

Nottinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2017
10.30am Monday 20th November 2017 at Beeston Fields Golf Club

1. The meeting was convened with 95 members were present and 14 apologies were received. The President Maureen Clarke took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. The minutes of the meeting of the AGM held on 21st November 2016 (as previously circulated) were proposed by Suzanne Taylor and seconded by Bridget Patrick as a true record and accepted unanimously.
3. Matters Arising.
There were no matters arising.
4. Captain's report by Helen Maber

Madam President, County Officials, Club Officials and Ladies it gives me great pleasure to present my report. At the AGM this time last year when I took over as Captain I remember thinking to myself "what on earth have I done?" The year seemed to stretch interminably ahead, and I had some difficulty imaging how I was going to get through it. Well, here I am today, and it really seems like the blink of an eye when I think back to a year ago. I can honestly say I have enjoyed every minute as County Captain and have actually enjoyed writing my report as it has reminded me yet again of all the fantastic successes and experiences during my year in office. Please bear with me as I go through the year's events. The full results are all on the website so you will be pleased to hear that I do not plan to give every detail of every competition as we go through the year.

The season started in earnest in April with the first event being the traditional match against the Sheffield Union which this year was held away at Bondhay Golf Club. It was a glorious Spring day with blossom on the trees and not an umbrella in sight! The course however proved to be quite challenging and the result this year was a win for Sheffield Union 3-2. The Notts team this year comprised Jane Fowler, Carol Houghton, Kristina Lazarevic, Pam Loch, Emily Lyle, Laura Morris, Colette Newton and Glenys Priestley.

The following weekend, the Juniors held a very successful Mixed AMAM at Springwater to boost their funds. The girls did a great job in organising the day, running the raffle and even offered a club cleaning service as part of their fund-raising. The day gives our juniors excellent first-hand experience of running their own competition – it was great to see their enthusiasm and their delight when they realised just how much they had raised from their efforts – over £950 – well done girls! First prize was won by the team of Michael Boulton, Helen Boulton, Rachel Bouton and Andy Tyler. I am delighted to report that Second Prize went to me playing with my husband Colin and Steve and Cathy Burnside from Stanton.

Just one week later, the weather had changed totally and we might as well have been in a different country as the County Waltz competition took place at Stanton on the Wolds. 31 teams of ladies battled the elements to support this fund raising day and the players were just about unrecognisable in winter hats and waterproofs as they fought the wind and occasional hail throughout the day. Our thanks go to Stanton for allowing us courtesy of the course and for looking after us so well and particularly to the Lady Captain and her team for providing a very welcome hot drink at the half-way house. I would also like to thank Jane Fowler for dealing with all the entries for the competition on my behalf while I was out of the country.

Three teams shared the winning score of 72 points so the prizes were calculated on countback. The overall winners were Jean Durbin and Jo Hopkins from Notts Ladies with Fran Tunnicliffe from Stanton. Runners up were myself and Carol Bancroft from Beeston Fields with Cathy Burnside from Stanton, with third prize going to a Stanton team of Jan Hooley, Pam Musson and Jane Harby. The competition raised £1,224 to help fund the first and second teams and I would like to thank all who played for their support. Next year the County Waltz will be played at Chilwell on April 23rd. A note for your diaries!

Wollaton Park Golf Club was the venue for the Spring Meeting and 2017 County Championship, taking place over three days in May. It was at this point that I first became truly aware of the amazing strength and depth of young talent in our county, and it is clear to me that the future is indeed very bright.

The Spring meeting winner was thirteen year old Rebecca Oates from Worksop, with a nett 65, a full 7 shots below her handicap of 20. She was closely followed by Leonie Muir (also 13 years old) from Wollaton Park with a net 69. Wonderful scores from our future young stars!

On Friday afternoon, fourteen-year old Libby Kilbride from Worksop shot a gross 68 to break the Wollaton Park course record and win the overall 36-hole scratch competition, beating Lauren Spray from Notts Ladies by one shot. Libby's spectacular scorecard is now on display at Wollaton for all to see.

The top eight players made it through to the championship matchplay stage – Rachel Boulton, Emily Cheshire, Esme Hamilton, Emma Howie, Vicki Johnson, Libby Kilbride, Kristina Lazarevic and Lauren Spray. Some excellent golf was played in the knockout competition, with the County Championship finally being won by Rachel Boulton from Springwater, who beat Emma Howie from Stanton 3&2.

I would like to record my thanks to Wollaton Park for allowing us courtesy of the course and for all they did to help the event run so well.

Early June saw the Coronation Cups competition being held on another very wet and windy day at Rufford Park. Once again, youth triumphed with the day being won by Rebecca Oates from Worksop and her even younger partner, 10-year old Amelia Wan from Rufford, with a magnificent 41 points. For the record, Rebecca started the year with a handicap of 22 and is now 14. And Amelia started at 16 and is now 11! They were unable to attend today so were presented with their Cups at the Junior End of Season Competition at Oakmere earlier this month. Runners up were Audrey Macmillan and Sue Lockwood from Norwood Park. I am very grateful to all at Rufford for looking after us so well during the day, and very much appreciate the great support for my raffle for the day which raised £200 for Alopecia UK.

This year, County Week was hosted by Derbyshire at Matlock Golf Club. A couple of weeks before the tournament, we took the team there for a practice round to experience the course and get a feel for the greens. Matlock describes itself as “850ft above sea level on the edge of the Peak District with spectacular views across the Derwent Valley.” We quickly found how it managed to have such good views – its hills provided a real test of both stamina and of trolley batteries!

My team for the week was Rachel Boulton, Emily Cheshire, Caron Harrison, Esme Hamilton, Carol Houghton, Emma Howie, Libby Kilbride, Kristina Lazarevic, Laura Morris, Lauren Spray and Carol Wild. Rachel Boulton was our new 2017 County Champion and I was reminded that the last time she won the championship our team went on to win both County Week and County Finals – a very positive omen!

The week started with clear dry weather and before a ball had even been hit, Nottinghamshire had, in my mind at least, won the prize for the best dressed team and the most attractively decorated buggy, with colourful new bunting supplied by Esme Hamilton’s mum Katrina. I must at this point thank our sponsors Acorn Windows and Andy Tyler for their very generous contributions once again during the year, helping us to purchase new kit and supplying balls for the teams – we are very grateful for their continued support.

