



Lancashire County Senior Ladies Golf Association
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Friday 1st December 2023
Pleasington Golf Club

1. Apologies

There were

Apologies: 29

Present: 48

2. Approval of minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 2nd December 2022.

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

Acceptance of the minutes; Proposed,
Seconded,

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

Acceptance of the report; Proposed, Gill Jolleys

Seconded, Rosie Sedman-Wright

Christine Entwistle read a detailed report written by Carmel Hall in the absence of a Treasurer.

LCSLGA AGM – 1 December 2023 - Treasurer's Report 2023

The following report was prepared by Carmel Hall who took the role as Treasurer on a temporary basis following the resignation of Marie Cummings.

Our Financial year runs from 1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023.

Overall, we have made a very small surplus of £361 this year, which primarily came from interest from our bank accounts. Income and expenditure were more or less equal and so balanced each other out.

We generated £2245.00 more income in 2023 as compared to the previous year (taking aside the B. Creer payment in 2022 which was a one-off donation). This is due to an increase in membership numbers in 2023 and an increase in entries to our golf events.

Expenditure for 2023 increased by 14% from last year. This is mainly due to three factors

1. We took the decision to increase the number of prizes at the Championship to acknowledge the overall runner up and the semi-finalists.
2. Increased costs of course hire for our events. Despite this we were able to maintain event entry fees at the same level.

3. Hotel costs for the team have increased significantly. It is becoming very difficult to book hotel rooms at the rates we previously experienced and have faced some quite substantial increases this year.

Financial Outlook 2024..... Whilst inflation has reduced over the course of the year, the indications are that hotel fees remain high and are unlikely to reduce for the 2024 season. I also expect that course fees for our events will continue to rise as Golf Clubs seek to manage their costs.

It is Lancashire's honour to host the Northern Championship in 2024, Janet Davies (Birkdale GC) has been appointed the Northern Captain and we look forward to presenting a great Championship event at Preston GC. It is possible we may see a small impact on our finances in 2024 from this event.

Despite these challenges we maintain a balanced and stable financial position and are able to manage these economic pressures accordingly. I am confident we are able to hold subscription rates and entry fees for 2024 at the same level as this year.

Executive mattersMarie Cummins joined the executive team last year as Treasurer, but was unable to continue in the role for personal reasons. I place on record our thanks to Marie for her support and wish her all the best. For these reasons I stepped in to the Treasurers role in a temporary capacity and will hand over the reigns to the new Treasurer once elected.

My thanks also to Robert Hynes who has audited our accounts again this year.

My best wishes to all members of the LCSLGA for the 2024 season and many thanks for your continued support to the association.

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Temporary Treasurer

Captain thanked Carmel for stepping into the treasurer role at short notice and for preparing the accounts for the AGM.

4. Captain's Report

First of all I would like to thank the Past Captain's most sincerely for giving me this honour and having the confidence in me to be your Captain. It has been a pleasure.

Early Season Matches

On the 16th April we had our annual Four ball better ball match against Lancashire Ladies B team at Royal Lytham & St Annes Golf Club. The B team won! - but there were some very tight matches. Clare MacLeod had a hole in one on the 5th.

Our next event on the 30th April was Captain's v President's Match at Clitheroe Golf Club, it was a great day and the weather was fine. We had 16 players, the President's team won, it was an opportunity to invite players with handicaps of 6.0 and under whom we hadn't seen.

Championship

Then came the Championship in early May. 71 players turned out, the weather on the first day was very good, there were some high scores recorded. On the second day the weather was fine until mid afternoon and then it rained - a lot.

The final day brought some wonderful weather and very exciting matches with some great golf played, there were some new faces. Our Champion is Jill McGhie from Lancaster Golf Club, first time out for the Senior's, Jill and Min Dennison had a fan-

tastic final - there was nothing in it and the match went to extra holes, Gill nearly chipped in for 3 on the 19th and won the Championship.

The turnout of spectators and attendees at the presentation was fabulous and I thank everyone so much for coming along. There were some wonderful comments about the Course, Club and very importantly the friendship within the team itself.

Northern Championship

On the 23rd May the Northern Championship was held at Arcot Hall Golf Club, Northumberland. The weather was perfect for golf and the course was very well presented. We had a wonderful attendance from Lancashire. We had 3 qualifiers in the first flight, Clare MacLeod, Carol Helme and Min Dennison. In the Knock Out stages, Min lost on 17th to Cath Rawthorne, Clare lost to Jane Oliver on the 17th and Carol lost to Caroline Berry on the 19th. Clare won 3rd Best net overall and the Team Stableford Winners were Bet Burns, Karen Sawyer and Lorraine Birch. The Northern Champion is Karen Jobling from Yorkshire.

