

Nottinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association
Minutes of the 111th Annual General Meeting 2019
Monday 18th November 2019, 10.30 at Beeston Fields Golf Club

The President, Mrs Maureen Clarke, chaired the meeting

A minute's silence was observed in memory of Betty Johnson, Cynthia James and Ann Pepper

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The secretary convened the meeting, there were 72 members present.

1, Apologies

18 apologies were received

2. Minutes of the AGM 19th November 2018

These were accepted and signed as a true record, proposed by Audrey Blelock, seconded by Gillian Stump

3. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

4. Captain's Report – Carol Houghton

I confess, I started the year with some trepidation, wondering what I would mess up, what I would forget and who I would wind up, unintentionally of course. However, I can truthfully say that I am so pleased that Glenys asked me to become her Vice. It has been great to work with the Notts teams for 3 years and it has been a pleasure to work with all the ladies on the committee. It would certainly be a tough ask to find a more dedicated and supportive bunch.

So, the year started with a friendly against Sheffield Union at Coxmoor. Wow, what a clubhouse they have now, I thought it was amazing. Fantastic views from upstairs across the course and really good food, thanks to all the staff at Coxmoor for the day. We like to use this as a test for up and coming second team players with a couple of more experienced players in the mix. Sheffield Union generally pick a very tough team so we don't often win and I am happy to say, that this was a traditional that we managed to uphold, we lost! However, as a training exercise it's a good start to the season.

I would like to thank, my club, The Nottinghamshire, for allowing me to hold both The County Waltz and the County Captain's Day and giving everyone courtesy of the course on both courses. We had good fields on both days and everyone had a great day out playing with friends whilst raising funds for the county teams.

The County Champs were held at Worksop. Worksop really is a quality course. Somewhere you need to think your way around. Thank you so much to the club and the Lady Captain for making us so welcome. The weather wasn't always kind but the course held up very well. It was a great final between Esme Hamilton and Emily Rowbottom. Esme is on a golf scholarship in the USA, she is now plus handicap player, and she was a worthy winner and County Champion.

I would also like to thank all the other clubs who have hosted county competitions this year. Rushcliffe held the Coronation Cups, won by the Coxmoor pair of Lou Beaumont and Louise Wilding, Wollaton hosted the Summer Meeting, best gross by Notts Ladies Captain Carole Wild, and also Maureen's Presidents Day and finally Ruddington the Autumn Meeting, best gross by Suzi Anderson, soon to be, Sherwood's Lady Vice-Captain.

We are trying as a county to ensure that county events are held at all clubs across the county and I hope that lady members will support these events in 2020.

In late June, we took our first team squad to MNR county finals hosted by Shropshire at The Shropshire Golf Centre. A new format was being trialled, the counties playing two different counties in the same day on days 1 and 2, with a final match on day 3. This is a very intensive format made up of two foursomes pairings going out with three single matches. All the matches were incredibly tight. We had wins against Leicestershire and Shropshire and narrow losses to Lincs, Staffs and Derbyshire, coming fourth overall. The week was deservedly won by Lincolnshire. Thank you to all the Notts players Esme Hamilton, Lauren Spray, Libby Kilbride, Jodie Peacock, Rachel Bolton, Vicki Johnson, Caron Harrison and the rookies Amelia Wan and Leonie Muir. All the players won points for the team. They were all fantastic.

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A special thank you to Maureen, Helen and Di Payne for all they did at the finals. It was a really great team effort.

Just to give you a little information on the Notts Senior first team. All the players are cat 1 players. And as I mentioned we had two rookies, Leonie and Amelia, both Junior players aged just 16 and 12. So in total we have three juniors playing in the first team out of our squad of 9 players. There will be one or two more juniors pushing for first team places next year and several juniors making their way into the senior second team squad. We are definitely going in the right direction.

Many thanks to both Suzie Taylor and Susie Anderson for their the work with the juniors. I look forward to helping them next year

Thank you also to our sponsors Acorn Windows for the new team kit, it looks great, and also to Andy Tyler for providing ProV1s for the teams.