The competition started very well for us, with a win on Monday against the home team Derbyshire 5-4. On Tuesday, we took on last year’s winners Staffordshire as the weather began to close in and conditions became much more difficult. We won all three foursomes matches in the morning to enter the afternoon in a strong position, winning the day 6¹/₂ / 2¹/₂. Overnight, conditions deteriorated even more, with very heavy rain and strong winds, resulting in a very soggy course on the Wednesday morning. The spectacular views described by Matlock in its advertising literature had completely disappeared, the greens staff and quite a few members were out in force squeegeeing the greens, and I had bought all the players handwarmers, which were understandably a bit hard to come by in June! A decision was made by the tournament committee to forgo the afternoon singles matches. As our team had won all three morning foursomes matches, we were delighted to take a result for the day of a win 6-3 and enjoyed a quiet relaxing afternoon. The weather was slightly better on Thursday and Friday and we finished off the week in spectacular style with wins against Shropshire 7¹/₂ / 1¹/₂ and Leicestershire 7-2.

It is hard to describe just how proud I was of our team. They played excellent golf in extremely demanding conditions and showed fantastic team spirit right through the week. Each of them was so supportive of the others in the team and a massive credit to the county. In addition to the players, I had great support from President Maureen and my two vice captains Glenys and Carol. Nothing was too much trouble for them and I was so grateful for their help. I received so many good luck cards and messages – thanks to all - it really means a lot to the whole team and is greatly appreciated.

At the end of the tournament we were presented with the North Midlands Region trophy and qualified for the England Finals for the second time in three years – what a fantastic week.

I can honestly say it was some time before my feet touched the ground after such an exciting time, but no sooner was I back than it was the County Girls Championship at Norwood. This was won by Esme Hamilton, with Lauren Spray winning the Intermediate Championship for the fourth year running.

The Summer Meeting and Veterans Cup was held this year at Radcliffe on Trent, with some fabulous scores on the day. The Scratch Cup was won by our Vice Captain, Glenys Priestley from Notts Ladies and the Handicap Cup by Eithne Williams from Norwood. In the Vets Competition, Glenys also won the Gill Shawcross Scratch Cup and Eithne the Challenge Cup while the Dorothy Payne Cup for Super-Vets was won by Margaret Ferguson of Stanton. Our thanks go to Radcliffe for ensuring the course was in such good condition.

My County Captains Day AM-AM was held at Beeston Fields on 24th July. I am very grateful to Beeston and its members for giving us courtesy of the course and for all the marvellous support they offered to make the day such a resounding success. Thanks too to my Vice Captain Glenys for dealing with all the entries and organising the draw for me – it is very much appreciated. We raised £2,772 to help swell the funds for the first team, particularly necessary this year as we took part not only in County Week but also in England Finals. It was such a happy day for me, the sun shone, I had wonderful help from so many people, the course was in great condition, the food excellent and the halfway house and its cakes, kindly donated by so many talented bakers, a real talking point of the day. I am very grateful to Dave Boultyby, Mark Philpott, my lovely dad Cliff Evans, and my husband Colin for sponsoring the par 3 holes and to all the many helpers who made the day run so smoothly. The competition was won by a team from Ruddington, Angela Picker, Wendy Kerry, Lorraine Howd and Josie Connolly

August was a quiet month in the County Calendar, which was just as well as it was also the month that our daughter Lizzie got married. Very good planning by the bride and groom! The Midland North Girls Championship was held at Ruddington on bank holiday Monday in very hot sunshine and I was able to witness some more great golf from girls in the region and yet another course record being set, this time by one of the Staffordshire team.

The Autumn Meeting was held at Chilwell in early September. Here, another course record was broken and Caron Harrison completed a clean sweep of the prizes with her magnificent round of golf. She shot a gross 73, net 68 to win both Scratch and Handicap Cup for the day, together with the Aggregate Cups, both scratch and handicap, for the best scores for both Summer and Autumn Meetings. Well done Caron! I would also like to thank Chilwell very much for presenting the course in such good condition for us on the day.

This year, for our team coaching, I had invited a Performance Coach to talk to us. Two sessions were organised, one just before County Week, and another immediately before England Finals in September. Invitations were sent to First and Second team players and it was a great opportunity for them to concentrate on how they approach their game and control their emotions during a round. Both sessions were very interesting and beneficial and I am sure they will have provided all attendees with very helpful food for thought.

The much anticipated England Finals took place at Felixstowe Ferry in September. The qualifying teams this year were Buckinghamshire, last year's winners, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, the home team Suffolk, Yorkshire and ourselves.

Once again, we had a great team for the tournament – Emma Anderson, Rachel Boulton, Emily Cheshire, Caron Harrison, Carol Houghton, Emma Howie, Libby Kilbride, Kristina Lazarevic, Lauren Spray and Carol Wild. A well balanced mix of youth and experience.

Felixstowe Ferry is one of the oldest courses in the country. As a traditional links, it is totally different to any of our inland Nottinghamshire golf courses and therefore presented very different challenges for our team.

From the start, we were aware that the standard of golf in this competition was a step up again from that we had experienced in Matlock. The number of birdies, eagles and even holes in one during the week was staggering and very many spectators turned up to enjoy a real festival of golf at its very best.

The week started very promisingly for us with a great win against Buckinghamshire on the Monday 5-4. The next day we met a very strong Yorkshire team and sadly lost 8¹/₂ / 1¹/₂ which in no way reflected the balance of play on the day. Three of our singles matches and one of the foursomes finished with a loss on the 18th green and all could so easily have gone the other way.

On Wednesday we came up against Hampshire and once again came second, this time losing 6/3. In the morning foursomes the pairing of Emma Anderson, playing in her debut match for the team, alongside Caron Harrison, had brought their match back to just one down on the 15th hole. They were looking quietly confident when their 15-year-old Hampshire opposition holed in one on the 194 yard par 3 16th. It simply wasn't our day!

Thursday saw us playing against last year's winners Gloucestershire. Frustratingly, despite some excellent golf from all the Notts girls, we suffered a narrow 5¹/₂ / 3¹/₂ defeat.

On Friday we drew the home team Suffolk and again did not quite manage to win a point in the morning foursomes, leaving us with an uphill challenge in the afternoon and a loss of 6-3.

The week finished with Yorkshire taking the trophy and Gloucestershire a very close second. At this point, we really must remind ourselves what a fantastic achievement it was for our county to get a place in the England Finals for the second time in three years. Just to put it into perspective, Nottinghamshire has 32 golf clubs. Yorkshire has 140. In golfing terms we are a very small county indeed and to finish the week the 5th best county in England is incredible.

