



Lancashire County Senior Ladies Golf Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Friday 29th November 2024

Pleasington Golf Club

A minutes silence was held before the official Agenda to remember those ladies who passed away in 2024. Shirley Sharp and Ann Sharman.

1. Apologies:

There were

Apologies: 26

Present: 43

2. Approval of minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1st December 2023.

The minutes were published on the Association website and taken as read, along with a Finance report.

Acceptance of the minutes; Proposed, Sue Hazlitt

Seconded, Caryl Evans

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

LCSLGA Treasurers Report AGM 29th November 2024

The surplus of income over expenditure for 2024 was very similar to 2023 at £318.

There were however a few notable swings in the year.

We hosted the Northern Championship at Preston giving us a net surplus of £521 vs a net expenditure of c £800 last year. (A swing of +£1.3K).

Computer software expenditure has almost doubled this year (-c £500) mainly due to increase costs of Clubv1.

Team expenses were up by c £1K on 2023 due to general increases in costs.

Other income and expenditure was fairly flat year on year.

Thus, leaving the closing balance for the year at £36,465.

Last but not least I would like to thank our auditor Mr Robert Hynes for his continued support.

Acceptance of the report; Proposed, Karen Sawyer

Seconded, Sue Howard

4. Captain's Report

Ladies before I give you my report, I must offer my sincere thanks to the Past Captain's for giving me this opportunity to be your Captain in 2024, it has been an honour and I have loved every minute.

Early Season

14th April saw the start of our early season matches where our 4 ball better ball match was played at Formby Ladies' Golf Club against Lancashire Ladies B team. All the matches were pretty close but the 'B' team won 3-1 on what was a lovely sunny day.

Luckily for us we had a dry day and the Captain's team won. This match was an opportunity to invite players with handicaps of 6.0 and under to play whom we may not have seen play before.

Championship

The Championship was played here at Pleasington Golf Club on 5th May with 67 players teeing it up. The day just got warmer and warmer with many of the early starters complaining they were dressed incorrectly-myself included. All my praying for good weather worked as all 3 days the sun shone. We were so lucky when you think how awful the weather had been at the start of the year.

We had some great matches with the final being played between Adrienne Bennett from Formby Ladies' and Jacqui Brown from Royal Birkdale. Both ladies were newcomers to the seniors scene. Adrienne won the final 4&2 to be our Champion. Thank you to all the spectators who turned out to watch the final.

Northern Seniors Championship

The Northern Seniors Championship was played on the 21st May at Preston Golf Club with 101 ladies entering from the 6 Northern Counties. Sadly, there were 12 withdrawals but still was a fabulous entry. This Championship was run very successfully by Lancashire as it was our 'turn' this year and my huge thanks to the committee for their superb organisation and well-run Championship. There was a wonderful entry from Lancashire where we had 4 qualifiers in the first flight – Carol Helme, Jeanette Williams, Sarah Pownell and Jill McGhie and 3 qualifiers in the Plate – Clare Seddon, Elaine Clarke and Michelle Pickup. Clare went on to win the Plate however all the others lost their early round matches was the weather got worse and worse. So much so that the final had to be played a few weeks later where Lucy Ashworth from Durham – a new player on the Seniors scene, beat Cath Rawthore from Cheshire and is the Northern Seniors Champion. Lancashire won the team net prize with Penny Beckett, Gill Jolleys and Mary Singleton. Well done everyone.

Richardson Trophy Matches

The Richardson Trophy matches started on 10th June where we travelled up to Alnmouth Golf Club in Northumberland. The match day was bright but very cold and windy with the Temperature being 13 degrees. All the games were pretty close with Lancashire taking 2½ points from the first 4 games. The final 3 games were very tight with Lancashire finally winning 2 points to give us an overall winning result of 4½ - 2½. Well done team.

We then travelled to Durham where we played our next match at Durham City Golf Club. The day of the match was bright and quite warm if you were playing. Our first 3 games lost. However, the tail wagged and the overall result was $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$.

On 1st July we had the first of our 3 matches at Pleasington Golf Club against Cumbria. Sadly the sun did not shine, and boy did it rain. As with all our matches the games were played in great spirit despite the weather and Lancashire were the winners 6-1.

On 16th July we played Yorkshire and what a lovely sunny day we had. The overall match result was 4-3 to Lancashire. Well played team for a great win. Did I dare now think we could actually win the Richardson Trophy this year. Well I did. We hadn't lost a match and we were standing at $3\frac{1}{2}$ points in the table.

Bring on the might of Cheshire who came to Pleasington Golf Club on 22nd July. The team were ready and well prepared however it wasn't going our way with 3 of the first 4 games losing. With one match going up the 18th hole the match score was standing at 3-3. Sadly it wasn't to be and we halved that game with the overall score being $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$. We were half a point off winning the Trophy and I have to say I am one proud Captain of this amazing team. We were unbeaten in 2024. Cheshire retained the trophy but I am certain that next year Ann you and your team will have a wonderful chance of winning the Trophy which we last held in 2014 when our President Bet was Captain.

Jamboree

The Jamboree was held at Trentham GC and hosted by Midlands with Janet Davies (Melville) being Captain of the Northern team who retained the trophy. Many congratulations Janet. Carol Helme from Lancashire was selected to play for the North - well done Carol. There were many Lancashire supporters and caddies there which was wonderful to see.

End of Season

The end of season 'thankyou' to the committee and squad members was held at Pleasington GC in early September on a lovely sunny day which was hosted by President Bet and myself. We played teams of 4 stableford with 2 scores to count on the winning score was 78 points. All those who attended had a good day of golf followed by a meal.