I would like to thank Helen in particular for the excellent way she captained the second team, she will enjoy telling you all about it.

Finally, congratulations to Notts Ladies for winning the final of the Ladies Inter-Club, beating Coxmoor in a very entertaining match at held Sherwood.

If you remember we had a change in the format for the Summer Council Meeting. In groups we chatted about county competitions, communication between players and the county and the changes within golf, the new golf rules and new handicap system.

There were some great ideas and lots of positives and constructive points raised. Thank you to Clare Jones for all the work involved in this. There are lots of things from this that the county committee will be working on in 2020 to try to improve communications and ensure new players and high handicappers are made to feel involved and welcome at County comps.

With that in mind the forms for all the 2020 competitions are available today and are already on the website. We will be introducing a 9-hole non-qualifying competition at Rufford this year.

My thanks go to all the members of the Committee in 2019, for all their support and diligent work throughout the year. Plus all the referees and, of course, all the golfers who played in county events this year. Lynn Williams is stepping down for health reasons and Julia is moving on to pastures new. Thanks to them both for all their hard work over the years.

I would like to welcome onto the Committee Eva as incoming President, Audrey as assistant vice and Rosemary as Competition Secretary

Finally, a special thanks to both Helen and Di Payne for all their support this year. They make a great team. Good luck in 2020.

5. Presentation of trophies for 2019 competitions

All trophies for competitions, silver, bronze and scratch league matches, were presented by the President. They were collected and signed for. Two new trophies were introduced for 2nd and 3rd division scratch league winners and replacements for all bronze league winners. Maureen Clarke thanked Andrea Stockdale for overseeing the scratch league and Jenny Smith and Di Whittaker for organising the trophies

6. Senior Vice-Captain's report – Helen Haycox

It is with great pleasure that I can present my report today – the county second team have had a very good year. The 2nd team played their 1st match at Elsham v Lincolnshire on the 3rd of July, they suffered a narrow defeat of 5 and 4. We then played Leicestershire at the Nottinghamshire on the 9th of July and beat them convincingly 6 and 3. On the 23rd of July, a blistering hot day, we played Lincolnshire our home match at Rufford Park. The team secured a win of 5 and a half to 3 and a half. We then went on to face Leicestershire away at Willesley Park. Once again, the team managed to keep the losses to a minimum and Leicestershire won 5 and 4.

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As a result of this we qualified for the Midland North Regional Final against Staffordshire. We played them on their home ground at Walsall Golf Club. This took place on the 2nd of September and I am pleased to tell you that the 2nd team had a very convincing win of 5 and a half to 3 and a half. The cup was shown to assembled ladies.

In order to achieve this the following players represented the 2nd team during our 4 matches:

Emma Anderson, Jan Hiken, Carol Houghton, Kristina Lazarevic, Leslie Morris, Audrey MacMillan, Jacey Peacock, Ava Waplington, Louise Wilding and Lizzie Woods.

This year County colours are awarded to:

Jan Hiken (Coxmoor), Audrey MacMillan (Norwood Park), Ava Waplington (Coxmoor) and Lizzie Wood (Radcliffe on Trent).

I must thank all the players for their commitment and Di Payne our assistant vice captain who was constantly at my side keeping me on track every step of the way! Finally, I would like to thank our captain Carol for her guidance and expertise, President Maureen for her continued support and all the county officials for their help this year.

Maureen Clarke thanked Helen for her report and congratulated her on such good results

7. Treasurer's report – Jenny Smith

You will see from the balance sheet that once again we have had a successful financial year. We are thrilled that so many of you, either through your clubs or individually have supported us with your generous donations, particularly towards the junior section. At this point we must also mention our sponsors Acorn Windows who continue with their sponsorship of the county team. The Tasker Trophies has also been a very valued donor, and this is because you support this competition. Please continue with this support through your clubs by entering as many teams as possible as our funding depends upon this.

I think the accounts are self-explanatory but would like to offer the following comments for your information.