The President and I were extremely proud of our ladies.

Richardson Trophy Matches

Our first match was at Clitheroe Golf Club v Northumberland on the 7th June.

The weather was fantastic as was the course - the green staff certainly wanted to show Clitheroe at its best.

It was a very close match with Lancashire needing to win the last 3 games in order to record an overall victory. We managed to win 2 and halved 1, so the match ended all square, which was a very fitting end to an excellent contest. All matches were played in the best spirit and a good day was had by everyone.

Our second Match was also at home against Durham, I am very pleased to report we won 5-2, there were some fantastic games, very tight at the end.

A great result played in good spirit. Well done team, thank you for your enthusiasm and desire to win.

On the 26th June We played our Match against Yorkshire at Huddersfield Golf Club - a stunning venue and the chosen course for this year's Jamboree! It was an extremely tough match played in very tricky windy conditions. We were looked after so very well by the Yorkshire Captain and her officials, the food was delicious and the camaraderie between the two teams was great. Sadly we lost 2 1/2 to 4 1/2.

On the 5th July We played our Match against Cumbria at Appleby - what a beautiful golf course set on Brackenber Moor in the spectacular Cumbria Countryside.

Our two teams set off and were joined by a few hundred sheep, there is never a need to mow the fairways, the sheep take care of them. The result was a great win for us 5 - 2.

As always with Cumbria the friendship between the two counties shone through - unfortunately the sun didn't, the weather was quite chilly

On the 31st July we played our last match against Cheshire

This was our final Richardson Trophy Match at Prestbury Golf Club, a beautiful but tough golf course, the weather wasn't great but it could have been a lot worse. Our girls as always prepared so well for the Match but alas we couldn't equal the strength that Cheshire hold in their team. We lost 6 games to 1. Cheshire are once again the

winner of the Richardson Trophy. I would like to thank the team for their commitment and dedication shown throughout the matches, it has indeed been an absolute pleasure being with them. Thank you to the caddies for their loyalty, the team have really appreciated you coming to the matches and helping to be their strength. Thank you President Jen, Past Captain Carmel and Vice Captain Jeanette for being at my side.

The Jamboree

How fantastic - The North won the Jamboree, what an amazing few days at Huddersfield Golf Club. Congratulations to Captain Anne Cousin, President Linda Dorning and Vice Captain Janet Melville and their amazing team. Well done Carol Helme being chosen as part of the team. It was wonderful to see so many supporters and caddies from the North.

End of Season

On a sunny Sunday in September we held our End of Season Players and Committee Competition at Clitheroe Golf Club. What a stunning Day it was, the course was beautiful. We played a team event 2 scores to count. The Captain's team won!

The following ladies are retiring from the committee:

Kate Ainsworth has been with us for 12 years as Competition Co-ordinator, she has done a wonderful job, working quietly away. We thank her so much and wish her well. She has offered her support if we need assistance - and I hear she is already helping out with the Northern Championship which will be held at Preston Golf Club next May. Thank you Kate.

Christine Entwistle Secretary for 6 years, she has kept us all in order and on the ball!!! You will be missed and we very much appreciate all your efforts in running our Committee and our Championship so smoothly. We know you are a very busy lady and have many other commitments. We are most grateful to you Christine and I'm sure we will see you along the fairways. Thank You.

Marie Cummings, thank you for the time you gave us as Treasurer this year your work was very much appreciated.

Sheila Whamond who is also retiring. Thank you Sheila, as always it has been a pleasure working with you.

Carmel Hall who also retires as immediate Past Captain - thank you for your time and commitment over the past 3 years and for stepping in to help us out with the accounts.

To our President Jennifer Adams - retiring after completing her 2 years in office. I thank you so much for your support and wisdom, you have most certainly earned your rest. Go and enjoy your free time and your golf.

Finally I would like to congratulate Janet Melville on her very recent appointment as Captain of the Northern Counties Veteran Ladies Golf Association. We wish you a very successful and enjoyable year.

This is my last report. I would like to thank my Committee for all their hard work, dedication and commitment to Lancashire County Seniors Golf - a truly wonderful association.

Vote of thanks to the Captain

A vote of thanks was given by Jill McGhee L CSLGA Champion 2023.

5. Presentation of the Silver Slipper and Cecil Leitch Trophies

The winner of the Silver Slipper Trophy was Kate Schofield from Blackpool North Shore. Captain presented her with the trophy.

The Cecil Leitch Trophy was presented to Ann Steele and Nicola Basely from Southport and Ainsdale Golf Club.