I was so proud of the whole team; they all played really gritty golf against exceptional opposition and worked so well together right through the week. It was an experience I will never forget and I feel very privileged to have captained our team at such a prestigious event. Thanks to all the players and again to Maureen, Glenys and Carol for helping the week to run so smoothly. I would like to wish Glenys and her team for next year's County Week the very best of luck, we have some amazing talent in our county and I am confident we will gather strength from our experience this year. I must add that, during County Week and England Finals this year, three players received their County Colours and I would like to congratulate Libby Kilbride, Kristina Lazarevic and Carol Wild on this achievement.

The Mixed Interclub Final was held at Hollinwell between Worksop and Mapperley. Congratulations to the Worksop team of Alex Bacon, Adele Haddon, June Webb and Brett Marsden and commiserations to the Mapperley team of Martin Millichip, Katie White, Jane Baxter and Neil Dewing.

The Ladies Interclub Final was held at Wollaton Park in September between Trent Lock and last year's winners Retford. Despite losing the first match 1-down, Retford went on to win the title with a 3-up win in the second match and our congratulations go to the team of Debbie Rose, Keran Hutchinson, Pat Fox and Belinda Briggs. Hard luck to the runners up from Trent Lock, Jean Stones, Jan Peters, Tracey Krupa and Billie Major.

The final event of the year was the inaugural County Presidents Day held at Sherwood in October. A full field of 25 teams took part in the AM-AM and it was very clear to me just how much the Sherwood Forest members admire and respect our president, Maureen, by offering her such wonderful support during her special day. The course was in great condition, the sun shone, the prize table looked magnificent and the scores were terrific. The halfway house was a joy, with home-baked cakes, fine china cups and teapots and waiter service from some very attentive gentlemen. The day was a huge success and Maureen is already planning her next Presidents day, to be held at Beeston Fields on 8th October next year. Another date for those diaries! The competition was won by Glenys Priestley, Rita Monks and Jo Hopkins, from Notts Ladies Golf Club with Vicky Forecast from Springwater. They scored 83 points, winning on countback from Kath Els, Julie Revill, Jo Smith and Julia Warrener, from Sherwood Forest.

Maureen took over as President at the AGM last year and has been a huge support to me during my year as Captain. She has been present at just about every single county event throughout the year, nearly always first to arrive and last to leave. How she fits all this in alongside her refereeing and England Golf duties I have no idea.

We have a great team on the County Executive who work tirelessly on your behalf. I would like to thank them all for their hard work and support during the year.

Our two secretaries, Lynn Williams and Di Whittaker are brilliant at ensuring all is organised correctly for the very many events and meetings held throughout the year – they make an excellent team.

Jenny Smith, our Treasurer is so conscientious and efficient. She keeps very good track of our funds and it is very reassuring to know our money is so well managed.

Our two competition secretaries, Colette Newton and Jane Fowler, leave the Executive today after many years in their posts. Colette has a great deal of experience in running our competitions. During her time in office she has steered through a number of changes which have made our competition days more attractive to players and more successful. Jane, in addition to her role as Assistant Competition Secretary, has a huge amount of experience in dealing with all things constitutional – she is always willing and able to give advice and I have personally benefitted greatly from her wise counsel this year. Colette and Jane have worked very hard over the years to manage all our competitions efficiently and with great humour. Our competition days are long and tiring – they have always been there before the first tee time and still there at the end, every time with cheery smiles and good humour. It has been great for me to know we have such reliable officers in position and I would like to thank them both for all their hard work not only during this year but over the course of their many years in office. We really do appreciate all you have both done.

(Presentation to Colette and Jane with Vouchers and Flowers from the County)

Our website manager Gillian continues to do a great job keeping our wonderful website up to date. Very many thanks Gillian for all your continued efforts on our behalf.

Clare Jones took over as our Midland North Region Rep at the last AGM and has played a very efficient role in keeping us abreast of changes at England Golf and organising MNR events.

In addition to being our County President, Maureen is also our handicap adviser and in charge of our County Referees. I would like to thank her for keeping us updated with handicap changes throughout the year and also thank her and her team of Val Peat, Joanna Smith, Julie Lindsay, Ali Boulty, Clare Jones and Lyndsay Carruthers for turning out on so many occasions to referee during the year.

There has been so much wonderful golf played in the county this year and so many fantastic achievements. Emma Howie will report later on the success of the Juniors this year and it is just amazing to hear how well

they are doing. Emma has been helped this year by a great team and I would like to thank them all for all they have done for the junior girls in the county – Emma Anderson, Helen Boulton, Julie Craggs and Elaine Mitchell have all provided great support to Emma and to our Junior Section.

As you may know, Emma is leaving her post as Junior Coordinator today. She has worked tirelessly for the girls in our county, arranging coaching, sorting kit, planning matches, picking teams, organising transport and generally being an inspiration to so many of our youngsters. She leaves the junior section in a very strong position and I know she will continue to follow our young golfers with great interest as they develop. We will miss Emma hugely and I would like to thank her very much indeed for all she has given to Junior Golf in Nottinghamshire over the years.

(Presentation to Emma with Voucher and Flowers from the County)

I have been very fortunate this year to have Glenys Priestley and Carol Houghton as my two Vice Captains. They are both very experienced golfers and have been a great help with the management of the County Team and the running of both County Week and England Finals. They have had a very successful year running the Second Team and I know they will go on to be a great team together next year. Many thanks to you both.

Having spoken quite a bit about all our junior successes this year, it also gives me great pleasure to mention the achievements of some of our more experienced golfers during the year. Carol Wild from Notts Ladies and Caron Harrison from Sherwood Forest were selected to represent the Midland Vet Ladies against the North. For the first time in 24 years, the Midlands won the Miller Stirling Salver. At the Midland Vets County Championship, the Notts team of Caron Harrison, Sue Penfold, Andrea Stockdale and Carol Wild were runners up and Caron Harrison won the Angela Duck Trophy for the best 36 hole score. It is wonderful to see such successes throughout the whole age-range of our county.

At the AGM last year we compiled a list of County Representatives and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them for stepping forward to undertake this very important communication role. I have been very aware as I move around clubs in the county of super- smart notice boards advertising county events and displaying the communications sent out by our County Secretary. We really do appreciate your help and cooperation.

Finally, it just remains for me to thank Pam so much for asking me to be her Vice Captain and to thank you all for the wonderful memories I will treasure from my year.

I wish Glenys, Carol and Helen Haycox, the incoming Assistant Vice Captain, loads of success in the forthcoming year and I hope they will enjoy every moment as much as I have – as I said at the start of this report -it really does go in the blink of an eye!

