



**Lancashire County Senior Ladies Golf Association**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**Friday 6th December 2019**  
**Pleasington Golf Club**

Present: 48 members

**1. Apologies**

There were 19 apologies

**2. Approval of minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7th December 2018.**

The minutes were published on the Association website and taken as read.

Acceptance of the minutes; Proposed, Sheila Whamond  
Seconded, Fiona Anderson

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

Mrs Corinthia Cropper gave a detailed report for the year and the statement of accounts was made available to all members present. She pointed out that once again the Association had made a loss this year, which is the result of some one-off costs. Income has increased and there has been an increase in membership numbers from 625 to 652. All competitions went ahead and the Championship was full.

An 18 hole competition was included at the 9 hole Autumn event this year, this was well supported. However the 9 hole event had no entrants. As a result the September "Autumn" event will, from next year be an 18 hole competition only. Thanks were given to the ladies who support these events as this enables us to run the Association and fund the Seniors Team. Due to an increase in membership numbers the Northern Counties subscription has also increased. Sheila pointed out that we expected the cost of the golf events to be higher in 2019, but this was not the case because one of the events in 2018 was cancelled due to poor weather conditions and the prize vouchers, had already been purchased and were used in 2019. Team expenses have increased this year as the team match against North Wales incurred additional accommodation and higher mileage costs. This will be reviewed annually. There have been two one-off payments this year, the purchase of a new Feather flag that adorns the first tee at all our open events and home matches and the cost to upgrade our website. A payment of £2,000 was necessary to propel the association into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with a successful and progressive upgrade to our web site.

The treasurer confirmed that there will be no increase in the entry fees for competitions in 2020, they will remain £48 for a team event, £15 per entry for the Championship and £13 per entry for the Silver Slipper.

Finally, Mr Robert Hynes, auditor, was thanked for once again agreeing to audit our accounts.

Acceptance of the report;

Proposed, Jane Rogers

Seconded, Kate Ainsworth

#### 4. Captain's Report

Mrs Caryl Evans (Captain) shared the highlights of her year and began by thanking the past Captains for giving her the privilege of being Captain in 2019.

She went on to thank her committee for their hard work and support; she noted the efforts of Jane Rogers, website administrator, who this year has masterminded and overseen the update of the Association website and the introduction of online competition booking.

The Association holds a number of competitions throughout the year and these were all well supported. Congratulations were extended to all of this year's winners and thanks given to the clubs who hosted them. Captain thanked, in particular, her home club, The West Lancashire Golf Club, for hosting both the Championship and the home Richardson Trophy matches.

Two major individual competitions are held in the year, The Silver Slipper and The Championship and Silver Meeting. The Championship was played in testing weather conditions and there were some exciting and very close matches. The Silver Meeting gross prize went to Ann Lowe of Royal Birkdale GC and the best net to Gill Jolleys of Penwortham GC. Janet Melville, of Royal Birkdale GC once again, reached the final of The Championship and met a worthy opponent in Carol Helme of Bolton Old Links GC. The match was keenly fought and went to the 19th hole with Janet winning for the third year in succession. Janet went on to represent the Association in the National Seniors' Open at Woodhall Spa finishing fourth. The Silver Slipper was won by Anne Cross of Pleasington GC.

The Association has once again fielded a strong team in the Richardson Trophy matches against the other Northern Counties. This year the team came third overall, congratulations to Cheshire who won the trophy for the fourth year in a row. Captain was impressed by the standard of play in all matches, the team spirit within her team and their quality of play and dedication. She also thanked all the caddies for their commitment to support the Richardson Trophy Team.

There were a number of individual achievements for some of our team members;

Carol Helme, Bolton Old Links, qualified for the first flight match play at the Northern Championship at Rotherham GC and Carmel Hall, Hesketh GC, qualified for the second flight. Carol narrowly lost her quarter final match on the 18<sup>th</sup> against Caroline Berry who went on to win the Championship.

Three of our Lancashire players took part in the English Seniors' Matchplay Championship at Enville G C this year. Susan Caton, Pleasington G C, along with Sharon Eales and Janet Melville, Royal Birkdale, all qualified for the match play rounds. Susan Caton, had a great run beating the Cheshire Champion, Gill Mellor in the first round and then a seasoned international, Felicity Christine, in the next round. Unfortunately, Susan then lost in the quarterfinals to Clarissa Bushell from West Sussex

Carol Helme was selected to play for the North in The Annual Jamboree between the South, Midlands, North and Scotland at Northamptonshire G C. Susan Caton was also selected for the North as a non travelling reserve, but she came to support the team as a caddie. The North finished runners up to the Midlands.

