

Nottinghamshire County Ladies Golf Association
Minutes of the 113th Annual General Meeting 2021
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The President, Mrs Eva Glasby, chaired the meeting

A minute's since was observed in memory of Marion Harris and Jane Brewer

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The secretary convened the meeting, there were 59 members present.

1, Apologies

14 apologies were received

2. To take as read and approve as a correct record the notes relating to the 2020 "AGM".

The notes found on the website were gathered by email communication 2020. This was necessitated by Covid-19 restrictions preventing a normal AGM. These were accepted and signed as a true record, proposed by Clare Jones, seconded by Josie Wake

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising

4. Captain's report – Helen Haycox

Madam President, County Officials, Club Officials and Ladies. It is a pleasure to welcome you to our first AGM since November 2019. It is an understatement but, it has been a difficult 2 years with many challenges that nobody could have foreseen.

I looked forward to the start of 2020 with a mixture of excitement topped off with a large helping of nerves.

Planning was in hand, and everything was set for an exciting year. Disaster - Covid 19 struck, it was all so disappointing, the golfing year was in tatters. After a long period of lockdown, we just about managed to hold the Autumn meeting at College Pines in a carefully modified way.

I can only empathise with the incoming Lady Captains and officials throughout the County – all that preparation, all that anticipation. For some it must have been a very difficult decision as to whether they could carry on for the extra year. I am fortunate that with the support of the county executive and my family I was able to carry on and even though it has been a more limited experience due to Covid, I have thoroughly enjoyed it.

Results

Firstly, congratulations to all those who have had success in our County Competitions this year, there are many of you. I'm not going to list all the winners here as these days all results are available on the website and we will enjoy seeing many of them collect their trophies after my report. But I would like to share with you some outstanding results and those events which have made this a noteworthy year.

We kicked off the season with the Sheffield Union match played at The Nottinghamshire in April. With Covid restrictions still being in place it was golf only and it was very good golf, we won all 5 of our matches. The team of Carol Houghton (The Nottinghamshire), Jorja Newbold (Oakmere Park), Caron Harrison (Sherwood Forest), Ava Waplinton (Coxmoor), Vicky Johnson (The Nottinghamshire), Leonie Muir (Wollaton Park), Libby Kilbride (Notts Ladies), Bernie Barton (The Nottinghamshire), Emma Anderson (Sherwood Forest) and Lucy Moorhouse (Ruddington Grange) were outstanding.

Next came the County Waltz which was well organised by Audrey MacMillan and took place at Oakmere. We were very well looked after at Oakmere and able to enjoy a good meal there. Happily, the weather was excellent as we had to eat outside and it would have taken a lot to dampen the spirits of all the ladies who were at last able to play a county comp. The County Waltz was won by Charlie Hall, Sue Brownson and Wendy Stretch of Southwell were in first place with a score of 71.

The Spring Meeting and County Championships were held at Hollinwell, once again the weather was kind except for one very spiteful storm during the knockout matches. We were still under Covid 19 restrictions and so the Clubhouse remained shut during the championships. Despite this, the event ran smoothly thanks to a lot of hard work going on in the background. Our thanks go to Hollinwell for making us so welcome also to Maureen Clarke for advising on the course set up and organising the referees. More assistance was provided by Lady Captain Pauline Tillcock, her army of spotters and Audrey MacMillan.

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This was the first event incorporating the World Handicapping System which did throw up a few challenges, but we got there in the end! Our County Champion was Libby Kilbride of Notts Ladies who beat Lauren Spray also of Notts Ladies in the final. Libby is now in the America at Jacksonville State University on a golf scholarship, and we wish her well.

Also of note was the exceptional Friday morning round played by Maddy Smith of Norwood Park who broke the course record with a gross 67. What a fabulous achievement.

The Coronation Cups took place on a pleasant day at Southwell Golf Course where we were made very welcome. This is an unusual course with the front nine inside the racecourse followed by a back nine with some very tricky greens. By this time Covid restrictions were easing, and we were allowed to experience some hospitality at this club as well. The winners of this event were Margaret Thorpe and Karen Donnelly of Ruddington Grange with a great score of 41.