Thank you to Chris Stokes who is retiring as Immediate Past Captain. Thank you Chris for all your support this year.

Thank you to the following:

Pleasington, my home club, for allowing me to have the use of the course and clubhouse to stage all the matches and events.

Steve Hamer, our Professional here, for providing the early season training which everyone really enjoyed.

Finally, as this is my last report, I would like to thank my committee for all their hard work, commitment and dedication-you all work tirelessly for this wonderful Association.

Vote of thanks to the Captain

A vote of thanks was given by Adrienne Bennett LCSLGA Champion 2024.

5. Presentation of the Silver Slipper and Cecil Leitch Trophies

The winner of the Silver Slipper Trophy was Tina Kinsey from Hurlston Hall who sadly was unable to attend.

The Cecil Leitch Trophy was presented to Sarah Munro from Preston GC her partner Amanda Ratcliffe was unable to attend and had sent her apologies.

6. To elect Officials and Divisional Committee Members

Hon. Secretary Ms Jane Bridge	Proposed	Bet Burns
	Seconded	Linda Dorning
Hon. Treasurer Mrs Sue Hazlitt	Proposed	Kookie Morgan
	Seconded	Penny Beckett
Membership Mrs Gill Jolleys	Proposed	Bet Burns
	Seconded	Linda Noblett
Competitions Mrs Janette Smart	Proposed	Grainne Pendlebury
	Seconded	Jennifer Adams
Website Administrator Mrs Karen Sawyer	Proposer	Gill Jolleys
	Seconded	Kookie Morgan

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

Penny Beckett (North West)	Chris Appleby (North West)
Janette Smart (East)	Grainne Pendlebury (East)
Rosie Sedman-Wright (South West)	Meegan Switzer (South West)
Margaret Morgan (South East)	

Proposed	Ann Lowe
Seconded	Sue Warrington

Election of Captain 2025 – Mrs Ann Lowe, Royal Birkdale Golf Club

Captain Mrs Jeanette Williams proposed the election of Mrs Ann Lowe as Captain for 2025.

Ann was introduced to golf at the age of seven by her grandparents who retired to St. Andrews. The whole family putted on the Himalayas putting green and Ann's grandfather had little clubs specially made for her and her younger sister. The only problem was that Ann didn't really like the game as it was always older people playing. It all seemed rather slow and

boring to Ann. She much preferred galloping up and down on the little beach ponies. After Ann's father was persuaded to buy a pony most of her childhood was spent living around the stables.

Ann only started to play golf more seriously when she was working at Stanlow Refinery and all the plant operators kept saying women couldn't play golf! Ann then started to practice just to show the guys that women could play golf. She caused some friction by being the first woman to apply to join Shell Stanlow Golfing Society-the men took some time to get used to the idea. In her late 20's Ann finally began to appreciate the strategic challenges of playing golf. She played for Cheshire from 1990 to 1996 when she joined husband Ken working in Nigeria. She played for Nigeria whilst working there, returning to Lancashire in 2000.

Ann then joined Royal Birkdale GC where she has played for their scratch team and went on to play for Lancashire from 2001-2006. Then in 2011 Ann joined the ranks of the Vets (as it was known then) and has played for us ever since.

I have no hesitation in proposing Ann as Captain for 2025 and I wish her a very successful year.

Seconded by Immediate Past Captain Chris Stokes, Clitheroe Golf Club.

Jeanette presented the Captain's badge to Ann.

Thanks to Jeanette for her kind words, and thanks to the past captains for giving me the honour to be elected as Captain. It is always a pleasure to work with such enthusiastic and hard-working ladies, and to share our golfing exploits. So I am looking forward to my year as Captain, and hoping to replicate or possibly improve on the great year achieved under Captain Jeanette. So thanks to Jeanette for doing a great job, she is a hard act to follow. The Championship will be held at Royal Birkdale from 22-24th April 2025.

Election of Vice Captain 2025 – Mrs Clare Seddon, Formby Ladies' Golf Club

Captain Ann took great pleasure in proposing the election of Clare Seddon from Formby Ladies Golf Club as Vice Captain for 2025 and highlighted her golfing career.

Clare started playing golf at West Lancashire Golf Club in 1968, playing with her family. She met husband Brian when he was an assistant at West Lancs, and Clare moved to Formby Ladies GC just after they got married.

Clare played for Lancashire Juniors as part of their inaugural junior team and then played Lancashire B team golf. She then stepped aside from golf to bring up her 3 lovely children and after returning to the game played for the Lancashire Ladies team for over 12 years.

Clare taught PE and Maths at several schools in the locality – so she's obviously got brains and muscles! Clare ended up becoming Deputy Head at Scarisbrick Hall school, leading the Pastoral team through the COVID years and beyond.

Clare took a brief career break in the "naughties" 2006- 2012 when she purchased and ran a garden centre, dealing with the retail management of the business whilst also acting as the main Landscaper. So, Clare is definitely very multitasked.

Having retired earlier this year Clare now works part time for Lancashire Golf and is a selector for the Lancashire Women's team. I look forward to having her assistance and great skills and experience on our team.

7. Any other business

Louise Aspden-Ellesmere Golf Club asked with the Championship being hosted by Royal Birkdale GC will there be preference to those who supported this event in previous years. The Captain informed her that preference would firstly be to the team players then to those who had supported the event over the last 3 years.

Gill Jolleys – Membership Secretary said she had received payments from 2 ladies who are not members and hadn't said which clubs they were from, a Mrs Pilling and Edwina Stanton, could anyone help identify them.

The Treasurer Sue said she would look on the WHS system to see if she could find them.

There being no further business the Captain closed the meeting at 11.40am.