Janet Melville has continued her work as an England selector and team Captain this year.

Captain congratulated Wendy Barnsley on becoming County Captain and Jacqui Brown on becoming County Vice Captain, wishing them both a happy and successful year.

Captain concluded by saying what a great privilege it had been to serve as Captain and how grateful she was for the support and encouragement she had received from many members in what had been a truly wonderful and fulfilling experience.

## **Vote of thanks to the Captain**

Given by Mrs Carol Helme on behalf of Janet Melville who sent her apologies.

## **5. Presentation of the Silver Slipper and Cecil Leitch Trophies**

The winner of the Silver Slipper Trophy was Ann Cross of Pleasington Golf Club. Unfortunately, Ann was unable to attend and the trophy was presented to Jenny Ashcroft, Lady Captain of Pleasington GC on her behalf.

The winners of the Cecil Leitch Trophy were Judith Martin and Maureen Ludden of Ashton in Makerfield Golf Club. Unfortunately, neither Judith nor Maureen were able to attend and the trophy was presented to Sheila Whamond, President of Ashton in Makerfield Golf Club, on their behalf.

## **6. Proposal - To Amend the Rules of the Association**

A review of the Associations Rules has been completed in 2019.

The proposal to accept these changes was given.

Proposed by; Mrs Caryl Evans (Captain)

Seconded by; Mrs Maggie Ayers (Past Captain)

There were no questions from the floor and as a result a vote was taken on the changes, the results of which were;

48 in favour

0 against

0 absentions

48 members present

The proposal was carried and the revised rules will be posted on the Association website.

## **7. To elect Officials and Divisional Committee Members**

A vote of thanks was given to the retiring President, Mrs Linda Dorning, by ex President Mrs Marie Miller. Marie thanked Linda for her service to the Association. She described Linda as a caring, kind, extremely supportive and multi-talented person who has shown great dedication to her role as President.

Linda thanked Marie for her very kind words. She thanked past Captain Maggie and Captain Caryl for all of their hard work and support throughout her term of office. They have both been super organised and generous with their time. She thanked the committee for the tremendous amount of work they do in setting up and running the competitions. She has loved every minute of the work she has done and has enjoyed making new friends and re-acquainting with old ones.

President Miss Jane Rogers

Proposed

Linda Dorning

Seconded

Jennifer Adams

Hon. Secretary Mrs Christine Entwistle

Proposed

Bet Burns

Seconded

Lesley Morris

Hon. Treasurer Mrs Corinthia Cropper

Proposed

Fiona Anderson

Seconded

Linda Noblett

Membership Mrs Sheila Whamond

Proposed

Diana Cockerill

	Seconded	Jennifer Adams
Competitions Miss Kate Ainsworth	Proposed	Maggie Ayers
	Seconded	Ishbel McGill
Divisional Committee Member SW		
Mrs Sheila Anderson	Proposed	Fiona Anderson
	Seconded	Jane Rogers
Divisional Committee Member SE		
Mrs Sarah Woods	Proposed	Karen Sawyer
	Seconded	Maggie Ayers
Vacant Post (East)		

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

Christine Darling (East), Lesley Morris (South West), Susie Sulistio (North West), Karen Sawyer (South East), Bet Burns (North West)

#### **Election of Captain 2020 - Mrs Diana Cockerill, Fairhaven Golf Club**

Captain Caryl proposed the election of Diana as Captain for 2020. She gave details of her background in both golf and other areas of her life. She has known Diana for a number of years and has appreciated the support she has given her during her Captaincy. She had no hesitation in proposing Diana as Captain for 2020.

Seconded by Maggie Ayers, Ashton and Lea Golf Club

Caryl presented the Captain's badge to Diana. Diana thanked Caryl and Maggie for their kind words and the past Captains for putting their faith in her when accepting the honour of this office,

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

#### **Election of Vice Captain 2020 - Miss Fiona Anderson, Formby Ladies Golf Club**

Captain Diana took great pleasure in proposing the election of Fiona as Vice Captain for 2020. She gave details of the positions Fiona has already held in both the County and her own golf club. She outlined an extensive playing career which included National honours for Scotland, giving her a wealth of experience to take up this post.

Seconded by Caryl Evans, The West Lancashire Golf Club

Captain handed over the Vice Captain's badge to Fiona who accepted the position and reiterated her commitment to the Association.

#### **7. Any other business**

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