



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

### **Minutes of Zoom Meeting of the Committee held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 10.00 a.m.**

1. **Apologies** – none
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** – approved, to be signed at next meeting
3. **Matters Arising**
  - a. Incorporation – Report from Elaine Pearson (full report attached to file minutes)

Following a discussion with a retired solicitor, it has been established that the YVLGA is not similar to a typical sports club. It does not have assets (other than laptops & trophies etc) and as a committee we are extremely unlikely to enter into any large contracts. With this in mind and considering the extremely low risk of the committee members of YVLGA being taken to court, I would recommend that we dismiss the idea of becoming a company limited by guarantee BUT do continue our regular risk assessments to ensure that our current public liability insurance is adequate. Committee agreed unanimously.

4. **Correspondence** - none
5. **Captain's Report**

Penny welcomed everyone, particularly new members, Gill Travis, Pat Wrightson and Alison Hughes.

6. **President's Report**

- a. Past Captains Sub Committee

This is currently a sub-committee of the main committee but has no bona fide rules or procedures. Certain confusion at the last meeting indicated that it would now be useful & GT agreed to construct a simple set of rules to be approved by this committee & presented to the Past Captains. Agreed

- b. Presidents

It has become increasingly difficult to select candidates from the list of Past Captains, for varying reasons. Proposed that other candidates (ex committee members, players etc) be considered. Agreed.

- c. President's Trophy

Proposed that the President's Trophy be played annually, using the same format. Provision of prizes to be decided. Pressure on places at competitions has been a problem which the extra date would help to alleviate. Date of 12<sup>th</sup> September at Crosland Heath agreed. PR to add to competition dates & inform Club Reps.

d. Vice Captain 2023

Announced that Patsy Rochester (Oakdale GC) will be vice captain in 2023. Congratulations to Patsy.

## **7. Registrar's Report**

Club Representatives were contacted between the 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> November requesting updates to their audit sheets and to collect the annual membership fees.

Contact failed to the Headingley and Driffield representatives. One week later, via my Gmail address, I re-sent the information to these clubs and to a dozen other representatives where CLUB V1 had identified the message as "unread." At the time I asked for confirmation of receipt.

To date I have received audit information from 11 club representatives. Elaine Pearson, YVLGA Treasurer, has confirmed payment of the relevant subscriptions. Of these clubs we have 129 paid up annual members which includes 10 new members.

Possible new club, Darrington, to come on board – awaiting details

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

a. 2021 issues

- i. Still no sign of the Harrap trophy. Decided to wait until August before ordering a replacement, just in case it surfaces.
- ii. Three trophies which were not collected at the AGM have been left in for engraving in Harrogate.
- iii. Trophies to be returned by 1<sup>st</sup> September, engraved by the winner, in readiness for AGM
- iv. One enquiry about a refund for 2021. The cancellations were made very late – once the draw has taken place we do not normally offer refunds, so not upheld in this instance.

a. Planning for 2022.

- i. All posters and entry forms have been sent to all club representatives and listed on the website.
- ii. New laptop & case purchased on behalf of the YVLGA in preparation for the new season. Also purchased a copy of Home Student Microsoft Office. We have negotiated an additional year's virus protection but have not taken the option of insurance at this stage. The Office should be ok for a number of years and if there are substantial changes to the package we can purchase another rather than pay an annual update. The computer is a Dell Inspiron with a 15inch screen & faster processor than the last one. We can still use the old laptop to display results

- iii. Starting to prepare the spreadsheets ready for 2022 entries.
- iv. More logo'd golf balls ordered for the 'two's at all competitions.
- v. Consideration of awarding prizes for the best gross score at 2022 Competitions. Agreed for singles competitions. PR to check on scoring process.
- vi. Plan to send a further email to reps before their entries are submitted to remind all that if needed a draw will be made if competitions are oversubscribed. (I will also send a note of the entries received for 2021).
- vii. Will also start to contact 2022 venues to confirm arrangements and arrange for pre-visits.
- viii. Need to start to consider desk cover for 2022 events so we can plan ahead

## **9. Hon. Treasurer's Report**

### **a. Summary**

At this very early stage of our financial year, it is estimated that YVLGA will make a deficit of £3,768, however, a clearer idea will be achieved in March when all the entries into the 2022 competitions have been received. N.B. Full report is filed with these minutes.

### **b. Recommendations**

- i. That this report be noted – agreed.
- ii. Members of the Committee discussed the following proposal put forward by Sandra Paul, NCVLGA Captain: 'YVLGA offer to pay for 'Home' NCVLGA Vice Captain's contribution towards overnight accommodation (currently £40 per night) when attending the Jamboree.' Following discussion, the proposal was not accepted. It was noted that the YVLGA considers that it remains the responsibility of the NCVLGA to clarify financial commitments to officers taking on the roles.
- iii. Members of the Committee accept the following amendment to Officials Guidance Notes re Expenses: YVLGA offer to pay expenses for Captain, Vice Captain & President at the following rates for attendance at the Jamboree: 'Travel – 30p per mile (car sharing encouraged where possible). Accommodation – contribution of £30 per night for bed & breakfast from officials for up to 5 nights, depending on venue distance. YVLGA to pay balance. Subsistence – allowance of up to £25 per day to cover lunch & dinner, including tea, coffee and soft drinks (alcoholic drinks not included).' – Approved

## **10. Any Other Business**

- a. Joining handicap limit – after discussion, it was agreed to leave the joining limit at handicap index of 35 which will equate to higher playing handicaps on most courses.
- b. Attendees at Jamboree – discussion regarding whether President, Captain and Vice Captain need to attend. A significant expense to the Association. Agreed to continue to offer financial support as outlined above but should be open to review in future.
- c. Christmas dinner – in abeyance as Covid numbers are currently rising. Possibly add lunch at Moortown on to the end of the next Committee meeting if conditions allow. PW to advise nearer the time.

- d. Pointed out that Constitution states 'handicap' rather than 'handicap index'. Noted but because amendments to the Constitution require approval at AGM, will have to wait until 2022 AGM. Acting Secretary to note.

**Dates of future meetings:**

19<sup>th</sup> March 2022 10.00

25<sup>th</sup> June 2022 10.00

17<sup>th</sup> September 10.00

All at Moortown GC