



Minutes of the Delegates Committee Meeting held on 20th May 2024 held at Wells Golf Club	
	<p>Present :</p> <p>Sandra Ford, President Louise Buxton, Hon. Treasurer Janet Fear, Vice President, SW Rep, Handicap Secretary Susie Gibbins, Course Rating Becky Thompson, Hon. Secretary Angela Trenchard, Assistant Competitions Secretary Sarah Whittock, Vice Captain</p>
1.	<p>Apologies :</p> <p>Angie Frith, Competitions Secretary Helen Hayward, Captain Lloyd Katz, County Junior Organiser</p> <p>Ruth Dowell, Cricket St Thomas Linda Edmondson, Brean Sheila Grant, Oake Manor Diane Richardson, Tall Pines Lyn Russell, Cannington Kate Vaughan-France, Burnham & Berrow</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of Delegates Committee meeting held on 13th January 2023 were approved and signed by SF.</p>
3.	<p>Finance Report – Louise Buxton - Previously circulated to Delegates</p>
4.	<p>Captain’s Report – Helen Hayward</p> <p>Recent Match Review : Somerset v Cornwall 2nd Team</p> <p>On 12th May, our Somerset ladies 2nd team played an away match against the Cornwall 2nd team at West Cornwall Golf Club. Despite our best efforts, the match concluded with a 7-2 loss. Nevertheless, the experience was invaluable, particularly for the 4 players of the 6 players who made their debut in this competitive setting.</p> <p>Their performance was commendable, and this exposure to these matches will</p>

undoubtedly contribute to future successes! Sarah my Vice, captaining her first match did an incredible job, thank you and well done. We are both proud of all our players.

The next 2nd team match is 25th May at Long Sutton Golf Club - please support if you can. Green outfits are mandatory!

Upcoming South West Intercounties Championship

The selected players will be listed alphabetically on the website for the Somerset team in the upcoming South West Intercounties Championship, which will be held at Perranporth Golf Club from July 1st to July 3rd.

We encourage all supporters to attend and cheer for our team if you can. Your support is vital and greatly appreciated.

Please wear green to show your support for Somerset.

Practice round is planned and we are trying to prepare foursomes pairings which will be vital to bring the points home, to hopefully make it through to county finals which this year will be held in Devon at Stover Golf Club in September.

5. Competitions Secretary – Angela Frith - Presented by Angela Trenchard

The first two competitions of the year went very well, despite a couple of curveballs thrown at us.

Minehead were excellent hosts for the Fowler Brooches, providing a table of complimentary tea and coffee on arrival. 26 pairs entered but with one pair having to drop out, Minehead provided a marker pair. Just as we were starting, there was a motorbike crash on the A39, necessitating us moving tee times as some players were delayed, fortunately not by too much so the competition ran smoothly from then on. Tricia and Ruth from Minehead won the day. And the motorcyclist was alright! Thank you to Minehead for all their help in making this event a success.

The Championship, held at Mendip Spring had 20 entrants, one of whom also had to withdraw. Scott (the manager) and Rob (the referee) were both very helpful in getting the course well presented with testing pin positions and SLCGA tee markers in place. Alison Lee helped with refereeing on the day and all went smoothly. Abigail Moore from the Isle of Wedmore had a superb day, equalling the course record of 71 to win the Championship Cup, Scratch Cup, Gliddon Vase and Phillips Trophy. Aimee Sawyer was runner up and Jade Cope third gross.

Thank you to Mendip Spring for ensuring all was in place and very welcoming for us,

Halfway through the second round, it was pointed out that IG had hole 10 as a par 5, although it had been changed a few years ago to a par 4. Course handicaps were correct but the nett scores weren't. We were able to get into the course detail and update it, but there wasn't time to remove all the scores from round 1, reset the competition and re-enter them as well as round 2 scores. Consequently, the gross prizes were all presented, but the nett prize vouchers were calculated after the competitors had gone home, the winners notified first thing the next day. Everyone was very understanding about the glitch. It did throw up the issue that we should have a small core of us who are now experienced setting up and running competitions.

	<p>The next competition is the Bowmaker on 31 May, which is full with 78 players and one team on the waiting list.</p> <p>Entries so far for the other competitions are 47 for 50+, 15 for Handicap Champs, 8 for FL and 34 for SW 4s. The Handicap Championships will fill up when the qualifying rounds for the cups are played. The Handicap Championships will fill up when the qualifying rounds for the cups are played. Please encourage your ladies to enter these later competitions as we would like to have a full field, particularly for the Handicap Championships.</p> <p>Next year's competition dates & venues have now been booked. The 2025 dates are on the website, and 2026 Championship is booked for 3 May at Enmore Park.</p> <p>The Rogers Cup and Centenary Plate matches continue to be played on time with no issues.</p> <p>Please let me know of any notable achievements for the website or our Facebook page and thank you for continuing to disseminate information from us to your ladies section.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>SW Report</p> <p><u>England Golf AGM Wednesday 24th April 2024</u></p> <p>I attended the AGM. Usual AGM format. Agreeing last year's minutes, agreeing the financial statements. Awarding the Gerald Micklem Award for outstanding contributions to golf to Michael Rees from Suffolk. Speeches from Retiring President Chris Pascal and new President Ian Watkins and nomination of President Elect.</p> <p>Vote for New Directors announced. Phil Harvey (52 votes) & Guy Hindle (42 votes). Frank Clapp had 19, Alan Page 14.</p> <p>New Independent Directors Sarah Stirk & Julia Regis announced and introduced.</p> <p>General Meeting followed</p> <p>CEOs report – Community Golf Instructors program is being well received with a huge response for training of Community Instructors.</p> <p>Talk of the County Governance guide and the pathway to Unification.</p> <p>Talk of the Junior Guide and the Golf DNA report.</p> <p>Encouraging the Senior's and Captains events.</p> <p>CONGU has now been dissolved with GB&I now licensed to the R&A.</p> <p>Progress of ED & I and Club Governance. Need for all clubs to achieved Respect in Golf this year.</p> <p>iGolf update. 64k have been registered to igolf, over 10k now moved into clubs, 7530</p>