As I said last year, we embarked upon the major project of repairing, cleaning re-valuing and updating all our magnificent trophies. This cost us the sum of £6140. The valuation surprised us greatly with many of the trophies being valued at over £4000. As a result of this we have decided to self-fund the increase in insurance and this is itemised in the accounts. We will continue to do this for the foreseeable future until we have built up a little nest egg to cover eventualities.

On the theme of updating we spent The Acorn Windows sponsorship money plus a further £3200 changing the kit for both senior and junior teams. Anyone who has seen these teams in action will know it has been worth it. These two items explain the increase in sundry costs during the year.

The affiliation fee total has increased this year. This is because we raised the amount paid to £8. Sadly, there are 20 less ladies playing golf in the county this year.

England Golf decided in October to pay us twice for County Week. Unfortunately, the amount of £2900 had to be paid back hence this amount is reflected in County Week + MNR week.

Our junior section has gone from strength to strength this year and we are still being funded by the U14 Investment programme. This year we have claimed £870 back and there is still £1920 in the pot for coming years.

Once again, our Lady President has raised over £2000 for county funds via her President's Day and Golf Rules Seminars and we are immensely grateful for this. Sadly, the numbers for some of our other county meetings are down but we have managed to maintain a high level of prizes due in part not being charged facility fees by clubs. I do wonder how much longer some clubs will be prepared to do this.

We are still awaiting payment from England Golf to cover the cost of two courses USGA rated in September. This means that we have not worked at a loss but indeed a slight profit of £160.

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Finally, it is pleasing to see the bank is paying us a little more interest.

For the coming year, commencing in November, the affiliation fees will rise to £9.50 as agreed at the AGM in 2017 to equate what we pay with the NUGC members. The England Golf Fees for this period will also be £9.50.

I would like to propose that the accounts for 2018/19 be adopted. Seconder Sue Taylor. This was agreed unanimously.

I would like to express my thanks to Sue Northridge, the auditor, for her help and advice with the auditing of the accounts. I propose that Sue be accepted as the auditor for the coming year. Seconded by Lindsay Carruthers. All agreed

STOP PRESS

Last week I received a telephone call from the solicitors of Betty Johnson's estate. For those of you who are unaware, Betty was Lady President 2006-2010. She was a member of Retford golf Club. The solicitors informed me that in her will Betty had donated £1000 to NCLGA.

Obviously, we are thrilled with this donation and as there was no stipulation as to how it should be spent the executive committee will be discussing this matter at their next meeting. If any of you have any ideas, Betty herself has already donated trophies which are awarded at the County Championship, would you let me know before the end of the year.

I have already written to Betty's executors and will of course keep them informed as to how the money will be used.

Maureen Clarke thanked Jenny for ensuring that the finances are in good order.

8. Competition Secretary's Report – Julia Warrener

Scratch League

This year we have 10 clubs in the scratch league playing in 3 divisions.

As for last year there will be teams of 3

Thank you to Andrea Stockdale for running the scratch league.

Bronze and Silver Leagues

This coming year we have 20 clubs in the silver leagues playing in 5 divisions and 22 clubs in the bronze league playing in 6 divisions.

As for previous years divisions E & F in both leagues will play teams of 5 with teams of 7 in all other divisions.

These can be seen on the web site.

The handicap limits are staying the same as last year but we will be asking each club for feedback on these limits.

Silver league is up to 22 and bronze league is 19 to 38.

Matches should be played in strict handicap order.

Please download the latest version of the results sheet

Competitions

Firstly I would like to thank all the competitors that have supported our county competitions. Sue and I have enjoyed catching up with you and we have found the days have all been played in a good spirited manner.

I think we have managed to run the summer and autumn meetings as Stableford competitions with a gross element without confusing too many players.

A new introduction for next year is a 9-hole option for the summer meeting. This will be a non-qualifier and played after the 18-hole competitions.

The county championships and spring meeting still have handicap limits of 20 and 28 respectively. All other competitions are open to anyone with a handicap up to 54.

If you have any special request these can be entered on the back of the form.

