

Minutes of YVLGA Extraordinary Committee Meeting 30th May 2020, 10.30.

Held via Zoom (Coronavirus restrictions still in operation)

1. **In attendance** – Karen Leake, Ros Lumb, Penny Holroyd, Mary Pat Moore, Elaine Pearson, Carol Walker, Gina White, Patsy Rochester, Joyce Slater, Alison Mowat
2. **Apologies.** Sandra Paul, Fiona Wood, Pat Sumner.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting.**
Approved. Karen assured the meeting the documents would be signed off when it was permissible for the officers to meet and do so.
4. **Matters arising.**
VLGA Centenary Celebrations – still no response to a note Karen has sent to that committee, we will follow this up if nothing heard by the next time we meet.
5. **Captain's report.**
 - a. No matters arising which would not be covered later in the meeting.
 - b. Appendix 1 for Captain's report.
6. **President's report.**
Ros confirmed that she had nothing to report in advance of our discussions later.
7. **Treasurer's report.**
 - a. Appendix 2 for Full Treasurer's report
 - b. We noted the report and were grateful that the association had the reserves to deal with the likely deficit in 2021. We agreed to deal with points 1 to 4 later in the meeting.
 - c. Elaine then presented her recommendation that we start the process of incorporating the association into a Limited Company.
 - d. Karen, in supporting this, and noting that our county association was well on the way to this, will raise this with the county captain, Maggie Katz.
 - e. Karen was keen that we involve appropriate professional advice at an early stage.
 - f. We agreed that this would be an active topic for this committee and will consider how we communicate this to our members once more is known of the process.
8. **Competitions 2020.**
 - a. Patsy raised the critical issue of proceeding or not, with our original schedule for the remainder of this season. The granting of permission by England Golf to play in 3's and 4's from 1st June 2020 needed to be considered as to the implications for our members. Thus far, due to the lockdown, we had cancelled events up to and including the event at Masham with 6 events still to organise.
 - b. Karen confirmed that none of the risks we had discussed before had diminished. Travel to and from events, social distancing, clubhouse availability etc.
 - c. A wider discussion ensued which covered the following,
Pressure on clubs when 140 Senior Golfers from outside their locality present for competition. The sign in process. PPE for desk officials?
The need to devise electronic scoring methods in place of cards.
How to maintain social distancing – in and outside of clubhouses.
How to revise the original draws if players pull out.
And how our own clubs are experiencing differing issues right now.
 - d. In summary we concluded that it would wise to cancel all events this year and to give the clubs the option to host events again in 2022. Patsy will contact the respective clubs with this news. We also agreed subs paid for 2020 would carry forward and event entry fees would be kept at 2020 levels.

Finally, as regards the competition secretary's report, Patsy advised that she and Joyce, our registrar, are investigating ways we could instigate an online entry process. They will report back.

9. Software/WHS.

- a. Karen has researched 2 different software products which could be of benefit to us once the WHS comes into effect in November 2020. They are Handicap Master and ClubV1
- b. She asserted Handicap Master is specifically a programme for competitions and the demonstration piece worked well in putting together the different types of events we offer.
- c. ClubV1 is more typically a club membership system which also runs competitions – initially they did not offer a 9 hole competition, but once Karen went back to them, they were able to devise one.
- d. We would pay a one off fee to ClubV1, or smaller (approx. 50%) initial fee plus an annual fee to Handicap Master.
- e. Penny advised Richmond GC use ClubV1 and it works well. YLCGA had just moved to ClubV1 which also included provision of their new website.
- f. Mary Pat mentioned that ClubV1 were also now offering a timesheet management option with potential to collect monies for competition entries. This could be of benefit to us in the future.
- g. Karen also mentioned that each company would import our data on transition, including any of those life members known to us who do not have a cdh number.
- h. Finally we noted we had no certainty yet as to the issue of licences to these and other potential providers.
- i. Elaine suggested we continue to explore these options and see what other counties are up to before we make any decision.
- j. Mary Pat suggested that our links up to the NCVLGA may be of good use in that regard.

10. AOB

- a. Ros thanked everyone for their input. It had been very good to hear our reasons for not proceeding with our events. Joyce to contact Club Reps with update on remaining events & Karen to update website message.
- b. Ros and Karen are going to examine our constitution and see how best to proceed as regards "suspending operations this year", notice of our AGM, and indeed, the hosting of our AGM. They will also issue a communication to our members on those points. Ros was complimentary about our agility in using the internet for meetings such as these. She and our past Captains are quite happy with how this has evolved.
- c. Karen will link up with our friends in the NCLVGA as to their AGM, typically held in Leeds each October and check what they are planning.
- d. Elaine and Mary Pat will move forward with our wish to run our bank account online and prepare documents for our next meeting.
- e. Karen will advise the most appropriate date and format for our next meeting in due course.

The meeting concluded at 11.40 am.

Mary Pat Moore
Acting Hon Secretary YVLGA