



Online Meeting of the YVLGA Committee, 28th of March 2020 (precis)

(For the record, this meeting has been held online due to the total household lockdown situation imposed by Government as part of the Coronavirus Covid-19 infection control. As a result, the agenda has been shortened.)

In attendance: Karen Leake, Sandra Paul, Penny Holroyd, Mary Pat Moore, Patsy Rochester, Joyce Slater, Elaine Pearson, Gina White, Carol Walker, Fiona Wood, Pat Sumner

Apologies: Ros Lumb, Alison Mowat

1. Minutes of last meeting 2nd November 2019

As this meeting is online, no minutes were signed as approved. Secretary to retain minutes for approval & signature as soon as possible.

No matters arising from the minutes.

2. Captain's Report

The last few weeks have been horribly uncertain & everybody had been holding their nerve with a view to cancelling events to avoid Coronavirus spread. However, the last couple of Government announcements, combined with England Golf's statement have made the position clear – in the interests of safeguarding our members' health, we cannot run events until at least June. We will review the situation then & hope we can salvage something from the season. I have issued statements on the website to this effect & Club Reps have also been emailed. I have been in contact with Barbara Laird (captain NCVLGA) & Julia Tate (Secretary NCVLGA) & they will be making a decision soon with regard to the Richardson Trophy. The Northern Championships have already been cancelled & may be played later in the year.

Sadly, our match against the Mid Ams & the team trials have both been cancelled.

3. President's Report

First of all I would like to say how well Captain Karen and the other officers have handled the crisis that has developed over the past weeks. Totally unforeseen, never before experienced the problems have been dealt with and all of us kept informed Thankyou everyone for all your hard work.

I am so sorry that Karen is going to lose so much that is part of the Captaincy before it has even started this year All expectations and plans and hopes suddenly gone. It will also radically alter Elaine's hard work on the year's budget, but I have complete faith in the committee's ability to cope and I will do my best to help.

I just wish to say that I hope you and your families stay well in the next few months.

4. Competition Secretary's Report

a. 2020 Competitions.

We have completed the draws for all the competitions – thanks to Joyce Slater for her help with this – summary of entries attached. In the light of Covid-19, Government & England Golf we have cancelled the first four events and updated the website. If the situation improves, we hope that we may be able to run some events later.

No invoices have been issued as yet until we know competitions will run. We may find that we have to revamp the draws if the situation allows.

b. **Competition Entries 2020.**

Entries have been buoyant with 4 competitions oversubscribed (AMAM Hornsea, 4BBB Keighley, Foursomes at Oakdale & AMAM at Waterton Park) & others nearly full. The Championship entry was the highest for a while at 99.

Draws had to be completed for over-subscribed competitions.

c. Reps meeting date to be rearranged. The initial date for this meeting clashes with the County Fours Finals so will need to be re-arranged – again, once Covid-19 pandemic clear.

5. Treasurer's Report

EP confirmed that the Association still in a good financial state despite the potential implications for this season. If the RT matches went ahead without income from other events, that would present a deficit.

She confirmed that the move to internet banking had been postponed as the process was protracted and not as vital just yet.

SP mentioned that refunds of the entry fees for the Northern Championships were taking time as cheques needed 2 signatures, not possible under current social distancing rules.

The budgeted deficit at the beginning of the year was estimated at £369. Assuming the first four competitions of the season do not take place, and the match against the YLCGA Mid-Ams and the Team Trials are cancelled, then this deficit is estimated to escalate to £1420.

6. Registrar's Report.

JS confirmed that the recruitment drive undertaken in recent years had gone well, numbers were good, hence entries were good.

We do have running costs which must be met. Thankfully we have strong reserves, and we agreed in principle with the concept of a "rollover". We will review this again though, once decisions outside our control have been made.

7. Any Other Business

a. **Richardson Trophy & Jamboree**

MPM mentioned she had seen varying emails from Northern Counties as regards the present situation and the implications for County Captains. She wondered if we should at least agree our stance, so we could share it to the others to help with the overall situation.

We agreed that if the Richardson Trophy matches did not take place, it seemed fair to ask our Captain to start again.

b. **WHS.**

KL picked up on the point raised by RL, that our software provider is not in a position to incorporate the changes in the WHS. She going to compare notes with FW as regards the

YLCGA's processes and locally with the Harrogate Union. She reported that initial enquiries suggested that it was likely that software compliant with WHS is likely to be more expensive than our current provision – possibly significantly more.

It was mentioned that England Golf have not yet signed an agreement with the software providers. Despite that, we were told that recent emails from Ruth Goodwin, suggested the November 2020 date is still a target for implementation.

This item will remain one of our top priorities this year, ensuring that YVLGA will be compliant.

KL thanked everyone for joining in with the first ever conference meeting! We agreed it had been worthwhile and could be repeated before our next scheduled meeting in June, should anything else emerge during these difficult times.

Mary Pat Moore

30th March 2020.