Please promote these competitions stressing that the competitions are for all golfers not just "county level players"

There are prizes in the summer and autumn meetings for both silver and bronze divisions.

Entry forms are available on the table. Also of course all entry forms can be downloaded from the Website.

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I would like to thank all the clubs that have held our competitions this year and made us very welcome. Lastly, I would like to thank you for your support and patience over the last 2 years. As some of you know I will be moving to pastures new so won't be able to continue in this role. Rosemary Lockwood will be taking over who, I am sure, is both very capable and efficient.

9. County Juniors Organiser's Report – Suzanne Taylor

We were delighted to receive further funding for the development of our Nottinghamshire Junior Girls again this year from England Golf, the Taskers Trophy and from Maureen's handicap and rules evenings where clubs have given their donations to the juniors

This funding made it possible to achieve, with the help of our pro Richard Strange, a significant reduction in handicaps, a great team spirit and successful match results.

Our coaching is open to all girls in Nottinghamshire with or without a handicap.

This year we were runners up in both the Scratch and Handicap County matches

So, the only way is up next year

We also swept the board at the 4 counties event at Ruddington Grange winning 4 trophies and coming runner up in the 2 others. The girls have also won a phenomenal number of trophies both home and abroad.

Please look at the year's photos on the website of our Juniors enjoying the Game of Golf

Our focus for next year, whilst still working on stroke technique and match play, will be to concentrate on:

The understanding of rules

The mental attitude needed to control emotions and be successful

Essential etiquette to uphold the high standards of our game's integrity

Social skills to include speaking after an event and

The different playing formats and how to adapt your play

This year Jorja Newbold was awarded her County colours and Libby Kilbride will take over as Junior Captain with Leonie Muir her Vice-Captain

Finally

My heartfelt thanks as always go to Suzi Anderson who has been with me all the way. To Jenny who has supported us and stopped me bankrupting the NCLGA, County Captain Carol and her fantastic committee and President Maureen Clarke. Suzi and I will miss her dreadfully. Maureen and sometimes Michael have been at nearly every junior event. Her advice knowledge and wisdom has been invaluable to us, as well as her kindness and love. Thank you all

Maureen thanked Suzi for her report and said that if anyone would like to join the junior organiser team to get in touch with Suzi

The following proposal had been sent to all clubs for consideration

Proposal: That the Regulations and Rules NCLGA, regulation 4a "The Officers of the Association shall consist of the President, the County Captain, the Senior Vice-Captain, the Assistant Vice-Captain, the General Secretary, the Assistant General Secretary, the Treasurer, the Competition Secretary and the Assistant Competition Secretary" is amended to include the junior organiser as an officer of the Association. Proposed by Maureen Clarke, seconded by Jenny Smith who outlined the role explaining how the girls had developed improved behaviour, attitude and skill under the influence of Suzanne Taylor. It is a responsible position. There was a unanimous vote in favour of the proposal

10. Midland North representative's report – Clare Jones, MNR Rep and EG Voting Member NCLGA

I will present my report in three sections, beginning with a review of the 2019 MNR competitions, followed by dates, proposed changes and key points for 2020 and I will conclude with some reflections on England Golf matters through my role as NCLGA voting member.

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2019 saw, with the exception of the 36 holes Regional Foursomes event, MNR competitions attracting similar entry rates to previous years. I have listed separately to my report the competition winners in the interests of brevity but I will give honourable mentions to:

Carol Wild (Notts Ladies) and Sian Mansey who won the 3rd nett prize at the Regional Foursomes
Lucy Moorhouse, Ruddington Grange GC, who won the Nett Championship at the Junior Girls Championships with Ella Whaley, Coxmoor, winning the 4th nett prize and Madeleine Smith, Norwood Park winning the afternoon best nett prize. Congratulations to all who have represented their clubs and the county at MNR events this year.

Looking ahead to 2020

I have already mentioned that the Regional Foursomes event did not attract a large entry, this was something I mentioned last year and has been an ongoing cause for concern. This year's original entry was low and dropped further due to last minute cancellations. Having discussed this we have unfortunately come to the conclusion that this competition is no longer sustainable. Therefore for 2020 we are trialling an 18 hole Fourball Better Ball event which will be held at Ashby Decoy GC on Wednesday April 22nd. For this trial we will not award the trophies attached to the Foursomes event, there will be a handicap limit but one that will attract a wider range of entrants and we will also do our best to have an attractive prize structure for the event. This will be dependent on the entries we receive.

Other dates are:

Medal Finals, run by England Golf Championships team, 19th May at Worfield GC Shropshire

Australian Spoons Regional Final 14th July at The Nottinghamshire

County Matches 22nd to 24th June at Hinckley GC

Ladies Championships known also as Queen of Clubs 24th August at Mickleover GC

Girls Championships 31st August at Leek GC

County second team Finals 28th August at Lincoln GC

Entry forms for these competitions are posted on the England Golf website under the competitions menu button. They will be available in the new year and I will also circulate a copy of the composite information sheet produced by the MNR group to all ladies' sections and this will also be on the county website.

At our last meeting the group were also made aware of issues that had arisen with regard to the use of buggies particularly in those competitions, such as the Australian Spoons and the Medal Finals, which are run by EG or MN reps who organise them on behalf of EG and they are qualifying events for national finals. These events have to run in accordance with the EG Transportation policy and I have distributed copies of the relevant sections to you with a link to the full policy on the EG website. As a rep's group we are aware of differences between club policies on the use of buggies and national competition policies. These differences have led to issues for entrants and for organisers, some of which were not pleasant for either party. We wish to avoid this happening in the future: The terms and conditions of competitions are always published on the entry forms and entrants sign the entry form after these, I am sure I am as guilty as others of giving the Terms and Conditions a cursory glance and then signing, however there is important information there particularly with regard to use of buggies. Please do go through this with entrants from your club to ensure they are aware of what they are signing up to and to enable them to take action should they need to. The MNR event organiser will also ensure that emails acknowledging entries will also clearly refer competitors to the Transportation Policy and ask that they check their situation if required. I must also stress that we cannot guarantee the number of buggies or availability at courses. See Transportation policy Appendix I

Our prime aim in drawing attention to these issues is to enable those who are representing their clubs to have an enjoyable day out with us and we are looking forward to meeting players from across the region during the 2020 season.

Moving on to England Golf matters. It has been, as I am coming to realise, another tumultuous year with vigorous debates particularly on the increase in affiliation fees, the introduction of the insurance scheme, the worldwide

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handicapping system and the independent golfer. This last matter is still the subject of intense discussion and disagreement between voting members, clubs and the proposals presented by EG. It will be debated again at the general meeting on December 11th and I will report the outcome, if any is reached, in the New Year.

I would like to conclude with thanks to my fellow MNR reps who have as ever been a joy to work with and also to thank all of the county officials for their support and patience, particularly their engagement with the interactive discussion meeting in July which was as new to them as it was to club representatives.

May I wish you a happy festive season and a successful golfing year for 2020.

Competition winners 2019

Regional Foursomes

1st Gross Helen Lowe and Julie Brown

2nd Gross Tracey Bourne and Jo Morris

3rd Gross Carolyn and Gemma Parkes Walley

1st Nett Lindsay Shaw and Janet Thomas

2nd Nett Debbie Deakin and Lesley Watson

3rd Nett Sian Mansey and Carol Wild

Australian Spoons

Sue Ratcliffe and Lynn Ellerton Market Drayton GC

Queen of Clubs

Joanne Morris Willesley Park GC

Girls Championships

Gross Champion Hannah Morris Chapel en le Frith GC

Nett Champion Lucy Moorhouse Ruddington Grange GC

England Golf Medal Final

National winner - Holly Compton East Brighton GC, Regional Final results not available

11. County Handicap Adviser's report

World Handicap System, WHS

The WHS is scheduled for introduction in November 2020.

I attended a seminar, with my assistant Maureen, on June 13th at Woodhall Spa where England Golf representatives delivered the full text of the proposed rules of Handicapping.