The Notts Girls Championships took place at Wollaton on the 30th May taking the honours were Maddy Smith, Lexi Williams-Green of The Nottinghamshire, Libby Kilbride, and Elizabeth Wilson of Norwood Park. It has been said before but, we are fortunate that in this small county we have such emerging talent.

Then onto County Week which this year was held at Hinckley Golf Club in Leicestershire. The Leicestershire County committee worked very hard to put on a safe event and the organisation was excellent, the course was in great condition and presented a tough challenge for all the players.

The team representing Nottinghamshire was Libby Kilbride, Maddy Smith, Amelia Wan (Hollinwell), Vicky Johnson, Caron Harrison, Emma Anderson, Carol Houghton and Julie Revill (Sherwood Forest). Our team was made up of a mixture of youth and experienced seniors. They had to work hard and most of the team played 2 matches per day, the match results were overall very close. Excellent support and encouragement was provided by Eva Glasby our President, Audrey MacMillan Senior Vice Captain and Assistant Vice Captain Caron Harrison. We were lucky to have some very keen caddies and enthusiastic spectators during the week which was fantastic - so a big thank you to them.

On Day One our scheduled matches were Leicestershire in the morning and Staffordshire in the afternoon. A tough starting day, in truth I was more worried about the afternoon than the morning. But things don't always go the way you expect in Golf! We lost against Leicestershire 3 and 2 – it was close; we nearly got the half. However, we then beat Staffordshire 3 and 2. It was good to go into Day Two with that afternoon win so the team didn't dwell on the morning loss.

Day Two first Shropshire and then Derbyshire. The morning brought a convincing win of 4½ to a ½. In the afternoon we faced Derbyshire and the team came through again 3 and 2. We were second in the table at this point which was very positive.

Day Three and our greatest challenge – Lincolnshire. Unfortunately, we suffered our greatest defeat of 3½ to 1½. Our final placing was third with Leicestershire in second place and Lincolnshire winning.

Once the matches started, I can only describe feeling helpless on the side-lines watching the team perform, willing them to do well, enjoying their successes and commiserating when things didn't go to plan. Nevertheless, they all played well and gave it their best. It has been a pleasure to work with them and I can see a very bright future for our youngsters.

Everyone had warned me that it is a full on and tiring week, it certainly is, and I wouldn't have missed it. I arrived home shattered but pleased with our accomplishments.

This year 1st Team County Colours are awarded to: Emma Anderson, Carol Houghton, Vicky Johnson, Maddy Smith and Amelia Wan.

Onto the Summer Meeting which was played at Rufford Park Golf Club on a sunny day, this is a beautiful but difficult course. The views from the clubhouse are spectacular and once again we were made welcome here. Caron Harrison, Leslie Morris and Carole Bowles took most of the honours on that day.

Then there was County Captain's Day, the weather was beautiful but oh dear! A case of Covid caused havoc at the club and most of the young waiting staff had to go into isolation. The management assured me that the event could go ahead and that there would be a meal provided, well done to them for pulling it off. It was a lovely, hot and sunny day, the conditions for golf were fabulous. The winning team were Jan Hooley, Pam Musson, Elaine Shelton and Sue Evans of Stanton on The Wolds with a fantastic score of 91. I must thank the many members of

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staff, members of the executive, club members, friends and family who all helped on the day to make the event so successful despite all obstacles that were put in the way.

The Autumn Meeting took place at Stanton on the Wolds it was a warm September day, and I am sure that all the competitors enjoyed the course. As a result of another steady round Caron Harrison won the 36-hole aggregate scratch for both the Summer and Autumn meeting. The 36-hole handicap cup was won by Helena Bottomley of Stanton on the Wolds and our thanks go to Stanton on the Wolds for hosting us.

Then onto the lady's Interclub final which was played at Sherwood Forest between Coxmoor and Mapperley. Both sides played well but Mapperley took the honours on the day. The Mixed Interclub final was held at Coxmoor Golf Club on a fine September day between Wollaton and The Nottinghamshire. The Nottinghamshire played well and were victorious.

County Presidents Day was held at Radcliffe on Trent. I was due to play but unfortunately missed this as my husband had a fall and broke his leg on the Saturday. We were in Herefordshire at the time and rather stuck. I know that the event went very well and in first place on the day were Jan Hooley, Pam Musson, Angela Gibson and Si Hardwick of Stanton with a score of 79 points.