6. To elect Officials and Divisional Committee Members

President Ms Bet Burns	Proposed	Jennifer Adams
	Seconded	Linda Dorning
Hon. Secretary Ms Jane Bridge	Proposed	Christine Entwistle
	Seconded	Grainne Pendelbury
Hon. Treasurer Mrs Sue Hazlitt	Proposed	Kookie Morgan
	Seconded	Karen Sawyer
Membership Mrs Gill Jolleys	Proposed	Jen Adams
	Seconded	Linda Noblett
Competitions Mrs Janette Smart	Proposed	Kate Ainsworth
	Seconded	Pam Chamberlain
Website Administrator Mrs Karen Sawyer	Proposed	Gill Jolleys
	Seconded	Carole Helme
Election of Divisional Committee Members		
Mrs Megan Switzer (South West)	Proposed	Rosie Sedman Wright
	Seconded	Maggie Ayres
Mrs Chris Appleby (North West)	Proposed	Bet Burns
	Seconded	Penny Beckett

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

Penny Beckett (North West)	Rosie Sedman-Wright (South West)
Jeanette Smart (East)	Grainne Pendlebury (East)
Margaret Morgan (South East)	Clare Macleod (East)

Proposed	Christine Entwistle
Seconded	Clare Seddon

Election of Captain 2024 - Mrs Jeanette Williams, Pleasington Golf Club

Captain Mrs Chris Stokes proposed the election of Mrs Jeanette Williams as Captain for 2024.

Prior to taking up golf Jeanette played hockey squash and rounders to a decent level but age caught up with her and in 1991 she started playing golf and joined Dunscar Golf Club.

Her first handicap there was a 36 *p. - those were the days when we had cards with our handicap information written on.

I have known Jeanette for many years, I met her shortly after she joined Pleasington Golf Club when we played Scratch Matches together. It didn't take long before she was down to single figures and there her handicap has remained for the last 26 years. Jeanette has played on the County Senior's team for 16 years she has always been a very competitive golfer. She still talks about the Championship here at Pleasington when she and I played in the semi final, we played 6 extra holes !!! - everyone had forgotten about us and had gone in for lunch - Bless her -Val Hyman who remembered came out to pick us up! She continues to play in the Scratch team for Pleasington. She is also a member and past Lady Captain at Royal St David's Golf Club in Harlech North Wales. She has represented Wales in the Senior Home internationals on three occasions, the most recent being this year in Scotland. She was part of the winning team when Lancashire won the Richardson Trophy in 2008, 2009 and 2014. She has also served on the Committee.

I have no hesitation in proposing Jeanette as Captain for 2024 and I wish her a very successful year.

Seconded by past Captain Mrs Maggie Ayres, Hesketh Golf Club (on behalf of Carmel Hall immediate past Captain)

Chris presented the Captain's badge to Jeanette.

Response from Captain.

Captain thanked Chris for her kind introduction. She also thanked the past captains for nominating her as the Captain for 2024 which she was thrilled to accept. She added that she will endeavour to uphold the standards and traditions of our great Association to the best of her ability and is looking forward to being Captain in 2024. The Championship will be held at Pleasington Golf Club 5th - 7th May 2024

Congratulations to Mrs Janet Melville (Royal Birkdale GC) who has taken over as Captain of the Northern County Veteran Ladies Golf Association (NCVLGA) for 2024

Lancashire are to host the NCVLGA Championship at Preston GC 21st - 23rd May 2024. Applications will open on 1st January 2024.

Events for 2024 are now on the LCVLGA website.

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

Election of Vice Captain 2024 - Mrs Ann Lowe, Royal Birkdale Golf Club

Captain Jeanette took great pleasure in proposing the election of Ann Lowe from Royal Birkdale Golf Club as Vice Captain for 2024 and highlighted her golfing career.

Ann played for LLCGA for 6 years and then played for LCVLGA from 2011 to 2023. She started playing golf when she was 7 and her parents retired to St Andrews - the perfect place to learn the game. Despite taking up the sport with her sister she wasn't keen at first, thinking it a slow game and other sports more tempting. She excelled at competitive shooting and represented Scotland and GB. Ann is also a brilliant wildlife photographer. The first golf club she joined was Cursor Park in Chester in 1988. From there she played for Cheshire B and A teams. Following a period of working in Nigeria where she represented Nigeria in the All Africa Challenge in Johannesburg she returned to live in Southport and joined Royal Birkdale GC in 2000.

Seconded by Chris Stokes, Clitheroe Golf Club

Chris was delighted to second the proposal for Ann Lowe as Vice Captain for 2024.

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