It is intended that with the introduction of WHS, golf will be more inclusive, accessible, consistent and portable. NCLGA and NGU are jointly delivering two information workshops to Notts clubs in February and 2 representatives from each of the Ladies' and Men's sections have been invited to attend. The first is at Sherwood Forest Golf Club on February 18th and the second at The Nottinghamshire Golf Club on February 25th. I hope all clubs have been able to book their places.

Following these workshops, clubs will be provided with a presentation to deliver to their members. County Handicap Advisers will be happy to attend and offer any assistance required.

Cleansing of your club handicap system

It is important to complete a full cleanse of your handicap system to ensure all non-members and those with 'Pending' status are removed and that all playing members have one active CDH number.

Instructions for CDH cleansing can be found on the England Golf Website, (go to Handicaps and Rules and CDH). Let me know if you have a problem locating the instructions and I will e-mail them to you.

UHS Compliance Checklist

To ensure consistency in the interpretation and application of the UHS, each club should conduct a self-audit on an annual basis using the compliance checklist found in the CONGU handbook under Appendix L. (p85 in the manual, p89 on-line manual)

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Annual Handicap Reviews

These need to be completed and relevant adjustments made prior to March 1st. Handicaps of all players should be reviewed complying with CONGU rules, not just those that appear on the Annual Review report provided by your Software Supplier, which is for guidance only.

Returning of scores

Clubs should encourage players to return all qualifying scores played on other courses where the rules of golf are followed. There will be an expectancy that this will continue under WHS.

The submission of supplementary scores is also to be encouraged in order to promote a handicap reflective of current playing ability prior to transition to WHS.

Except for Category 1 players, there is no limit to the number of supplementary scores that may be submitted.

Handicap Limits

There continues to be some discussion and debate regarding handicap limits in competitions and matches; in particular, Bronze and Silver Leagues.

In the past, clubs could set limits and players were able to play off a reduced handicap.

England Golf have stated that players MUST NOT be asked to compete off a handicap lower than that to which they are entitled. It is important to note that as an affiliated County, we are obliged to comply with this directive. The Executive Committee revised its limits and amended its rules for leagues and competitions prior to the 2019 golfing season.

As England Golf have not rescinded this directive, the restriction will remain in place and clubs should continue to comply.

I anticipate that 2020 will be a busy but interesting year with the changes that lie ahead.

My thanks go to all club Handicap Secretaries for your continuing hard work and if I can be of any assistance please don't hesitate to get in touch.

12. Lead Course Assessment Officer's report – from Helen Maber, presented by Jenny Smith

USGA COURSE RATING UPDATE

It has been a very busy year for us in the rating team as we have worked hard to complete the rating of as many courses in Nottinghamshire as possible in preparation for the introduction of the World Handicap System at the end of next year.

During the 2019 playing season, eight courses have been rated under the USGA system in Nottinghamshire by our mixed team which rated both men's and women's courses at: Brierley Forest, Coxmoor, Oakmere Admirals, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Springwater, Southwell, College Pines, Wollaton Park

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 courses rated in Nottinghamshire to 30 over the last five years. The only courses remaining to be rated are Edwalton, Leen Valley, Mansfield Golf Centre and Riverside, and we plan to complete these before the introduction of the new handicap system towards the end of next year.

It is very time-consuming to complete these ratings, and I am grateful for the help I have received this year from Jenny Smith who has been an invaluable member of the team.

I understand that England Golf will be issuing the new Course Ratings and Slopes to all courses in the first quarter of next year in preparation for the new handicap system and you may like to bear this in mind when ordering new score cards as these new values will be required to be shown on them under the new system.

Each assessment is time consuming often requiring several visits to be organised. Maureen Clarke thanked Helen and the team.