Thank you all

5. Presentation of trophies for 2017 competitions by the Captain.

6. Senior Vice Captain's report

Lady Captain, Lady President Ladies

I have really enjoyed being Captain of the Second Team this year, we have had a great year beginning with our first match away v Lincs played at Kenwick Park, on a hot sunny day when we had a great start winning 6 games to 3. This was then followed by the home match on 19th July played at Norwood Park where despite losing the morning 4somes Nottinghamshire won the match 5 ½ to 3 ½ after some great golf in the afternoon.

We then began our matches v Leicestershire with confidence high when we arrived at a gloomy Cosby Golf Club for the away match. After the morning 4somes we held a 2-1 lead. However our spirits were dampened in the singles, the quirky course proving a little tricky for us, with the result a win 6-3 to Leicestershire. This meant we needed to win our home match v Leicestershire to reach the final. The match was played at Ruddington and with local knowledge Nottinghamshire triumphed 6-3 to make the 2nd team final for a third consecutive year.

The final was played at Worfield Golf Club Shropshire on 24th August, we played Derbyshire who had been successful in their matches against Staffordshire and Shropshire. The greens were very tricky with some wicked pin positions and we were 2-1 down after the 4somes. There was some great golf played in the afternoon singles which we won 3 ½ -2 ½ leaving the match level at 4 ½ each. The match being decided on countback of games won, unfortunately the result was a win to Derbyshire. Well done to our team for putting up such a good fight showing what strength in depth Nottinghamshire have.

Thanks to everyone who represented the County second team this year, you all played brilliantly

and in the true spirit of the game:

Laura Abbott, Emma Anderson, Jo Hopkins, Carol Houghton, Lorraine Howd, Wendy Kerry, Vicki Johnson, Kristina Lazarevic, Audrey Macmillan, Leone Muir, Jacey Peacock and Louise Wilding.

Both Kristina Lazarevic and Jacey Peacock were awarded their County second team colours.

I wish my successor Carol well next year and hope that our second team can achieve that final win which they thoroughly deserve. My thanks to Ruddington and Norwood Golf Clubs for hosting our home matches this year and making us most welcome. Thanks also to those who came and supported.

7. Treasurer's report

If you cast your eyes to page 1 you will see that we have completed the year £1141 better off than last year. However, I need to point out that within this total there is £526 in donations from the Smartie collection and because President's Day fell after the year end we paid out £1300 in expenses for this competition. That said I think we have managed our finances very well.

As always, we are indebted to Clubs, NCVGA, rules evenings and individuals for their generous donations in the main to the Junior section. The Tasker trophy realised £840 from the efforts of clubs in this competition but sadly this was £180 short of the previous year due to reduced entries from Notts clubs. I hope you can encourage your clubs to participate in this competition as again next year the total is down by £40.

This year I have slightly altered the presentation of the accounts and included both County Weeks and President's Day (which we did not have last year) as separate items to give a more accurate breakdown of where the money is spent. Hence the two gaps in 2016.

If you cast your eyes to page 2 you will see our main source of income is through the collection of affiliation fees and this year we are 1 lady less than last year. The number of junior members continues to rise, and the official numbers show an increase of 10 although they do not pay affiliation fees.

The increase this year in league and interclub entries of £325 has contributed towards some of the expenses incurred through insurance and website.

The financial highlight of this year has been the increase in the number of ladies playing in county competitions and so raising an extra £1600 overall. We have been delighted at the response of ladies and hope it continues next year.

County Captain's Day and the County Waltz again proved very valuable sources of income for the County and this year we increased the value of the prizes for County Captain's Day.

I have included County Week and The England Golf finals as an item on their own. As you would expect the cost of success is high £11,298. However, we did have a grant from England Golf of £2900 which reduced the deficit somewhat. However, our County Captain and her team did their utmost to limit the cost, but accommodation and travel fees are expensive particularly for the finals when you are almost 200 miles from home!

Our second team's success has also merited a new slot on the balance sheet and again success brought with it extra expenses of overnight accommodation and travel.

The Junior Section has shown a loss of £134 this year which is amazing when I look at all the activities they have been involved in. This section is the recipient of most donations and it shows how valuable they are. We have also been funded by The England Golf Talent funding pot and the amount of £625 has been paid directly by NUGC (who hold the purse) towards Junior coaching, so is not included on our balance sheet.

Our year end came too soon for all the claims to be made for the USGA rating of the courses. However, although it appears we made a loss in fact the late payment of £100 now shows a profit of £69 which will be included in next year's accounts.

President's Day a new event this year proved to be a great day both on and off the course. Maureen raised over £2000 but as the event took place after the year end the full costings are not shown but will appear in next year's balance sheet.

Other income and expenses this year have been lower than last, partly because items such as travel for matches and refereeing appear in other areas where they are more relevant. This area includes 2 waterproof jackets for our first team, a county flag for matches, supporting insurance and website expenses when necessary, trophy repairs and engraving, and expenses such as travel and stationary.

From a financial point of view, we need to look ahead and plan for the years to come especially if we continue to enjoy the success we have had in all areas this year.

It is a fact that equality at all levels take place. The NUGC charge £10.25 per member for their affiliation fees and they have over 7 or 8 times as many members as us. Other Ladies' Associations also charge between £6

and £10 per member with, in some cases a club fee too. Many charge far more for entries into running competitions and county competitions.

We have a very thriving Junior Section and need to continue with our support as well as encouraging new people to help with this. We should not have to rely upon donations.

Our county teams continue to do very well but this of course needs funding especially as accommodation expenses and fuel continue to rise. We need extra funds to compete at the highest level and look smart on the course. Next year we are to host County Week at Notts Golf Club and although England Golf contribute to this we need to be prepared for all eventualities.

We would like to keep the cost of entries into county competitions as low as possible as it would be penalising those who choose to enter and regularly support these meetings, but we would like to increase the value and number of prizes to make them more meaningful.

Finally, some clubs are very proactive in encouraging new lady members and we would like to support this in whatever way we can in the future.

You will notice in your new subscription invoices for the coming year that the £2.50 we used to pay to the LGU is no longer payable.

I would like to suggest that from November 2018, the affiliation fee for all members (including associate members) be increased by £3 (total to become £8) raising a total of £5000 and that a further increase of £2 be applied in November 2019 (total to become £10) raising an extra £3000. This will bring the fees paid to the Association in line with the fees paid to Nottinghamshire Union of Golf Clubs.

Additionally, from November 2020, an annual increase to be applied, based upon the amount the Nottinghamshire Union of Golf Clubs impose upon their members. (Such increase to be reviewed annually by the NCLGA Executive Committee.

I hope you will support this proposition to help us support golf at all levels in the county and to continue to promote the success we have experienced over the last 3 years.

I would like to express my thanks to Sue Northridge, the auditor, for her help and advice with the auditing of the accounts.

Proposal Sue Northridge be accepted as the auditor for the year.

Proposed Jenny Smith Seconded Pippa Handley Agreed unanimously by the meeting.

Proposal Acceptance of accounts

Proposed Jenny Smith Seconded Caroline West Agreed unanimously by the meeting.

Finally, I would like to propose the increase in affiliation fees from 2018 as stated in the agenda be adopted. Jane Fowler has agreed to second the proposition.

8. Proposal to be voted on by the meeting.

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Proposed by Jenny Smith Seconded by Jane Fowler. Agreed unanimously by the meeting.

9. Competition Secretary's report

Silver and Bronze leagues

Sadly Trent Lock have withdrawn from the silver league for 2018. They have been unable to field a full team of 7 players for most of the season and have therefore made the decision to withdraw. Because of this it has been decided to only promote clubs from each division in the silver league for 2018 and not demote anyone.

Unfortunately Stanton have had to drop down to division B as we had nowhere to promote Beeston to from division A!! This will also mean that there will be an even number in each division next year. The good news is that Trent Lock are rejoining the bronze league after leaving 4 years ago which is very pleasing.

I would just like to thank Gillian for all her help with keeping the website up to date with the league results, she has done a brilliant job.

All the information about 2018 leagues will be posted on the website for you to download.

Competitions 2017

Helen has spoken in detail about the competitions we have had in 2017 and given us the winners but I would just like to add a few things.

I am very pleased to report that the number of entries for all our competition increased this year. We were especially pleased with the numbers that entered the coronation cups. We decided to change this from a foursomes competition to a fourball competition as the entries were dropping so much. This proved to be very popular and we had 47 couples playing. A very big thank you to all the ladies that have played and supported them and the county. It has been lovely to see all the stalwarts this year who always come and play but also lots of new ladies that have never played in our competitions before, we hope you enjoyed them and will enter again next year. I would also like to thank all the clubs that hosted our competitions and all the ladies from those clubs who helped us on the day. We try very hard to be organised but it does become difficult when people enter and don't turn up, we totally understand that when you are entering competitions months in advance that things happen and your plans change. Please though if possible let us know as soon as possible so that draws can be changed before the day and put on the web.

As we are taking early retirement this year (we are too young for retirement age!) Jane would like to thank everyone that we have worked with over the last few years. The county captains, the presidents and everyone on the executive, who have all made our job really enjoyable and we wish every success to Glenys and her new team in 2018. On a personal note I would like to thank Jane for all her help and support, she has worked so hard and has been so efficient with everything she has undertaken for the County. I have "lorded" it over her as my assistant for the last 5 years and never having had anyone to boss around (although my husband would not perhaps agree with that!) I have loved every minute of it.

We both thank all the lovely ladies that we have met through the county competitions, you have all made it such a pleasure. We have had our headaches, lots of laptop problems but also an awful lot of fun and laughter and we have both loved it all so thank you to everyone.

10. County Junior co-ordinator's report

It has been another busy year for the juniors and I will try to present the highlights of the girls year along with my key thoughts for the future.

Matches

The girls matches this year started in April with our usual friendly fixture against Mapperley Ladies with an outstanding 3-0 win in the better ball format.

Many thanks to Mapperley for continuing to support the girls with this fixture.

Later in the season we had another friendly against Yorkshire but lost 6 1/2 - 1 1/2, always a challenge but it is great experience for our younger girls to gain matchplay experience.

The scratch league matches started in May with a convincingly 5-0 win over Shropshire, before clinching a half in a very close match with Staffordshire, who were the 2016 league champions.

In the second round of the scratch team matches in July the girls had an excellent day with a 3.5-1.5 win against Leicestershire in the morning, and followed up by a 4-1 win against Lincolnshire in the afternoon.

On finals day the scratch team managed to secure a win over Derbyshire and after a very close count back with Staffordshire, Notts managed to pip them to the MNR league title this year.

The handicap league team had a slower start this season with losses against Leicestershire and Lincolnshire on away courses, before winning their final match against Staffordshire at Trent Lock.

The following girls represented the county in the junior league matches this year:

Laura Abbott, Ankita Anand, Sharna Betteridge, Safi Durrant, Stephanie Firth, Esme Hamilton, Lucy Holbrough, Charlie Inger, Libby Kilbride, Kristina Lazarevic, Leonie Muir, Rebecca Oates, Jacey Peacock, Madeleine Smith, Amelia Wan.

Leonie Muir was also awarded her County Junior colours.

After the success of the Festival of Golf last year the Midlands North region counties decide to run it again this year. On the day the final league matches were played and the girls had a chance to celebrate the golf season with all the other counties. Our newer players were also invited to take part in a 9 hole comp and skills

challenges as well as watch the scratch and handicap teams in action. At the end of the day all the girls had the opportunity for a bit of fun with a trick shot show and some pirate golf, before a meal and presentation.

Competitions

The girl's championships were held at Norwood Park this year with 25 entrants and there were some excellent scores returned. Esme Hamilton (Notts ladies) was the U18 Nottinghamshire Champion with a gross 75. The U16 and U14 scratch championships were both won by Leonie Muir (Wollaton). Ankita Anand (Ruddington) secured the handicap cup and the Bronze division scratch trophy. The 9 hole Championship was won by Elizabeth Wilson (Norwood). Lauren Spray (Notts Ladies) retained her title in the Intermediate Championships. The Junior Order of Merit and Rookies tour aimed at girls aged 13-18 has stalled this year with only 11 girls participating as two out of six events were cancelled. There was a similar picture with the boys on the tour so the county golf partnership are reviewing it for next year.

The winners were:

Gross Lucy Holbrough (Norwood)

Nett Ankita Anand (Ruddington Grange)

The Nippers tour this year saw changes to how it was run with an introduction of handicaps for all players. This provided a much more comparable playing field for the girls and boys to compete against each other in their age groups. However there were only 9 girls who took part in the events this year, and I suspect that was due to the previous legacy of the tour, so please do spread the word to any under 12 to enter this next year.

Elizabeth Wilson won the U9 age group order of merit, Maddison Clarke

(Kilton Forest) was runner up in the U10 age group, and Ankita Anand was third in the U12 age group.

Notts also hosted the MNR Girls Championships this year on an exceptionally hot August Bank holiday at Ruddington Grange. Over 36 holes Esme Hamilton took the runner up scratch prize, Ameila Wan won the 2nd Nett prize and the Notts team of Esme Hamilton, Kristina Lazarevic and Ameila Wan won the handicap team trophy. The overall winner was Morgan Thomas from Staffordshire who set a new course record of 69. My thanks to Ruddington and their Lady Captain for their assistance with hosting this event.

