**YORKSHIRE VETERAN LADIES’ GOLF ASSOCIATION**

**Summary Minutes of Meeting of the Committee held on Saturday 25th March 2023**

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

**Actions from last meeting**

**Action:**

FW volunteered to ask the County if she can share her database of Club Secretaries with PS, so that she at least has some point of contact in each club.

**Update:**

County cannot share information

**Action:**

A banner will be put onto the website letting people know that they can contact either PS or GW if they wish to enter and they have no club rep. **Completed.**

**Action:** On the issue of a single signatory, it was felt that there were no issues and EP should go ahead and transfer £15K to a Skipton Building Society account. **Completed**

**Matters arising**

**Expenses**

PW thanked EP for completing this work.

**Buggies**

Agreed that YVLGA will accept documents produced for YCLGA regarding the use of Buggies on Health grounds.

**Hon Sec Role**

PW thanked PH for standing in as Hon Sec. and thanked AH for volunteering to take on the role. It was agreed that AH would be co-opted into the role for this year and be proposed and seconded at the next AGM.

**Badges**

The new badges were passed around and committee members were very impressed with the quality. PW still has a couple of the old badges and several committee members offered to donate their badges should she need more than two for this year’s new team members.

**Correspondence**

None received

**Captain’s report**

YVLGA Vs YLCGA Match at Ganton was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. It was a difficult decision because the weather at Ganton was not too bad, but some players were travelling from some hard-hit areas and so on Health and Safety grounds the decision was made.

Upcoming events include the First team match against the Mid AMs on 2/4/23 at Huddersfield, and the team trials again at Huddersfield on 16/4/23.

**President’s report**

GT is looking forward to the season ahead, and will update her message on the website

PW mentioned the North business meeting at Arcot Hall and asked if the information in the agenda was correct regarding Yorkshire being required to present an update.

**Action:** PW to query agenda items with the North.

GT was delighted to confirm to the Committee that the Past Captains had chosen the new President. Sarah Arrowsmith will be appointed for 2 years. The committee supported this appointment.

**Registrars report**

The total number of annual members joining this year is 1133 to date, a fall of 85 from last year, but a healthy return of payments of £9,064 due to the subscription increase. PS was pleased to report that all but one club has returned their audit subscription payments by bank transfer.

There have been a few ongoing complaints regarding the handicap limit for new members, shortage of nearby venues, and the early closing date for competition entries.

Confirmation from the committee would be valuable indicating that there is no leeway to the new member handicap index limit of 35.0.

Some clubs are having difficulty in recruiting representatives and PS has suggested other options that may be available. Unfortunately, these alternatives have not always been the answer and we have therefore lost a means of contact with those clubs.

**Decision**: The committee agreed that 35 was the limit and that this must remain the limit.

PS thanked those who have given their support over the membership audit period.

PW thanked PS for her efforts this year.

**Hon. Competition Secretary’s Report**

1. **2023 Competition Entries**
2. Entries closed on 1 March 2023.
3. All were oversubscribed except Championships, 9 Hole Texas Scramble at Lightcliffe Driffield AMAM
4. York has 11 on the reserve list.
5. KP Club as it is at the beginning of July will ask for another 3/4 tee

**Decision**: Committee agreed to extra tee times

1. Bedale at the end of July again could ask for another 3 tee times
2. Wetherby as it is a three ball stableford GW has changed the times to 9 minutes with the last tee time being at 15:06. Still leaves a reserve list of 34.
3. Oakdale been able to give all priority 1 and 2s places by taking tee times to15:10. It is in effect a two ball so could change the times to 8 or 9 minutes if the committee feel it would be appropriate.

**Decision:** Committee agreed to 9-minute intervals

1. Crosland Heath President Trophy only I team per club.
2. Starting sheets will be uploaded to website and email sent to club reps.

GW confirmed arrangements were well under way for the championship.

PW thanked GW for her efforts

**Treasurer’s Report**

**Increase in the forecast surplus**

Back in November 2022 a surplus of £645 was forecast but I am pleased to say this has been increased by £802, mainly due to subscriptions (£9040 received as opposed to the budgeted figure of £8000).

New forecast surplus £1447

However, increased costs for the team matches and championship prizes have resulted in a revision to the original forecast, reducing the planned surplus but the Association should still make a surplus of £894 this year.

**Banking arrangements**

The Association now has a Community Saver - Issue 10 account with the Skipton Building Society, attracting an annual interest rate of 2.36%. So far have transferred £16,000 into the Community Saver account and although the annual interest on this sum is not great, it is better than getting a zero return by leaving the money in the Association’s current account at NatWest.

The committee received the finance report and noted the actions taken.

**Health and Safety**

**Heatwave contingency Planning**

A wide-ranging discussion was held, and the following actions were agreed.

**Action**

GW should develop a protocol which would use the met office levels and would determine when events should be cancelled/postponed

A reimbursement policy would be developed based on the above

Action cards would be developed which include template emails and information regarding venues and competitor responsibilities

Other adverse weather events should be considered

As a result of the discussion the opportunities that a shared drive would give was mentioned and AH agreed to explore options.

**AOB**

Yorkshire are hosting the Northern Championship in 2026 and as such it was agreed that the search for a venue should begin. A number of options were discussed and hosting costs were raised. It was felt that the current rate was not enough to attract some venues.

**Action:** PH will circulate the criteria.

**Action**: PW to raise funding at Arcot Hall meeting

PW wanted to record the recent death of Rosemary Temple who had been Captain in 2004 and had given many years of excellent service to the Association

PR reminded every one of the closing date for the Northern Championships

She also has arranged team training at Rudding Park Golf Club free of charge and will circulate details in due course.

PW thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting at 11-50am

**Date of the next meeting**

Next meeting is 3rd June @ 10 am

The time of the meeting on the 23rd of September was changed from 10 am to 2-30pm AH to check with Moortown.