be Captain was a huge surprise to me back in 2011 but I never dreamt I should be following in the footsteps of my great friend and golfing guru – Mrs Nan Hirst – our 1st President and Honorary Member of Meltham GC. I am very honoured to be the holder of this badge for the coming 2 years and I am looking forward to supporting our Captain, Karen, in the coming year. I have seen Jo's commitment to the post and hope I have the stamina to keep up. You have set the bar very high Jo. Thank you from everyone for your time as President – take a well-earned rest from a job well done. I believe that the greatest benefit from playing this sport of ours – apart from keeping us fit to a good age – is the friendship it gives rise to at Club level, county level and wider. I came to know so many members during my time as Competition Secretary and then as Captain and I look forward to renewing acquaintances and making new ones amongst our current membership. Here's to a great 2020 for the Association.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business.

Ros then invited Julie Wheeldon to give the 'vote of thanks' to the retiring Captain & Officials. Julie said she was very proud to have been asked to stand in for our Yorkshire Vets Champion, Karen Jobling, to deliver this vote of thanks on behalf of the Team. Firstly, I would like to thank all of you, the members, of the Association as without your support there would be no Association. Secondly, I would like to thank the Vets Committee for the organisation, administration and the many, many hours that they put in attending the competitions and supporting the team. It's fabulous to see so many friendly faces and green sweaters, especially when playing Lancashire! We are especially grateful to those who have caddied this season. I can't finish without saying a massive thankyou to our marvellous Yorkshire Vets Captain, Sandra. Sandra was the Vets Champion in my first year and she pointed me in the right direction (usually the bar!). But seriously, what I learnt from Sandra was that playing for the Vets team is a serious business – you go out there and do your best to win, but that you can also have fun. We are disappointed that we could not bring the Richardson Trophy home to

Yorkshire in your year Sandra, but with your support and guidance we have played hard, maintained a great team spirit and had lots of fun. So, thank you for a great year Sandra.

DATE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020: the date of the next meeting was booked for Monday 19th October 2020 at 11am at Sand Moor GC, Leeds.

President Ros thanked everybody for attending & the meeting closed at 12.40 p.m.

SIGNED:

DATED: