

Minutes of the Zoom Committee YVLGA 24th August 2020.

Present; Karen Leake (KL), Elaine Pearson (EP), Patsy Rochester (PR), Joyce Slater (JS), Penny Holroyd (PH), Gina White, (GW), Sandra Paul (SP), Pat Sumner (PS), Mary Pat Moore, (MPM).

Apologies; Ros Rumb (RL), Carol Walker, (CW) Alison Mowat (AM).

1. AGM 2020.

KL confirmed we were not going to proceed with our usual AGM. Instead we were going to write to the club representatives of the clubs our members belong to as follows;

- Enclose a letter from our president to explain that due to the Covid-19 crisis we are very reluctant to hold a meeting but would want to follow due process as regards the management of our association.
- We want to circulate annual reports by email rather than at a meeting.
- We want to extend the term of office for our Captain, officers and committee members by 12 months.
- Our 2020 and 2021 Vice-Captains to be reappointed to serve in 2021 and 2022 respectively.
- Our President wishes to complete her years of office as planned by October 2021.
- Also included will be voting slip for individual members to return, seeking approval to extend the committee terms of office (see above) and to investigate benefits (or otherwise) of incorporation.

Club Representatives will be asked confirm receipt of these documents and will be responsible for disseminating the information to members of their Cub.

2. WHS

PR mentioned that it was expected that our memberships' handicap indexes would prove a higher figure than their current playing handicaps. As preparation for 2021 involved issuing posters for competitions with an array of handicap allowances, we needed to anticipate this and adjust entry criteria accordingly.

SP mentioned this is an area we must consider carefully as some of our members may not have played any golf this year and she recalled this being an awkward issue at past AGM's.

We agreed that we should put a limit for 2021 only, at a player's present playing handicap plus 10%. I.E a player with a handicap of 20.5, would be considered to be 22.55 – so it would be 23 – as regards their entry for 2021 events.

As regards the entry handicap for membership which is presently 35, we do not recommend any amendment just yet as we cannot accurately assess the precise impact of WHS.

3. Software Purchases

KL has recommended we purchase Club Systems Software to manage our competitions next year. She is happy that it will do what we need it to do. Cost - £624.00 including VAT.

We agreed.

4. AOB

EP had requested we add 2 items to the agenda KL had sent for this meeting.

- Donation to the Alison Nicholas Fund – EP wanted clarity as to whether we should still make this payment in the present circumstances. We agreed we should.
- Transfer of our current account to NatWest – previously agreed – but EP needs a resolution which links to a specific meeting of this committee to present to the Bank. We agreed that we should move to NW.

We also had a brief discussion as to moving the association to a new Limited Company. This is something we must discuss in more detail when we would have the benefit of face to face discussion – and be able to prepare a submission to our members.

Footnote – on checking the resolution MPM queried whether or not it was wise to put in place authority for only one person to sign withdrawals or make online banking payments – as it reads “to be signed by any one of”. After discussion with Captain, EP asked to investigate possibility of multiple online ‘signatories’ with a view to future proofing our arrangements

MPM 14th September 2020.