



**Lancashire County Senior Ladies Golf Association**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**Friday 2nd December 2022**  
**Pleasington Golf Club**

**1. Apologies**

There were 36 apologies.

Present: 40

**2. Approval of minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3rd December 2021.**

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

Acceptance of the minutes; Proposed, Linda Noblett  
Seconded, Caryl Evans

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

Acceptance of the report; Proposed, Linda Dorning

Seconded, Karen Sawyer

Christine Entwistle read a detailed report on behalf of Jane Rogers, Treasurer.

In March we received a very generous legacy from the late Mrs Beryl Creer, who was a former Captain and President of our Association. I was privileged to know Beryl, as she was a member of Formby Ladies Golf Club, which is also my club, and in fact Beryl was instrumental in me joining Formby Ladies. Beryl was a remarkable woman and a superb organiser who had numerous interests apart from golf. She was a dedicated supporter of our Association, and particularly the Richardson Trophy and the Jamboree, and we hope she would approve of the ways in which her legacy will be spent in the future. We have also renamed the Midsummer Team Event the Beryl Creer Team Event in her memory.

If you compare the Accounts in 2021 to 2022 there are several differences in both income and expenditure. In 2021 we rolled over all the subscriptions from 2020 into 2021, because all competitions in 2020 were cancelled due to Covid. As is always the case, though, we had a substantial number of new members who joined LCSLGA to play in the 2021 events. This produced more in subscription income in 2021 than 2022. In addition, the income from our events, including the Championship, was more in 2021 than in 2022. This was due to two of our events in 2022 being considerably down on entries, the reduction in income for Lytham Green Drive due to bad weather, and the cancellation of the Cecil Leitch at Morecambe because it was on the same day as the funeral of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Whilst our expenditure overall was very similar for both years, there were considerable differences on the various lines of expenditure. The greatest difference was the cost of team expenses in 2022 over 2021. In 2021 the Durham match was cancelled, so there were only 4 matches, as opposed to 5 matches in 2022. The cost of catering for home matches in 2021 was less than in 2022, as was the cost of accommodation for the team for away matches in 2021. Accommodation costs for Premier Inns have

doubled in some cases in the last 12 months and are not showing any signs of coming down.

In 2021 we had a need to purchase labels, print cartridges, stationery and Covid antibacterial products. There was no need to do that in 2022. In 2021 we purchased WHS compliant Club V1 software at a one-off cost to run our competitions. This accounts for the reduced cost of computer and software support in 2022. We also invested in Zoom for our Meetings in 2021, which reduced Executive Expenses to virtually zero. In 2022 we have retained Zoom but only until December as our Meetings are now back to being held at Pleasington Golf Club. I would like to thank Bob Hynes for once again auditing our Accounts.

It is now time for me to bid you a fond farewell. LCSLGA has been a very important part of my life for the past 21 years, first as a member of the Lancashire Seniors team and then as an official on the Committee. I played for the Richardson Trophy team for 9 years, in the halcyon days when Lancashire won the Trophy 5 times in those 9 years. I also played for the North 3 times in the Jamboree, and my proudest moment was being part of the winning Jamboree team in 2007, when I was our Champion. I joined the Committee in 2004 and I have spoken to countless members when I was Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Captain, President and when I was sorting out the teething problems of introducing new technology! I have been fortunate to work with a lot of highly committed and talented people along the way, and I have enjoyed my time both as a player and my time on the Committee. Everyone has their time, though, and my time is up.

#### **4. Captain's Report**

Mrs Carmel Hall (Captain) shared memories of her year and began by acknowledging the contribution the retiring Treasurer, Jane Rogers, has made to the Association.

On behalf of the LCSLGA I thank Jane for the many years of service she has given to the Association. She will step down from the Treasurer role this year and I wish her all the best as she takes a well earned rest.

Jane has been a stalwart of the association, undertaking the roles of Vice Captain, Captain, President, membership secretary, treasurer, committee member, IT expert and web site administrator. She has undertaken these roles in a professional manner with whole hearted commitment to the Association. It is a fact that many associations like ours are made and held together by people who unselfishly give their time to ensure the organisation works and survives and do so without any expectation of thanks, payment or reward. Jane is one of those people and I sincerely thank her for her unwavering support to the Association.

#### **Championship**

On the Wednesday 4th May 2022, 85 members teed up to play in the Championship and Silver Meeting.

My sincere thanks to Hesketh GC for hosting the Championship. The golf course was in great condition and the provision of catering services and the administrative organisation was excellent. My thanks also to the Lady Captain, Hesketh GC for her support throughout the championship.

Thanks to all the players, the qualifiers and finalists for participating and congratulations to the winners of the nett prizes, to Ann Lowe who won the best gross prize and to Sharon Eales our Champion for the second year running.

## **Richardson Trophy Matches**

I have thoroughly enjoyed Captaining the Lancashire team through the 2022 Richardson Trophy schedule.

Unfortunately, we didn't win the Richardson Trophy, but the results on paper didn't really illustrate how close some of the matches were. Indeed it would be fair to say 'another day could easily have given us a better outcome'

However, just as important as winning is the spirit and cohesion within the team. The trip to the North East for our matches against Northumberland and Durham showed how much positive team spirit exists amongst the players and despite the results we cemented that team spirit again.

I watched each and every player try so hard to bring home a result and I'm very proud of their efforts and commitment.