I am pleased to be able to report that both the Midland Vets and the Junior Girls have done very well this year, but I don't want to steal their thunder so I will let Andrea Stockdale and Sue Taylor share their successes with you.

Thanks

I cannot end this report without thanking the many people who have supported me over the last two years. All the members of the executive have worked hard, there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes but there is also huge amount of co-operation, friendship and support.

My thanks to Audrey, Senior Vice Captain who has ensured that I don't make too many daft mistakes – she has been a huge support along with the able assistance and experience of Caron Harrison Assistant Vice Captain. Thank you to Carol Houghton our past county captain who has always been available to listen and advise when needed. I would also like to thank her for asking me to be her Vice-Captain, it will be fun she said. It has been, but it has also been a huge honour.

To the many clubs throughout the county who have hosted our competitions this year and welcomed us – thank you. Thank you to our sponsors Acorn Windows and thank you, Ladies of the county for supporting County Golf and participating in the many competitions, I hope that you all continue to enjoy them. If I have missed anyone out – I apologise.

During my time as Captain, I have always felt that there has been much goodwill directed towards me and for that I am grateful. Despite Covid, the past two years have been an extremely positive experience, and I would encourage any lady who has the inclination to volunteer for the County Executive to have a go.

Finally – Good Luck to the incoming team of Audrey, Caron and Julie Revill, I will offer them whatever support I can but I know they will be awesome.

Helen Haycox - County Captain 2020/21

5. Presentation of trophies for 2021

Trophies for all competitions, silver, bronze and scratch league matches, were presented by the President. They were collected and signed for. Andrea Stockdale, who oversees the scratch league commented on scratch matches: division 1 was very competitive with some close matches. Notts Ladies were convincing winners winning all their matches. Some of the score lines didn't depict the matches. Players enjoy the opportunity to play matches whether evenings or weekends and clubs are encouraged to enter the league

We need clubs to give their working ladies and juniors an opportunity to play scratch golf at weekends or evenings. The silver/bronze don't provide this. They need encouraging to enter a team to provide this facility and make things inclusive for everything.

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6. Senior Vice-Captain's report - Audrey Macmillan

I didn't think I'd ever be saying how nice it is to be speaking to a room full of expectant faces, but after our difficult spell away, it's lovely to be here in front of you all!

It was an interesting and enjoyable 2nd Team Campaign. A little bit stressful at times getting the teams sorted, largely due to a compressed fixture list and later in the summer people finally being allowed to travel. I'm reliably told it was ever thus, so maybe the stress wasn't any worse than it is every season!

Results:

- i. 18th July. v Leicestershire at Lingdale lost 6.5 - 2.5 - exceptionally hot, an achievement just playing! A sterling effort from all concerned
- ii. 21st July v Leicestershire at Beeston lost 7 - 2 marked the debut of our youngest player, 11 year old Millie Marsh (Beeston member) Stole the show, Leicestershire wanted to take her home with them!
- iii. 3rd August v Lincolnshire at Norwood. lost. 5.5 - 3.5 close match, could have gone either way
- iv. 18th August. v Lincolnshire at Ashby Decoy lost. 5.5 - 3.5 very long day, grateful for players travelling, but such a good team atmosphere.

The results don't quite tell an accurate story. Although we lost all of the matches, the games were mostly extremely close, well-fought affairs, often finishing on the 17th or 18th. Throughout, our players battled hard and played some excellent golf, always with a fantastic sporting spirit. This year we had 10 debutants, and a total of 17 players from 9 different clubs took part over the four matches. While this had its drawbacks, perhaps lessening our consistency, it had the huge benefit of introducing new, keen players to the squad, thus deepening our pool for future seasons. Hopefully we will have gained lots of valuable experience!

Special mention to Bernie Barton from The Nottinghamshire who was an absolute stalwart for the team. She played in every match, but not only that was almost always sent out first. She was our Mrs Reliable but also Mrs Cheerful, thank you Bernie. You really were a fantastic asset to the team.

Next year things will hopefully be more normal, making planning easier. We aim to hold some training/practice sessions before the start of the season, ideally involving potential first and second team players, and including appropriate juniors where possible. We will need to coordinate with the Junior organisers so that our respective sessions complement each other. Watch this space.

