



Lancashire County Senior Ladies Golf Association
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Friday 3rd December 2021
Pleasington Golf Club

1. Apologies

There were 48 apologies including apologies from Captain and President.

2. Approval of minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4th December 2019.

The minutes were published on the Association website and taken as read along with a Finance and Membership report. No meeting was held in 2020, due to the Covid restrictions in place at the time.

Acceptance of the minutes; Proposed, Caryl Evans
Seconded, Bet Burns

3. Hon. Treasurer's Report and Approval of accounts.

Mrs Christine Entwistle (Secretary) read out a detailed Finance Report on behalf of Jane Rogers, Treasurer.

First of all I should like to apologise for not attending the AGM.

I took on the job of Treasurer in June 2021 when Sheila Whamond, our Treasurer, had to retire on the grounds of ill health. I had been Treasurer from 2005 to 2011 but things had moved on exponentially since then so I needed a lot of help. My thanks go to Sheila for her telephone support and to Maggie Ayers who devised the spreadsheet that we use for our Accounts. I am a caretaker Treasurer and I have said that I will continue to do the job for 2022, but if there is anyone who would be interested in the role please contact me at the email address above.

At the beginning of January the Committee had no idea how 2021 would roll out and both we and the Northern Veteran Ladies Golf Association made a number of decisions to safeguard both our members and our finances which have resulted in a surplus for the first time in many years. I have explained the surplus by comparing 2021 in most cases to 2019, as 2020 had no income.

1. The decision which had the biggest effect on our finances was the decision by the six Northern Counties to have no caddies for the Richardson Trophy matches.
2. The match against Welsh Northern Counties was cancelled for 2021.
3. Finally, the match against Durham was forfeited by Durham because they refused to travel to Lancashire in early June.

These 3 actions and the reduction in mileage allowance for the team and officials at Richardson Trophy matches led to a saving in expenses over 2019.

4. Our membership income in 2021 increased over 2019.
5. There was no AGM in December 2020 and all meetings in 2021 were conducted by zoom, which resulted in further savings.
6. The income from our events excluding the Championship increased from 2019 as almost all of them apart from the Silver Slipper and the Cecil Leitch were fully subscribed. The facility fees paid to golf clubs to run the Association's Competitions have increased in the last few years and therefore it was necessary to raise the entry fee for our Championship as this had not been increased since 2010. The field for the Championship was virtually full and the income from the Championship increased from 2019.

We also introduced new software from Club Systems to run our competitions which cost £624. This was a one off cost and there will not be any annual maintenance cost even though we receive email and telephone support 365 days a year.

The total surplus for 2021 reversed the deficits for the years 2017,2018,2019 and 2020, but my forecast for 2022 is that we will again be in deficit because whilst certain of the measures we took at the beginning of 2021 will be continued, the overall pattern of expenditure will be similar to 2019.

Finally I would like to thank Robert Hynes for again undertaking to audit the accounts for the Association.

Stay safe everyone.

Jane Rogers

Acceptance of the report;	Proposed,	Gill Jolleys
	Seconded,	Karen Sawyer

4. Captain's Report

Past Captain, Mrs Diana Cockerill, read out a report on behalf of Captain.

2021 was a year when we had to react to whatever Covid 19 gave us. It certainly gave us a new vocabulary and a lot of extra work.

The Captains of the six Northern counties agreed to no caddies in the Northern Vets Championship and the Richardson Trophy Matches. Casualties of Covid and Social distancing. Also, instead of having the NCVLGA Business Meeting inside the Bishop Auckland clubhouse, on the practice day of the Northern, we held it by Zoom the week before. It went well, so this change will probably continue in 2022.

To reduce the risk of infections, our own Championship was switched from April to September and instead we managed to fit in the B team match on April 25th at Royal Birkdale. It was a wonderful sunny day but the differences in the handicaps were too hard for us to handle.

It had been agreed to cancel the match against the Welsh Northern Counties but this is to be rearranged for 2022. In an attempt to fill the gap left by not having the Championship in April and no meaningful practice matches we tried to arrange some matchplay games at FLGC.