Well done team, onwards and upwards for next year. And to coin a football analogy I think "we might bring it home next year"

## **Events**

Our events are always well supported by members and it was no different this year. We had some great venues and I thank the event organisers for the time, commitment and effort they give to make these events run so smoothly. We had some fun at Lytham Green Drive GC when torrential rain stopped play and we had to suspend the competition for a short period. Also, it was unfortunate that we had to cancel the Cecil Leitch at Morecambe GC due to the Queen's funeral.

## **Acknowledgment and Thanks**

To the committee members, thank you for your unwavering support. I really appreciate the contribution you all make in helping the Association run smoothly.

To Chris and Jeanette thanks for your support this year. I really appreciated your help. Chris I'm sure you will be a great Captain and Jeanette a great Vice Captain. My best wishes to you both for next year.

Also, thanks to Jen (President) for your help and support this year. We spent many hours together watching the matches and supporting the team. I wish you all the best for your second year in office.

On a final note, many thanks to Chris our secretary. Chris has undertaken the secretary role for the last five years and has done a brilliant job. Thanks for your support. I really have appreciated your help and guidance.

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

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

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

The winner of the Silver Slipper Trophy was Rita Dunsden from Hurleston Hall Golf Club. Captain presented her with the trophy.

The Cecil Leitch Trophy was not played for this year due to the funeral of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

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

President Mrs Jennifer Adams

Proposed

Linda Dorning

	Seconded	Sheila Whamond
Hon. Secretary Mrs Christine Entwistle	Proposed	Penny Beckett
	Seconded	Grainne Pendlebury
Hon. Treasurer Mrs Marie Cummings	Proposed	Bet Burns
	Seconded	Gill Jolleys
Membership Mrs Gill Jolleys	Proposed	Jen Adams
	Seconded	Penny Beckett
Competitions Miss Kate Ainsworth	Proposed	Karen Sawyer
	Seconded	Jeanette Williams
Website Administrator Mrs Karen Sawyer	Proposed	Kate Ainsworth
	Seconded	Bet Burns
Election of Divisional Committee Members		
Mrs Rosie Sedman Wright (South West)	Proposed	Christine Entwistle
	Seconded	Caryl Evans
Mrs Sheila Whamond (South West)	Proposed	Jen Adams
	Seconded	Linda Noblett

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

Penny Beckett (North West)	Bet Burns (North West)
Jeanette Smart (East)	Grainne Pendlebury (East)
Margaret Morgan (South East)	Clare Macleod (East)

Proposed	Chris Stokes
Seconded	Jeanette Williams

### **Election of Captain 2023 - Mrs Christine Stokes, Clitheroe Golf Club**

Captain Mrs Carmel Hall proposed the election of Mrs Chris Stokes as Captain for 2023.

Past Captain Carmel has known Chris for a number of years and has appreciated the support she has given her during her year as Captain. She had no hesitation in proposing Chris and has confidence in her ability to do a fantastic job.

Seconded by past Captain Mrs Diana Cockerill, Fairhaven Golf Club (on behalf of Fiona Anderson immediate past Captain)

Carmel presented the Captain's badge to Chris.

Response from Captain.

I would like to say thank you to the Past Captains for bestowing this prestigious honour upon me. I consider myself to be so very fortunate but also truly appreciative that you have asked me to be your next Captain, so thank you for having the confidence to select me. I promise to do my very best to uphold the traditions of this very important association.

I took up golf when I was 23 when I got married as Brian my husband played and before I picked up a club I had lessons, first with Ron Geddes of Nelson Golf Club then Peter Geddes at Clitheroe Golf Club and up until he retired from teaching. I had les-

sons with Jane Forest and I am still having lessons with our Club Professional - it's called continuous improvement! My handicap came down very quickly and for 40 years or so I have held a handicap of between 4 and 7. I have played County Golf for many years and still love it. My first official appointment in 2001 was Lady Captain of my Club Clitheroe, my second in 2005 was Lancashire Ladies County Captain, my third appointment was President of my Golf Club in 2011 and 2012, the first Lady since the 1920s and now here I am. I have enjoyed being with our County Team both as a player and an official. Here's to a good 2023 - I look forward to the new year with great positivity. We need to get the Richardson Trophy back to Lancashire - the Cabinet doesn't like being empty!!

I look forward to working alongside President Jen and Vice Captain Jeanette and our hard working Committee who give their time so generously.

Our Championship is at Clitheroe Golf Club 7th - 9th May 2023

Lancashire are hosts to the English Seniors Ladies Stroke Play which will be held at Preston Golf Club 19th - 22nd June, the event is not just for Scratch players but also handicap.

We have some great venues hosting our events in 2023 so please come and join us. I look forward to meeting you on the course - Happy Golfing!

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

### **Election of Vice Captain 2023 - Mrs Jeanette Williams, Pleasington Golf Club**

Captain Chris took great pleasure in proposing the election of Jeanette Williams from Pleasington Golf Club as Vice Captain for 2023. She gave details of Jeanette's many achievements in golf both on and off the course.

Seconded by Carmel Hall, Hesketh Golf Club

Carmel was delighted to second the proposal.

Captain handed over the Vice Captain's badge to Jeanette who thanked past captains and reiterated her commitment to the Association. She too is looking forward to working with Chris and Jen in 2023.

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

As there was no other business and Captain closed the meeting at 11.46am.