



## **YORKSHIRE VETERAN LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION**

### **Summary minutes of meeting held on Saturday September 23rd 2023 at 2-30 p.m. at Moortown Golf Club**

**Present:** Pat Wrightson, Captain (in the Chair); Gill Travis, President; Patsy Rochester, Vice-Captain; Elaine Pearson, Honorary Treasurer; Gina White, Competition Secretary; Pat Sumner, Registrar; Alison Hughes, Acting Honorary Secretary; Penny Holroyd Julie Wheeldon.

**Apologies:** Fiona Wood, Carol Walker, Liz Jones.

**Minutes of the last meeting** – Approved and signed by the Captain.

#### **Actions from the last meeting**

##### **Data storage**

AH continues exploration of options at no or low cost.

#### **Matters Arising (not otherwise on the agenda)**

None

#### **Captains Report**

Report taken as read, PW congratulated Emma Brown on winning the English Senior Women's Champion of Champions held at Woodall Spa 9-10 September 2023.

Update re: NCVLGA vice-captain.

PW explained that due to challenges facing one county in electing a Captain, Northumberland had proposed that in future the Captain is from the county that is hosting the Northern Championships. Both Yorkshire and Cheshire have seconded this proposal which will require a change in the constitution and be considered at the AGM in November 2023.

#### **Presidents Report**

GT had attended the past captains meeting last week with PW in attendance (as current Captain). GT stated how much she is looking forward to her President's Trophy day at Crosland Heath on Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> 2023.

This will be her last meeting, having been part of the committee in various roles for many years. She thanked the committee for their support.

PW thanked Gill for all her hard work and dedication over many years.

## Registrars Report

Report taken as read.

PS explained that she would be sending the audit out to club reps shortly.

PS also raised the issue that more and more clubs don't seem to be able to find a rep which makes liaison difficult. PW suggested that this needed further discussion at the next meeting.

**Action:** AH to agenda for next meeting

PW thanked PS for her work.

## Competitions Report

Report taken as read - matters arising from the report:

1. Handicap limit changes and WHS – are the limits set for the various competitions appropriate?

The committee discussed the current limits and felt that they were appropriate, and PW suggested that until the impending 'tweaks' to WHS are announced it was best not to change anything.

GT commented about the pace of play in YVLGA competitions and was pleased that in her experience rounds were being completed in good time.

2. Proposal to change to the date of entries for competition – to allow more time to issue invoices after collating the entries an earlier closing date is requested of mid-February.

The committee discussed and agreed to move the deadline for entries to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. This gives the competition secretary more time to process all the entries and issue the invoices to the club reps prior to the start of the competitions.

**Action** GW to amend competition entry deadline.

3. Club rep meeting – should this be reinstated as it provided an opportunity to give and receive feedback to club reps e.g., items 9a and 9b.

Whilst it was acknowledged that the committee represent only a narrow section of the membership it was felt that a meeting was not needed at this time, but that the presence of the reps at the AGM could be better used to gain feedback.

**Action:** AH suggested a short questionnaire and it was agreed to trial this at the AGM in October 2023.

4. Insurance for Trophies – do the trophies need to be revalued given the increase in silver price?

EP has discussed with our Insurance Broker and a valuation every 4-5 years is seen as best practice. Trophies will not be available for this until next summer.

**Action:** PH offered to help GW with this process.

The safe storage of trophies was discussed and whether a locked cabinet (either at home or at the members golf club) is required.

**Action:** EP will discuss with Insurance broker and ask whether members home insurance would be used to cover any loss.

**Action:** Updated information can be given at the AGM to the trophy winners. This would include asking members to get the trophies engraved. GW

GW asked whether for the over 65/75 event whether there should be a separate prize for the 65 category if an over 75 won the main prize as there is also a separate prize for the over 75s meaning that the best over 65 may not win anything.

It was agreed to leave it as it was.

PW thanked GW for her contribution this year acknowledging that the role is very challenging and time consuming.

### **Hon Treasurers Report.**

Report taken as read.

Finances are in a very healthy position this year.

The allowance for matches was discussed.

**Action:** it was agreed that due to the increased challenge of getting to home match venues, the 50-mile limit for payment would be reduced to 30 miles.

AH asked if the committee would agree to pay for the coffee for Club reps at the AGM as reps are travelling from all over the county and pay their own travel expenses.

**Action:** costs to be paid by association

GW asked if the committee would support a 4<sup>th</sup> prize for the Presidents competition and this was agreed for 2024 and beyond.

**Action:** 4<sup>th</sup> prize added to President's competition 2024 GW

PW thanked EP for her expert stewardship of the finances

### **Hon. Secretary's Report**

2025 dates and venues have been agreed circulated - one amendment being that the Wheatley event will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

AH had had several clubs raise the issue of a Monday event regarding green staff being able to get the course ready. Monday is felt to be the best day where possible.

### **Health and Safety**

No items for discussion.

### **Northern Championship**

Venues were discussed, with regard to criteria – accessibility, parking, practice facilities availability of accommodation, Slope Index and a short list was prepared.

Ganton, Headingley, Moortown, Sandmoor, and Oakdale

**Action:** AH to contact each venue and ask if they would be interested in hosting the championship.

### **Title of Association**

GT proposed that in line with England Golf, the Association should change the name to Yorkshire Senior Ladies Golf Association. This would need to be taken to the 2023 AGM for approval by members. The committee voted 8 to 2 in favour of the change. (1 vote given in advance by committee member not present at the meeting)

The move from Ladies to Womens was also discussed but dismissed for the time being.

**Action:** GT will draft proposal for consideration at the 2023 AGM.

### **Proposed changes to Uniform**

PR update the committee on the development of the logo and the discussions with Alex at Huddersfield with regard to costs.

It was agreed that the First team, the President and the Captain, and the Vice Captain should be given uniform and that the second team and the committee should contribute 50% of the cost.

PR also suggested buying a stock of the uniform for future players /committee members.

Once the decision regarding the name of the association has been made at the AGM PR will be able to order the uniform in time for the next season.

## **AGM Preparation**

AH stated that she had received no nominations to date.

Committee members are required as follows:

1 for 1 year

1 for 2 years and

2 for 3 years

PS was asked if she would continue for a year or two and was proposed by PR and seconded by PH.

AH has been proposed for Honorary Secretary by PH and seconded by GT.

EP highlighted the need to succession plan for her role as Treasurer and identify members with the relevant skill set.

**Action:** Committee members to approach any members with skill set to be nominated to join committee.

**Action:** AH to circulate running order and script to committee members.

**Action:** AH to book venue for AGM October 21<sup>st</sup> 2024.

## **Any Other Business**

PR was pleased to announce that the second team had recently played well and beaten Derbyshire resoundingly at Oakdale. The next match against the Mid Ams is on 1<sup>st</sup> October. She circulated the 2024 dates.

Dates for future YVLGA committee meetings were agreed as follows:

November 25<sup>th</sup> 10 -30am

March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024

June 2024 tbc

September 21<sup>st</sup> 2024

**Action:** AH to book Moortown GC venue.

PH stated that this was her last meeting after 10 years service in various roles, she was warmly thanked by PW and the committee.

GW stated that the Competition Secretary's role was too onerous as it stands and that she would want a) to streamline some of the processes b) hand off some of the responsibilities. These include Desk Duty rota and purchase of prizes vouchers and raffle prizes. Committee discussed how non-officer committee members could contribute more to support.

**Action:** PW asked GW to consider what she wanted to do and bring back to the next meeting.

**Action:** AH to agenda

**Action:** PR to draft committee member role description.

Meeting closed at 1700.