As you know, the second team serves partly as a training ground for potential first team players, helping them gain valuable experience of team match play; but another reason we put energy into it is to provide an incentive for keen competitive players who may never quite aspire to the first team....maybe clubs can forward us the names of any of their members - approx single figures - who might be interested? I'm pretty confident that those who played this year relished it. (If they didn't, they're very good actors!)

I have thoroughly enjoyed running the team this season. It's been a real pleasure for me, and I'm sure for Caron too, to support the team from the side-lines. I'd really like to thank Caron for all her help. She is a wonderfully calm presence, very plain speaking, super-organised and also good fun. These days are long, so let me tell you, that is important! I'd also like to thank the Notts host clubs, Beeston and Norwood, who both made us so welcome and couldn't do enough for us. And of course, I'd like to thank our supporters, including officials, partners and parents, and last but not least the players themselves. See appendix II

7. Treasurer's report – Jenny Smith

Lady President, County Captain, and members of the Association our accounts display a very satisfactory year, and I don't think a year ago we could have predicted such a successful year. I have included the figures for the year 2019 to enable a more realistic comparison of our spending this year. Most of the figures are self-explanatory but I will give some explanations where it will make the income and expenditure clearer.

Affiliation Fees

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We increased the affiliation fees from £8 to £9.50 in 2019 in line with the decision made in 2017 to bring our membership fees in line with the NUGC. Because of the circumstances we have kept the fees at that level for the past two years. This year the number of lady playing members in the county has increased by 68 ladies and juniors by 28 although this latter figure is in doubt as juniors do not pay an affiliation fee and can be a member of more than one club. Could this possibly be a rare positive side effect of the Covid epidemic? Going forward the Executive Committee has decided to leave the fees as they are for 2021/22 ie £9.50. We will resume payment of team fees in 2022. The £60 shown was for clubs who did not make the payment in 2020. For your information the England Golf fees are also to stay the same ie £9.50 for the coming financial year.

County Competitions

I think the numbers for County Meetings reflected in the income are very promising despite the slow start we had due to all the restrictions. In the coming year we hope to plan for payment online for those who wish to use it. Hopefully this will help everyone and save regular trips to the bank.

County Week

The expenses for county week are considerably less than in 2019 due mainly to good housekeeping from the County and Vice-Captains. Also, the location of Hinckley Golf Club meant far lower travelling expenses. However, the reclaiming of money for cancelled rooms from Premier Inn hotels has proved to have a very high slope rating! After 15 weeks of phone calls and emails the sum of £177 has been paid into the bank but sadly not in time to appear in this year's accounts.

Juniors

The Junior Section has again profited from a donation from The Tasker Trophy competition. We are extremely grateful for this donation and would encourage every club to enter the competition. The Notts Golf Partnership through England Golf Development has again given us £1345 for junior coaching but unfortunately it came too late to feature in this year's accounts. Sadly, the main money earner, the mixed event earlier in the year, was cancelled so I think overall the junior section have financially managed very well.

We do envisage higher costs next year, to include more overnight stays for senior and junior teams. The venues for some of the matches involve over 90 minutes travelling time and to play 2 rounds of golf after that starting at 8.30am is a difficult ask.

USGA Payments

There have been no ratings of courses this year and the £200 was for a course rated in 2020.

President's Day

The expenses shown for this competition are in the main for the payback of competition fees refunded after cancellation of the event last year. This year's figures will be reflected in next year's balance sheet. I can say however it looks possible that this year's event made a profit of just over £1000 which is used to help county teams throughout the year.

Expenses

A large proportion of expenses have been spent on insurance, website fees, a new computer and software to allow us to install all the necessary information for the World Handicapping System and again trophy engraving and repairs, and I think you will agree looking at the trophies that this money has been well spent. We are still awaiting the bill for this year's engraving and renovations.

As you are probably aware from the advertising on the website I have decided to 'retire' from the role of treasurer. So now the County do need someone to volunteer to take over as Treasurer and I would once again appeal to all of you here to ask at your clubs if there is a willing person to take over this role. We need someone who is interested in joining the team, who can run an Excel spreadsheet and take over the running of the finances of the

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Association. It does not take up huge amounts of time, it's a great way of being part of County Golf and I would highly recommend it. So please can you encourage any likely members of your own clubs or indeed anyone here today to contact me for more information.