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13. Election of officers

Officer	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
President	Eva Glasby	Maureen Clarke	Kath Sharman
Captain	Helen Haycox	Carol Houghton	Clare Frame
Vice-Captain	Di Payne	Helen Haycox	Pam Loch
Assistant Vice-Captain	Audrey MacMillan	Di Payne	Janet Slater
Competition Secretary	Rosemary Lockwood	Julia Warrener	Clare Jones
Junior Organiser	Suzanne Taylor	Maureen Clarke	Jenny Smith
General Secretary	Dianne Whittaker	Maureen Clarke*	Carol Houghton
Assistant Gen Sec	Vacant		

* on behalf of Lynn Williams

Each proposer gave comment in support of their nominee. Each nominee gave response.

Lynn Williams submitted her official resignation from the General Secretary position. At her request Maureen Clarke read out the reasons for resignation being ill health. When first appointed Lynn had every intention of being long term General Secretary.

To continue in office

Jenny Smith (Treasurer) Sue Robinson (assistant competition secretary)

Advisers confirmed:

Val Dowthwaite – Handicap Adviser

Maureen Clarke Assistant - Handicap Adviser

Clare Jones - Representative to Midland North

Helen Maber - Lead course assessment Officer

Gillian Stump – Webmaster

14. Interclub draw for 2020

The draw was carried out by Maureen Clarke and Carol Houghton in front of the assembly. Byes and competing clubs were announced. Host clubs will be arranged and the full draw will be sent to all participating clubs and will be posted on the NCLGA website

15. Secretary's notes

(i) Match meals: Advice is that competing teams make mutually agreeable arrangements. Time of day, available funds, individual players' needs will differ from club to club

(ii) Website: being well used and will be updated over the winter with information as it becomes available.

Please email your open forms to Gillian for inclusion on the web site.

Thank you to Gillian for excellent and efficient work.

(iii) Dates for 2020 have been circulated.

Dates for 2020 meetings

16th March Sherwood

13th July Beeston

16th November Beeston AGM

(iv) Note change of date: for mixed interclub, 1st round Monday 27th April 2020

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16. Any other business

HCP limits: Email from Rushcliffe giving concerns about handicap limits and being unable to play with hcp less than actual was read out. As previously explained, it is an England Golf and CONGU directive so will continue. Handicap limits will be reviewed for 2021

17. Vote of thanks and presentation to the retiring captain.

Helen Haycox as incoming Captain thanked Carol Houghton for her year as Captain and presented a gift

Vote of thanks and presentation to the retiring president Maureen Clarke.

Carole Houghton presented a gift to Maureen then thanked her for their friendship that had developed, for knowing everything, knowing everyone, going to and supporting everything.

A gift was also presented to Julia Warrener as she resigned as Competition Secretary
Lynn Williams will be sent best wishes for improved health and a gift in recognition as she resigned as General Secretary

18. Close of meeting

Maureen thanked everyone who had played in her President's Day, Beeston Fields GC for being the AGM venue, the committee, and everyone for attending. She wished a happy and healthy 2020 for all

Meeting closed at 12.08

APPENDIX I

England Golf Transportation Policy – Extract

Full policy at <https://www.englandgolf.org/download/transportation-policy/>

Search on England Golf Website - Transportation Policy

Players should read and sign this document

3. PERSONS WHO SHALL USE A GOLF BUGGY

3.1 It shall be a Local Rule of any competition organised by England Golf, that players must walk at all times during a stipulated round unless permitted to use a golf buggy by a member of the Committee in accordance with this policy.

3.2 A golf buggy may be used by a player or a caddie who can provide a current medical certificate of disability in accordance with this policy and who has requested permission to use a golf buggy by the closing date for any competition which they seek to enter or caddie. Where the disability prevents the player from driving the buggy, they may nominate a third party to drive the buggy for them, they must be approved by the Committee in the event that permission is granted.

8. DEFINITIONS

8.1 'Disability' shall have the same definition as that contained in section 6 of the Equality Act 2010. A person has a disability, if they have either a physical or mental impairment and that impairment has a substantial and long term adverse effect of their ability to carry out normal day to day activities.

8.4 Valid medical confirmation shall mean a valid medical certificate from a registered general practitioner or consultant registered with the General Medical Council that the player or caddie is suffering from a disability.

17.11.19