	<p>have come from clubs.</p> <p>Iplay now up and running and facilities (example Driving Ranges, fun golf being attached to EG.)</p> <p>National Golf Centre</p> <p>Not being started this year. All the usual discussions and a vote from counties to support EG to insist the WSLT accept the 60/40% vote Men to Women.</p> <p>Voting results by hands up For – 143 -86.1%, Against 18, Abstain 5.</p> <p>Unions get 3 votes, associations 2 and unified counties 5.</p> <p>Poll votes based on number of clubs in each county.</p> <p>For – 7336 clubs 85%, against 993 clubs 11%, abstain 310 clubs 4%</p> <p>Unions and unified counties for are 79% - so who are the WSLT not voting to reach 75%</p> <p>Q&A from the floor</p> <p>Q : Are EG considering Divisions in the Race to Woodhall Spa as any low to mid handicappers now have no chance to qualify? A : They are looking to run a separate Junior competition.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Junior Report</p> <p>For many of the girls the Somerset Girls winter coaching programme has come to an end. We are in full flow for a new season of golf.</p> <p>The Spring meeting was our first event of the Year hosted at Weston Super Mare on a perfect sunny day for golf. It was great to see so many girls playing competitive golf again.</p> <p>Big thank you to Hamish, Sue Stilwell and the entire team at Weston for your hospitality.</p> <p>On the day of the Spring Meeting, Liliana Marshall was the winner of the gross competition and the Legacy Cup. Hannah Katz won the nett competition and the Corlett Silver Best Nett trophy. Lucy Sleeth-Stevens won the stableford event and the Chivers Cup.</p> <p>We now gear up for the championship at Enmore Park on Sunday 23rd June 2024. Thank you to the Enmore ladies for their offer of support at the championship.</p> <p>We invite everyone to attend to watch the girls.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Handicap Assessor Report – Janet Fear</p>

	<p>Wow April was fun wasn't it! Just a few small changes they said, coming in on 1st April, hopefully next time they will pick a quiet time of year!</p> <p>CR-PAR happened, now in a stableford we all play to 36 points, of course most thought we did that anyway so "why did my handicap change!" up at some clubs and down at many.</p> <p>Unrounded Course Handicap in competitions to apply the handicap allowance, then round up once. This has confused so many. One senior questioned why his PH had dropped, I explained then said "just trust the label and go and hit the ball" "ah" he replied, "that is tricky too, easier to try and understand the handicap nowadays"</p> <p>4BBB now acceptable for handicap if more than 42 points are scored. No that didn't work... 10th May EG tell us it now works and we have corrected all scores. Just over a month then to get that right.</p> <p>Expected Scoring for holes not played. Can we not go into that in depth, could take a while. I think that is now working too.</p> <p>PCC more frequent, happens every week for the Ladies at Worlebury, but maybe summer is finally on its way!</p> <p>Matchplay shots calculation, all change, back to how it used to be.</p> <p>Shorter courses can now be rated, I don't think the course rating team have the capacity this year to bring that one in.</p> <p>We have survived, hopefully no more changes for another four years.</p> <p>On a happier note!</p> <p>We had a very successful Level Two Rules School in Somerset, men and women together forming one team. 10 candidates have taken their exams, some have retaken for a better result, and most now have joined us out in the field. Please give them a wave and a smile. It really isn't easy to remember all those rules.</p> <p>We have combined the list of competitions needing referees and we all give our availability regardless of whether it is men, women or juniors playing. It is lovely to have a good-sized team to use.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Course Rating Report – Susie Gibbins</p> <p>No course rating has taken place this year as scheduled as Tall Pines and Enmore Park have both opted to wait until next year as they are going to undertake some modifications to their courses. They are now in the programme for 2025 along with Clevedon and one other club who we must approach.</p> <p>All course rating team members have been sent online learning to get them up to speed for our first rating in July.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Any other business :</p>

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12	Questions :
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14	<p>Future Delegate Meeting Dates :</p> <p>Date for next meeting, Saturday 7th September 2024 at 10.30 am at Long Sutton Golf Club.</p> <p>AGM Monday 18th November 2024 at 11.00 am at Isle of Wedmore Golf Club.</p>

Signed **Dated**

Sandra Ford, President