I would like to express my thanks to Sue Northridge, the auditor who is also stepping down, for her help with the auditing of the accounts these past 8 years and to wish her well in the coming year as Lady Captain at BFGC.

I took on the role of treasurer from Helen Maber, a tough act to follow, not having a lot of background in accounts. However, I thought to myself and to quote Dr Seuss 'you have brains in your head, feet in your shoes and you can steer yourself in any direction you choose.' So, after 7 years of steering Excel spreadsheets, I can honestly say how much I have learnt and enjoyed being part of a team and would like to thank the County Captains, Presidents and members of the Executive Committees past and present for their unerring support but mostly for their friendship.

Accounts see appendix I. I propose that the accounts for 2020/21 be adopted. Seconded by Kath Sharman. Accounts were accepted and approved

8. County Junior Organiser's report – Susie Taylor

Well never been one to mess about. We did it That is we won the Midland North Region Scratch League

Our girls from the very first match were focussed and determined. They had all worked extremely hard throughout the last 2 years and deserved to receive that trophy. A bit of a scare on the final match when we lost Amelia Wan and Maddie Smith to England golf duty but the team of Junior Captain Ava Waplinton, Jorja Newbold, Elizabeth Wilson, Lucy Moorhouse, and Amelia Hogg were up to the task of securing the win

The handicap team of Annie Bowman, Katie Bowman, Maddison Clarke, Millie Marsh, Lexi Williams-Green and Harriet Williams played really well all season and came in fourth.

However, both of the teams came together at the end of the season to beat the County Boys.

So all in all a very successful season.

We were delighted to receive further funding for the development of our Nottinghamshire Junior Girls again this year from England Golf and The Taskers. Your entries into the Tasker competitions really do help our funding so please consider entering a team or even 2 !

This funding also made it possible to achieve with the help of our Pro Richard Strange, a significant reduction in handicaps, a great team spirit and still open our coaching to all girls in Nottinghamshire with or without a handicap and without charge.

We would also really appreciate you taking part in our AM-AM fundraiser on Sunday April 3rd at Ruddington. The entry forms are available.

This year's County scratch team colours were awarded to Lucy Moorhouse and Elizabeth Wilson with handicap colours to Annie Bowman, Katie Bowman, Amelia Hogg, Millie Marsh and Lexi Williams-Green

Maddie Smith will be our Junior Captain next year with Jorja Newbold her Vice-Captain

Finally, my thanks to everyone who has helped with the juniors this year. The girls, Suzi Anderson and I very much appreciate your support.

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

9. Competition secretary's report – Rosemary Lockwood

It is wonderful to be able to read my report in front of you all, after a full year of county competitions, well supported by all the lovely Nottinghamshire ladies.

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Starting with the leagues, in the Scratch league, we had 9 clubs playing in 3 divisions, with 3 ladies in each team. Thank you to Andrea Stockdale for running this league for us.

In the Silver league we had 20 teams playing in 5 divisions

In the Bronze league we had 21 teams playing in 6 divisions.

As in previous years divisions E & F in both leagues play in teams of 5 ladies whereas all the other divisions A to D play in teams of 7 ladies.

There will however be a change to the handicap limits for silver & bronze leagues

For 2022, The silver league will be handicap index up to 19.5 inclusive

The bronze league will be handicap index 16 to 36 inclusive.

This change will bring the handicap limits to each league back to somewhere near where they were before the present handicap system was introduced.

Matches as always will be played in strict handicap order.

All the county competitions went ahead this year and my thanks go to all the ladies who came and supported these events.

For 2022, The County Waltz will be held at Wollaton Park on Monday 11th April

The County championship and Spring meeting will be held at Sherwood Forest on Friday 13th May, with the championship knockouts on Sat 14th & Sun 15th.

New for 2022, ladies will enter either one or other event on this day and therefore each event will now have its own prize structure. Extra prizes will be added to both competitions to allow for this change.

The Coronation Cups will be held at Springwater on Monday 6th June

The Summer & Vets meeting will be held at Norwood Park on Monday 4th July

The Autumn meeting will be held at Rushcliffe on Monday 5th September

We would very much like all clubs to promote these county competitions, there are prizes for both silver & bronze divisions at both the summer & Autumn meetings and it's a great way to meet lady golfers across the county.