The Junior Jubilee competition and junior presentation evening was held at Oakmere this year. The trophy was won by Jacey Peacock, Ankita Anand, Jorga Newbold and Amelia Hogg. Overall there were 17 girls who attended the golf and the presentation evening with their families.

Our junior captain Laura Abbott presented all the trophies and certificates the girls had achieved over the year. Charlie Inger (The Nottinghamshire) was announced as Junior Captain for 2017-18, supported by Charlotte Hazelwood (Notts Ladies) as Junior Vice-Captain.

Finance

The AMAM fundraiser took place at Springwater in 2017 and was a key event for the girls to raise money for junior funds. The day raised over £950 so a huge thanks to the Junior Captain Laura for organising everything on the day and those girls who volunteered to ensure the day was a success: Charlie Inger, Kristina Lazarevic, Esme Hamilton, Sharna Betteridge, Ankita Anand and Rachel Stevens.

Next year the event is at Radcliffe on Sunday 22/29th April and the entry forms are available today so please enter!

We have received some very generous donations this year towards the junior which are very gratefully received. I would also like to thank is the clubs which have supported the Spondon Trophies "Taskers" Inter Club Competition. They presented NCLGA a donation of £800 for the juniors in Oct 2017 from this year's competition. All the entry money comes back to junior funds so please, please enter as many teams as possible from your club in 2018!

Next year we are expecting our funding from England Golf to be reduced by half and given the increased amount of girls we have we want to ensure we can continue to support them to develop to their full potential, so your support of our AMAM and the Taskers is really key.

A few other successes to mention

- Charlotte Hazelwood has been selected for the England Golf U16 regional squad.
- Madeleine Smith won the American Golf Junior girls Championship for 2017 at Gainsborough in August. The final event also featured Libby Kilbride and Lucy Holbrough who were all seen in the Sky televised highlights!
- WE had a number of juniors this year who were selected to play in the county ladies first and second teams. Laura Abbott, Leonie Muir and Jacey Peacock all played for the county second team, while Esme Hamilton, Libby Kilbride and Kristina Lazarevic all played in the first team.

Participation

Girls Golf Rocks continued this year with taster sessions at followed by coaching at Norwood Park, Beeston, Coxmoor and Stanton and we saw over 30 girls try golf, with most of them continuing to participate in coaching. They were then invited to Norwood Park in June where 18 girls played alongside our junior

ambassadors for a par 3 Texas scramble. My thanks go to our Ambassadors from this year who helped: Laura Abbott, Kristina Lazarevic, Charlie Inger, Ankita Anand, Esme Hamilton and Lucy Holbrough. Also at this point I'd like to thank Emma Anderson who has lead the project for the last two years since. I think it is also worthy of a mention that Emma won the England Golf Young Ambassador of the Year award in March! Congratulations!

Overall this year we have seen participation of junior girls increasing numbers from 40 to around 60. I expect the continuation of the Girls Golf Rocks initiative in 2017 will recruit even more girls which is great news for the county, however, it does pose some challenges for us to overcome.

This year has also seen the introduction of a pilot called the Sunday Slam, which is a series of event across the East Midlands aimed at women 18-35. We currently only have an estimated 20-30 women in this bracket across the county so where are all our ex-juniors going? I don't have all the answers but this is something you may wish to think about as a club, to help juniors feed into your ladies section when they turn 18.

Coaching

Coaching over the last year has continued with group sessions over the winter in the "Athlete Development Programme" at Rufford and Stanton, lead by our coaches John Vaughan and Dan Parkes. These programmes focused on technical skills development across the game, e.g. swing, short game and putting and was attended by 12 girls. We are continuing the programmes this winter with Rufford as the north venue and the south venue will be confirmed soon. Once finalised I will email forms out.

During the summer there was group coaching sessions held on both the nippers tour and with our county coaches at the girls get together days held at Rufford and Norwood Park.

We also continued with coaching bursaries for girls in 2017, to allow them to receive with one to one coaching on a particular area of their game or with a particular coach. 10 girls benefitted from these bursaries in 2017.

Farewell

Unfortunately we say our goodbyes to some of our juniors who have been with us for a long time:

Laura Abbott, Esme Hamilton, Emma Hammond, Kristina Lazarevic and Jacey Peacock all turned 18 and will have to move on to the intermediates.

We will miss the experience and inspiration they provided the younger girls, but I know they will still continue to develop their golfing skills and represent the county in the 1st and 2nd teams.

Thank you

A big thank you to the clubs who have hosted junior events and have supports our girls to develop their golf.

Finally none of this would happen without the junior committee, my thanks to all who contribute:

- Julie Craggs who has has led with the Nippers events
- Helen Boulton has helped organise some of the competitions and attend matches
- Emma Anderson has taken a lead on the Girls Golf Rocks initiative
- Jenny Smith keeps us on track with the junior finances
- Elaine Mitchell provides great administrative support to the committee and helps at our big events and matches
- Lynn Williams, Helen Maber and Glynis Priestly and Carol Houghton have been great advisors to keep me going in the right direction, and they help out with the competitions.
- Our President Maureen, who continues to show great support and commitment to junior golf, with everything from starting and refereeing to presenting prizes and reading achievements.

...and goodbye

As you know I'm stepping down in my role as junior coordinator.

We are still looking for volunteers to come forward to help grow and develop our junior girls. Because of the increasing numbers we have divided up the role to make it less onerous for any one person, so please do consider helping if you have some time to volunteer or if you know of anyone at your clubs who may be interested.

A credit to some of our ex-juniors they are stepping up to help out with some of the roles but there is still a need for more volunteers, please come and speak to me afterwards.

I can honestly say I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as junior coordinator over the last four years and I am sad to step down. We have such a great group of girls within the county and I feel privileged to watch them grow into confident young people through their golf.

Good luck to all the girls for a great season in 2018. Emma Howie Junior Co-ordinator

11. Midland North representative's report
County President, County Captain, Ladies

I am pleased to present the report for the Midlands North Region events for 2017. My report will concentrate on the competitions held this year and dates for your diaries for 2018. Other activities associated with England Golf and updates on the introduction of the Worldwide Handicapping System and course rating will be covered by Emily's presentation and the next agenda items.