The Northern Foursomes was at Bromborough and a few of our members acquitted themselves well. The eventual winners are both members - Jan Keelan and Sarah Meehan. They won the final at the 3rd extra hole - very well done.

In the Northern Vets Championship at Bishop Auckland Clare MacLeod, Harwood and Sharon Eales, Royal Birkdale both qualified in the first flight. This is a great

achievement with the standards nowadays. Clare lost in the morning, Sharon won in the morning but ran out of steam in the afternoon. Susan Caton, Pleasington, lost in the first round of the second flight but to the eventual winner. Maybe there will be more from Lancashire entering next year at Penrith. Sharon was selected for her first Jamboree Team playing at Glenbervie. She couldn't believe the standard of the golf nor the agony of losing out by half a point after 3 days of matchplay.

Our 2021 Richardson Trophy Matches

For our 3 away matches we tried to keep the squad in "our own bubble" by staying in Premier Inns and eating all our meals at the clubhouses. This did involve a lot more organisation but it was worth it in the end. For all our matches the rain stayed away but perhaps our players needed more assistance from the elements.

Our first match was on May 26th against Cumbria at Silloth on Solway. Silloth is a marvellous course and with a few blind greens and doglegs, it takes a good bit of knowing. We could have won, we could have lost but in the end it was a draw. It's very good not to lose away and we had our first home fixture against Durham to look forward to. Our second match should have been at Formby Ladies on Saturday June 5th but Durham felt that Covid cases in Sefton were too high for them to fulfil the fixture. Lancashire were denied the comfort of a home match which I think affected the confidence of some of the squad. Durham wanted to play in August but there were no suitable dates free so they had to forfeit the match.

Our third match was at Oakdale, Harrogate on June 22nd. Designed by Alister MacKenzie with sloping fairways and tricky greens this was a difficult course to master. Yorkshire showed that a little more knowledge helps immensely. The team tried hard but lost. Our fourth and final match was against Cheshire at Wilmslow on Monday July 19th and this was a very tight match. We lost 2 games on the 17th and another on the 18th. All these could have gone our way for a victory but sadly we lost again.

All our Team Events have been well supported and the results all posted to the website. It's great to see the wide spread of clubs represented in the timesheet and also the range of winners. This year we had some octogenarians going home with first prizes.

The full Championship Report is also on the website.

We installed new software in May from Club Systems, which has aided the registration process and closing the competitions. We intend to develop the use of this software further in 2022, we will start with online payments for subscriptions and then entries for the Championship. Moving slowly and monitoring the benefits of embracing new technology at each new step.

Mrs Linda Dorning of Preston GC was installed as President of the North at their AGM on October 6th. I have no doubt all of our members wish her success in her new role and a lot of laughs along the way. I'm sure you will guide the Northern Committee in your usual light hearted but firm manner. Congratulations Linda.

My sincere thanks must go to Christine Entwistle for continually keeping me on the right track. Her assistance has been invaluable to me. I wish I had her organisational skills. Without an AGM last year, it was agreed that Sheila Whamond would take over the Treasurer's role. Sadly, in the summertime Sheila had to retire on the grounds of ill health. Prior to taking on the Treasurer's role, Sheila had been Membership Secretary for 5 years. The Association has benefited greatly from her management skills as she oversaw the implementation of the new membership system 4 years ago. Thank you Sheila for all your efforts and we all wish you a speedy recovery and a long retirement. Thanks must also go to our President because she stepped into the breach in Sheila's absence. Jane took over both the Treasurer's function and the position of

Membership Secretary until replacements could be found. President has also overseen the implementation of the new software while continuing to upgrade our existing Puma Seniors software which is crucial to the fair running of the annual ballot for all our team events. Sincere thanks Jane for all those long hours you've spent on the phone and online to Puma and to Club Systems plus handling membership queries and keeping our accounts in order. Jane's also been there at the first tee and around the course offering positive encouragement to all our team players. To those who thought our President was just a technology guru please don't forget she played in 3 Jamborees.

I have thanked all the other Committee members and squad players on an individual basis. All that remains is for me to say to all our members, many thanks for making this such a memorable year. Thanks go especially to Formby Ladies who bent over backwards to display "a can do attitude" with everything we asked for in 2021. Apart from the Championship, all our other events & matches were blessed with good weather. We've enjoyed playing a great variety of courses and we must thank all the clubs for their hard work, in such unprecedented conditions, to make us feel so welcome. Let me take this opportunity to wish that you stay healthy throughout the coming winter and to have good golfing in 2022.