Thank you to all clubs who have hosted county competitions this year and have all made us feel so welcome.

Finally, I would like to thank Sue Robinson for all her help organising the leagues and helping me run this year's competitions. Your help has been invaluable.

Thank you

10. Midland North Representative's report – Clare Jones

I am delighted to present my report for 2021. I will begin with the individual MNR competitions played in 2021. There were two highlights to the season for those representing the county, the first of these being Elizabeth Wilson's success in winning the England Medal Finals at Woodhall Spa. I was fortunate to be able to witness at first hand her winning round at the regional final at Belton Park - I hasten to add I was caddying and not playing - I was impressed with her calm and mature approach to her golf and wish Elizabeth every success as she continues her golfing journey.

Secondly, I have also to congratulate, Josie Connolly and Penny Richardson of Ruddington Grange GC, who represented the county and the region at the Australian Spoons national final. Josie and Penny won the regional final on their home course and although we always talk of having home advantage it is not always easy to turn this

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into a win. Josie and Penny reported back on how much they had enjoyed their experience at the national final where they came a very creditable third. I must also thank Ruddington Grange for their support in hosting the regional final, the club staff, Lady Captain, Ginny and the ladies could not have been more helpful and welcoming and I received very positive feedback on the day and after the competition.

The Queen of Clubs competition was held at Mickleover GC and was won by Ellise Ryder from Lincolnshire. Lucy Moorhouse representing Ruddington Grange came third, just missing out on second place on count back and Vicki Johnson from The Nottinghamshire was also in the gross prize list.

The Girls Championships were played at Leek GC in August with the 36-hole competition being won by Tilly Garfoot from Lincolnshire and the 18 hole winner was Kiran Bains from Staffordshire. The junior calendar is increasingly busy and the MNR event has suffered a little in terms of entries because of this. I know that it isn't possible for the girls to play in everything but the MNR competition can offer a first taste of meeting and playing with juniors from across the region.

Our first event for 2021, the Fourball Better-Ball competition, which was intended to replace the Regional Foursomes, was postponed from April to October but due to low entry numbers we were unable to run the competition. The MNR representatives will discuss the future of this competition at our next meeting on the 22nd November.

The MNR competition dates and venues for 2022 are:

Individual Competitions:

Medal Finals June 9th at Stanton on the Wolds GC

Australian Spoons July 19th at Shrewsbury GC

Competition information and entry details for these two competitions are sent directly to clubs by England Golf usually between December and February.

Girls Championships August 7th at Holme Hall GC

Queen of Clubs August 22nd at Coxmoor GC

Entry forms will be available to download from the England Golf and NCLGA websites by February 2022.

Team Competitions

County Finals June 20th -22nd at Trentham GC - supporters wearing Nottingham Red are always welcome at the County Finals and I can guarantee you will see some excellent golf.

County Second Team Finals September 1st at Horsley Lodge GC

As the England Golf Voting Member for NCLGA I have continued to represent the county and participate in national discussions as England Golf moved swiftly to regular online meetings and updates during the pandemic. I have also represented the region on the Independent Golfer Working party and continue to do so following the launch of the IG scheme in July. Before the scheme details were finalised I Chaired an online meeting for county representatives from the region with senior staff from England Golf, including the Chief Executive Jeremy Tomlinson. The discussion and Q&A session was I believe useful and allowed us to ask a range of questions about the IG initiative.

Alongside the continuing development and focus on the WHS, which Val will report on in more detail, England Golf also remain committed to the development of women and girls golf through initiatives such as Girls Golf Rocks, Women on Par and the Women in Golf Charter.

It is still a sobering fact that the average age of female club members is over 60, yet the interest in golf especially once females have "had a go" through taster sessions or coaching academies is out there. Our Club Support Officer, Emily Rowbottom, is here today and I am sure would be very happy to talk to any of you about how she can help your section and club to grow the women's game.

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Safegolf accreditation remains a very important priority, especially given some of the issues in this area being faced by other sports. There are 14 clubs in the county still to achieve full accreditation. If your club is in this position please do encourage them to complete this vitally important accreditation.

As we emerge from the challenges of the last two years I can also announce that with the agreement of the County President and new County Captain I will be discussing with Emily, NCLGA becoming a signatory to the Women in Golf Charter, and will be reporting back to the Executive on this at its next meeting.