Overall this has been a successful competition season for the Midlands North events. Although the Regional Foursomes is not always the most popular of formats there are those who do support this event regularly and this resulted in 38 pairs playing in April. Sue Penfold and Andrea Stockdale, Sherwood Forest were third overall with Pam Loch and Alison Pitkethly, Notts Ladies and Beeston Fields respectively, winning the afternoon Best Nett prize. The Australian Spoons competition played at Newcastle under Lyme had 44 pairs playing and 43 players entered the Queen of Clubs at Lingdale, I would like to stress that although the entrants are mainly club champions sections can nominate a representative to play in this competition if for example they do not have a club championship. In the event that your club champion cannot enter then you can nominate another player to represent your section. This will be stated on the entry form for 2018. You have heard about the successful Girls Championships and I would like to thank Emma for her hard work in making this event so successful and to wish her well as she moves on from her role as Junior Organizer. As a group the Midlands North Reps remain committed to running these competitions for our club golfers throughout the region.

For 2018 The Regional Foursomes will be held on April 25th at Glen Gorse, the Medal Finals will be at Burton on Trent on May 23rd, The Australian Spoons at Burghley Park on August 9th, The Queen of Clubs will be at Trentham on 23 rd August and the Girls Championships will be at Patshull Park on 13th August.

I will be attending the voting Members Forum and England Golf General Meeting at Woodhall Spa next week.

Thanks to all of those from across the County who have played in or qualified for the Midlands North events. We look forward to seeing more of you at next year's events.

My thanks also to the County Officials for their support throughout the year.

12. County Handicap Adviser's report.
Madam Captains, Ladies

I am pleased to present the Handicapping report.

On the 1st of January 2018, the following CONGU changes will take place.

Instead of having Club Handicaps, there will be a Category 5 and Category 6 for both men and women, with a maximum handicap of 54.0. Once the requisite number of cards has been completed these handicaps will be Competition Handicaps.

With the exception of Category 1 Players, all players will be able to return as many Supplementary Scores as they wish.

It is recommended that a single Competition Standard Scratch be calculated for Mixed Tee Competitions. All Software Suppliers should have this facility in place by 1 January.

Cards submitted for Initial Handicap are Qualifying Scores for handicap purposes and when 54 holes have been completed the players will be allocated a Competition Handicap.

Nine-Hole Medal Competitions and 9-Hole Open Competitions will become an option.

It has been confirmed that any Annual Review adjustments made by Handicap Committees are mandatory, not optional.

There will be no new hard copy of the CONGU Handbook, but an updated online version will be available on the CONGU® website.

England Golf will be providing some guidance to go with these changes, which I will forward to all Handicap Secretaries as soon as it is received. Also all Handicap Secretaries will be invited to the first Council Meeting on 19 March at Sherwood Forest Golf Club when these changes can be discussed.

Gemma Hunter, of England Golf has informed me that no definite details are available, with regard to the World Wide Handicapping System, but it WILL BE in place by 2020. However, there's a lot of interesting

information about the various systems around the world, and their options, on the England Golf Website – worth a visit in my opinion.

My favourite discovery was that in Argentina new players had to prove a basic knowledge of Rules and Etiquette and a reasonable ability to play a round, albeit as a beginner – a round of golf presumably.

In conclusion, I thank our Club Handicap Secretaries for keeping in contact with me, for all their hard work and their continued support. Thank you.

Maureen Clarke County Handicap Adviser

13. Lead course assessment officer's report.

This year, five courses have been rated under the new USGA system in Nottinghamshire by our mixed team which rated both men's and women's courses at:

Norwood Park

Oakmere Commanders

Beeston Fields

Ruddington

Sherwood Forest

In each case, new Standard Scratch scores have been allocated, and slope indices for all the courses have been calculated ready for their introduction in the future.

This brings the total of course rated in Nottinghamshire to 14 over the last three years. The aim is to have all courses rated by January 2020, so we have our work cut out to get through the remaining clubs in the county. Next year we plan to rate a further 7 courses, so we will not be too far away from reaching our total of all 32 in the time frame we have been given.

I have been helped this year by Jenny Smith, Karen Gilbert and Janet Slater. I am very grateful for their help.

If anyone else is interested in helping with the course rating please do let me know – I am always very happy to have additional volunteers on board.

Helen Maber Lead Course Assessment Officer.

14. Presentation by Nottinghamshire Club Support Officer

Emily Cheshire (Nottinghamshire club support officer) was invited to introduce herself and to give an overview on how she can support your golf clubs and what we can look towards in the near future.

I joined England Golf in July 2015 after graduating from Leeds Met university with a degree in Sports Business Management. Initially covering Yorkshire doing a similar role and transferring April 2017 to Nottinghamshire. I play golf, – started when I was 6 and still a regular golfer within Nottinghamshire today – and representing the county as a regular first team member.

As we know with golf clubs – one size doesn't fit all!! That's why our aim is to follow the club centric approach. It's not about what England Golf says you've got to do – it's about identifying your needs and working together.

This year England Golf launched its new national strategy. If you're interested in reading it all its available on the England Golf website. Otherwise the main themes emerging are being customer focused – so putting everyone from players to volunteers at the heart of everything we do. Creating stronger counties and clubs – helping them being more resilient and responsive to customer needs. And finally an improved image and promoting the benefits of the sport.

So making the customer focussed journey more relatable to your golf club. You never get a second opportunity to make a good first impression! Recent research tells us the 6 most important ways to keep members happy. 1. Fun and engagement – member engagement should be at the heart of everything you do. 2 – ethos and atmosphere. 3 member experience – the customer experience extends all the way from the car park, through the locker room to the bar. Its not just limited to golfers. Non golfers, visitors and potential members are just as important. 4 club participation journey – are there different options for different types of members? Are these distinguishable? 5 the welcome. What does it feel like to be a new member. We can look at your steps in the process of welcoming someone to the club and keeping them engaged – from the initial membership application form, the membership info pack and more. And finally long term involvement – how do you track member engagement? You need to be identifying and find ways to involve potential at risk members – new, existing and lapsed.

The England Golf strategy breaks down into 3 key areas. The first being more players. Throughout your club we can look to increase green fee revenue – most commonly now 9 hole green fees are as important as ever! Look at capturing visitors data, create relationships with local communities,

businesses or schools, and also club opens.

The second strand is More members. So asking the question of what is your clubs strategy for recruiting more women into your club. Looking at your product, membership churn, this isn't just about recruiting new members its retaining who we already have within the game. I would say that the start of retaining a member begins at their induction. We need to be fully confident those new members are integrated within our clubs. Having said that ladies are generally better at this than men anyway! Have you surveyed your members recently? If this is something you're interested in I can help create a questionnaire with set templates I already have to help you.