To finish, I must say what an honour it has been to be Captain and to wish Carmel, Chris and Jen all the very best for 2022.

Vote of thanks to the Captain

Given by Clare MacLeod on behalf of Sharon Eales, who sent her apologies.

5. To elect Officials and Divisional Committee Members

A vote of thanks was given to the retiring President, Miss Jane Rogers, by ex President Mrs Val Hyman. Val thanked Jane, most sincerely, for all that she has done for the Association both as a golfer and with a variety of official roles. She hoped that Jane would be able to look back on her time as President with some satisfaction despite taking on the role of Treasurer. She said that Jane has been an asset to the Association through her many roles.

Mrs Val Hyman then proposed Jennifer Adams as President for the coming two years. She praised Jennifer's golfing prowess and the many roles she has held both in the County and the Seniors Association and is in no doubt of the experience and skills she will bring to the role.

President Mrs Jennifer Adams	Proposed	Val Hyman
	Seconded	Linda Noblett
Hon. Secretary Mrs Christine Entwistle	Proposed	Penny Beckett
	Seconded	Gill Jolleys
Hon. Treasurer Miss Jane Rogers	Proposed	Carmel Hall
	Seconded	Clare Seddon
Membership Mrs Gill Jolleys	Proposed	Bet Burns
	Seconded	Maggie Ayers
Competitions Miss Kate Ainsworth	Proposed	Karen Sawyer
	Seconded	Penny Beckett
Website Administrator Mrs Karen Sawyer	Proposed	Kate Ainsworth

Seconded Carol Helme

Election of Divisional Committee Members

Mrs Janette Smart (East)	Proposed	Jen Adams
Mrs Grainne Pendlebury (East)	Proposed	Chris Stokes
Mrs Sue Stephenson (South West)	Proposed	Christine Entwistle
Mrs Margaret (Kookie) Morgan	Proposed	Karen Sawyer
Mrs Clare MacLeod	Proposed	Chris Stokes

The following Divisional Committee Members are still within their term of office and remain on the committee.

Louse Kershaw (South West), Penny Beckett (North West), Bet Burns (North West)

Election of Captain 2022 - Mrs Carmel Hall, Hesketh Golf Club

Past Captain Diana proposed the election of Carmel as Captain for 2022. She gave details of her background in both golf and other sporting areas of her life. Carmel has many skills and golfing knowledge which will make her an asset to the Association in her role as Captain. She had no hesitation in proposing Carmel as Captain for 2022.

Seconded by Caryl Evans, The West Lancashire Golf Club

Past Captain Caryl has known Carmel for a number of years and can attest to her sporting and golfing ability. She took great pleasure in seconding the proposal of Carmel becoming Captain in 2022.

Diana presented the Captain's badge to Carmel. Carmel responded by thanking Diana and Caryl for their kind words and the past Captains for putting their faith in her when accepting the honour of this office. She is honoured and thrilled at the prospect of being Captain in 2022 and will do her best to fulfil the values of the Association. She reminded the members about the events for 2022 and that the website contains details of these. Finally she thanked Diana for standing in today and chairing the meeting.

Carmel took over as Captain of the Association and the Chair of the meeting.

Election of Vice Captain 2022 - Mrs Christine Stokes, Clitheroe Golf Club

Captain Carmel took great pleasure in proposing the election of Christine as Vice Captain for 2022. She gave details of the positions Christine has already held in both the County, the Seniors Association and her own golf club. She outlined her extensive and impressive playing career including being an integral part of the LCSLGA team. Christine is also a caring and thoughtful person and she looks forward to working along side her in the coming year.

Seconded by Diana Cockerill, Fairhaven Golf Club

Diana was delighted to second the proposal.

Captain handed over the Vice Captain's badge to Christine who thanked past captains reiterated her commitment to the Association and is looking forward to working with Carmel and Jennifer.

7. Any other business

As there was no other business Captain closed the meeting at 11.55am.