Thank you for your support for MNR events during the last year, my regional colleagues and I have greatly appreciated the efforts made by clubs to reschedule competitions and send players to our competitors. We look forward to seeing you in 2022

11. County handicap adviser's report – Val Dowthwaite

The WHS is now well and truly embedded in the running of our clubs.

It has been a steep learning curve for us all, but I have been kept well informed of updates by EG which I have been able to forward to handicap secretaries as bedtime reading.

Acceptable Score Submissions for Handicap Purposes are to be encouraged but golfers must ensure they comply with Rule 2 of the WHS Rules of Handicapping. They must declare their intent to submit a score via the EG App, or via the relevant process defined at the club where the round will be played. They should follow the Rules of Golf, play over a tee set with a current CR and SR and in an authorised format of play, over a minimum number of holes.

A committee may accept a score which was not pre-registered if all other criteria has been met.

Players should be reminded that an electronic return of a score has the same status as a physical scorecard and the score must be verified by the marker as soon as possible after play. Any player who uses acceptable scores for the purpose of manipulating their HI will be subject to disciplinary action by the club.

There are concerns regarding the large number of Unsatisfied Score Intents being created by players. These could be down to user error/lack of understanding or disregard for the system, but players should be made aware that all score intents should be satisfied and those players not complying, could be subject to Penalty Scores.

Penalty scores are applicable where a score is incomplete, a player persistently fails to return an appropriate score, or handicap manipulation is suspected.

There are very detailed Guidance Notes on the application of Penalty scores on the EG website together with some interesting FAQs which I recommend to you as further bedtime reading.

The more information a player includes on a scorecard, the better, but a player would be disqualified if the CH was omitted. It is also important to remember to play to the CH and not the PH as the Adjusted Gross Score can be affected, particularly in Par, Bogey and Stableford competitions, if a player picks up too soon.

During winter months there are various situations such as course conditions and maintenance plans where holes may be closed and declared out of play. In these circumstances, the committee may decide to declare some holes out of play and could also still have a requirement for up to 2 temporary greens. These scores continue to be acceptable for handicap purposes – the golfer would follow rule 3.2 of the Rules of Handicapping, 'When a Hole is not Played', with the software calculating and awarding an adjusted gross score accordingly.

A 'Hole Not Played' is only to be used in an unavoidable circumstance. It is not a choice available to the player if it is raining or they are not playing particularly well. A player may not just decide to walk in.

Circumstances where a 'Hole Not Played' may be used are as follows: work on a hole, hours of available light, becoming ill or injured or being called off the course in an emergency.

The returned scorecard should be processed using the actual scores achieved on the holes completed and designating those not played as 'not started'. This process will correctly allocate the required score for handicapping.

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The EG Women's Medal is now awarded for the aggregate of the best 4 of any complete 18-hole competition score returned over the year. This report will be available on the Club Platform in January 2022. This is to enable those clubs who are holding acceptable score competitions throughout the whole year as EG recommend, to continue to do so and those scores be included in the result.

Should any club need an interim report for awarding an internal EG Medal Prize, this can only be found through the County WHS Platform. I can forward an interim result to a Club if needed for your own prize presentation.

The Handicap Review process, which should take place before the end of December, has been slightly amended this year. Only those players who are flagged up in the report on the EG Club Platform should be considered for review. There is however provision for reviewing players whose ability may have been affected by long term illness or injury or those who have been winning a disproportionate number of competitions which do not count for handicap.

It is assumed that players who return a reasonable number of acceptable scores should be correctly handicapped through their own averaged best score returns.

I have been asked whether competitions played with a restricted number of clubs are acceptable scores for handicap. Any score for handicap must be played under the Rules of Golf. As the Rules of Golf allow a player 14 clubs, any limit imposed by the competition committee makes that competition non-qualifying.

There will be no changes to the County Handicap Advisory Team for 2022. I will remain as County Handicap Advisor with Maureen Clarke as my assistant.

There will be a vacancy for Assistant Handicap Advisor at the end of 2022.

Thank you everyone for your queries during 2021; keep them coming and I will endeavour to respond as quickly and in as much detail as possible.

I would now like to invite Helen Maber Lead Course Assessment Officer, to address the meeting.