The final area is stronger clubs. Some of you may be more involved in the main committee and influence within your clubs. If you do, then sitting behind in the main running of the golf club we have the governance of our clubs, working on a business and or financial plan, and also safeguarding and child protection policies. So if you know these are areas your club is interested in then please let me know. Or if you want help in identifying which direction to take, we use a diagnostic tool called knowing your club.

The last bit of club support I am going to mention today is relating to the club website. As a ladies section, are you visible on your club website? Do you have a vibrant page inviting other ladies to come and have a taster of your golf club? Perhaps as a member you find it hard to navigate around your own club website. Research says we should be able to reach all the information we need within 3 clicks! In today's technology environment, golf club websites are increasingly important as they are the front door and often the first port of call for visitors. Alongside your club I am able to complete a website audit whereby we can assess layouts, information provided, images for example. Countless times I go on a golf club website and they state – the friendliest club and on there shows a picture of an empty clubhouse – showcasing the empty tables and chairs. We want to see pictures of the clubhouse in use from a social event! Lets see pictures of people on your golf course! If you're inviting someone to get in touch with the secretary – put a picture alongside it so this person knows who they're contacting. Simple swaps like this make websites more personal and relatable.

In Notts we also have an inflatable net free to use for you. Now taking bookings for next year so if you're holding a club open day, want to do some outreach then get in touch with me to book it! Now is a great opportunity to think about the year ahead. I would welcome the opportunity to work with you and your clubs. Even if its 1 or 2 small actions that we can put in place together. The cost of this support from England Golf is free.

Quickly now just finishing with some initiatives. Most of you probably aware of Get into golf campaign. Its currently going through a bit of a revamp as it has been taken in house so keep a look out for any updates!

This year in Midlands North, Lauren Spray, the national women and girls manager, piloted a series of stableford events for women aged 18-35 called the Sunday slam. The rationale behind this was to support the retention of females within 2 of our segments who may only really be able to play golf at a weekend. We want to retain this age group in the game through university and the start of work life. This year we had a total of 39 entries over 4 events at Breadsall, Belton Park, Radcliffe and The Leicestershire. This is now under review and more information on further plans will be shared with you by Lauren in the near future.

Finally today I want to talk to you about the national initiative of Girls Golf Rocks. Girls account for 1% of affiliated members, and 2016 saw the first increase in girls affiliation since 2013, so lets continue to take action! Notts has taken part in the project for the last 2 years with 4 clubs taking part each year.

For those of you who do not know about the programme, the aim is to grow girls participation and membership on a county basis and utilise the county junior girls as role models for new girls coming into golf. It targets girls 5-18 and as I mentioned we utilise 4 hub clubs in each county running girls only coaching. The key is having a clear pathway at clubs for girls to progress.

So that pathway looks like – a taster day, 2 x 5 weeks block coaching, a girls golf rocks on tour element – so getting all the girls throughout the county together on organised days, and finally back at the club moving into further regular coaching and a form of membership at that club. So initially may be an academy style junior membership before commitment to full. The support a hub club receives is funding to support the PGA pro for outreach work before the taster day, marketing materials provided, flyers and posters and banner, support from myself to implement marketing plan and perhaps that player pathway. To ensure the success of the programme it's key to have buy in from all key people at the club who will be involved.

So what next. I have laid out expression of interest forms on the table you signed in at. Feel free to complete these and hand back into me today, or if you want to, take it away and discuss with your club pro and manager. I believe Lynn will also be emailing the form out after today's meeting. The deadline for completed forms is Friday 8th December. After this we will arrange to come over to your club for an informal chat to discuss the potential involvement in the programme. Many thanks your time today. Any questions now or you can contact me direct after today on those details. I will also get Lynn to send these out, but on the table is also my business cards and some postcards hard copies.

Thank you!

15. Election of Officers.

Glenys Priestley Captain Proposed Helen Maber Seconded Claire Jones
2018 Captains Acceptance speech
Madam President, County Officials, Ladies!

Thank you to Helen and Clare for your kind words in proposing me for the role.!

Oh my goodness what have I done? No escape now.!

When I agreed to go with Vicki Forecast to watch County Finals back in 2015 at Frilford, the year we won County Finals, never in my wildest dreams did I think I would get back home having accepted to be Helens Vice Captain.

Helen certainly knew how to pick her moment.!

This has been a fantastic year and I'm really looking forward to the experience this coming year, especially with County Week 2018 being at Hollinwell w/c Sunday 24th June. It will be a hard act to follow, as Home County and reigning champions, we are sure to be favourites, but we have a great bunch of ladies doing their bit on and off the course.

Everyone's help is always much appreciated. I hope some of you will be able to come along and support, you are sure to see some excellent golf. But beware of Vice Captains!!!

My County Captains Day will be Monday 23 July at Hollinwell and I look forward to seeing you there.!

It is an honour to be appointed County Captain for 2018 and I will do my best and try not to let you down.

I look forward to working with everyone next year.

Carol Houghton Senior Vice Captain Proposed Glenys Priestley Seconded Clair Frame
Helen Haycox Assistant Vice Captain Proposed Carol Houghton Seconded Aileen Kynoch
Competition Secretary Julia Warrener Proposed Colette Newton Seconded Kath Else
Assistant Competition Secretary Sue Robinson Proposed Jane Fowler Seconded Sue Taylor
All officers were elected unanimously by the meeting.

Continuing in office and as advisers to the executive

Maureen Clarke - President, Lynn Williams – General Secretary, Di Whittaker – Assistant Secretary, Jenny Smith – Treasurer, Clare Jones – Midland North rep, Gill Stump – WebManager, Helen Maber - Lead Course Assessment Officer

16. Interclub draw for 2018 was drawn by the Captain and organised by Di Whittaker. The draw will be posted to the web site and emailed to all clubs when host clubs have been confirmed.

17. County week 2018

Jane Fowler updated the meeting with progress on the organisation for county week 2018 25-29 June at Notts Golf Club.

18. Secretary's notes.

The 2018 schedule had been circulated and posted to the web site prior to the meeting.

The secretary thanked the other members of the executive for their support with special thanks to assistant secretary Di Whittaker. The secretary also thanked all the club secretaries and county/club representatives for their support, hard work and commitment to ladies golf in Nottinghamshire and was looking forward to working with them again in 2018.

19. Any other business – matters for discussion. There were no matters for discussion.

20. The Captain presented a gift and flowers to thank our retiring captain for her hard work and commitment to Nottinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association.

21. The Chairman thanked Beeston for hosting the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.
The meeting closed at 12.35