USGA Course Rating Update – Helen Maber

When COVID hit in 2020, we had rated 31 of the 33 courses in Nottinghamshire. We were unable to carry out any ratings in 2020, so Leen Valley and Mansfield Woodhouse were given provisional ratings by England Golf. This allowed them to operate under the new WHS system until COVID allowed us to get out on the course again.

This year we have completed the rating of these final two courses, so now all Nottinghamshire courses have full USGA ratings compliant with the introduction of the new WHS system.

In addition, this year we have re-rated Trent Lock which had made significant changes to its course, ready for implementation at the beginning of the next playing season. This was the first of the county courses to be re-visited.

From now on, we are on a ten-year rolling programme to re-rate our courses, starting next year and we have formulated a rough plan to visit three or four courses each year in the order in which they were originally rated. This may be subject to change if we are approached by individual courses to bring forward their re-rating because of any significant changes to the course.

Rating is a labour-intensive job and I am very grateful once again to Jenny Smith who has proved an invaluable helper to me this year.

12. Election of officers

Officer	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Captain	Audrey MacMillan	Helen Haycox	Pauline Tillcock
Vice-Captain	Caron Harrison	Audrey MacMillan	Suzanne Taylor
Assistant Vice-Captain	Julie Revill	Caron Harrison	Gillian Stump

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Treasurer Vacancy
Assistant Gen Sec Vacancy
Each proposer gave comment in support of their nominee.

The Vice-Captain's brooch was passed on to Caron Harrison

The Captain's brooch was handed over by Helen Haycox as retiring Captain to Audrey Macmillan who responded. Thank you, Helen. I've had a very good example to follow. So no excuses if I mess it up!

I am looking forward to my year as Captain - although my face/demeanour may not always show it! I think we should have a great team in 2022. By that I mean both our competing Teams, and we certainly have a lot of exciting talent coming through - and also our team of Officials - us lot, Caron, Julie, Eva and the rest of the executive committee.

Now we are sort of getting used to the new WHS system, and have more or less weathered the storms (of pandemic etc.) we will hopefully be in a good place to move forward. Various interesting initiatives from EG etc. We've got lots of great comps in 2022, at some nice courses.

I'm optimistic it's going to be a good year for golf. Remind me I said this next November!!

To continue in office

Sue Robinson (assistant competition secretary) Dianne Whittaker (general secretary) Rosemary Lockwood (Comp secretary) Suzanne Taylor (junior organiser)

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

All positions we approved by members present

13. Website and communications – Gillian Stump

The NCLGA website is kept up to date and members are encouraged to check on information and entry to competitions. It is hoped that online entry to County Competitions, with payment by bank transfer, will be possible by December 2021 ready for the 2022 season

14. Interclub draw

The draw was carried out by Eva Glasby, President, 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 – Dianne Whittaker

(i) Interclub: Tee times to be arranged with host clubs for 1.30pm or close to. If competing clubs wish to rearrange for a different time then they may if both sides agree and if host club can accommodate. If there is no mutual agreement then tee times remain as arranged. Venues will be arranged as soon as possible

(ii) Schedule 2022: County fixtures previously circulated.

(iii) Vacancies: Treasurer, assistant secretary and assistant to handicap adviser. Please email secretary with any enquiries

(iv) Thanks: to Beeston Fields GC for hosting the AGM

A gift was presented to Jenny Smith as retiring treasurer

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16. Vote of thanks

A gift was presented to Jenny Smith as retiring treasurer. Jenny thanked everyone for their help and encouragement, it had been a good learning experience

Audrey Macmillan presented a gift to the retiring Captain, Helen Haycox with thanks for being a captain and for keeping positive through tough times. Helen responded saying she had enjoyed it and gave best wishes for 2022

17. Close of meeting

The President closed the meeting at 12.12

AOB

Further questions/comments were invited to take to the next exec meeting. None received
Josie Wake thanked the committee for its work supporting clubs and county golf

APPENDIX I

Accounts for 2021 AGM



AGM statement of
Assets and Liabilities



AGM Receipts and
Payments Account 20

APPENDIX II Second team players 2021

Squad	Club	No. of appearances
Bernie Barton	The Nottinghamshire	4
Charlie Inger	The Nottinghamshire	2
Claire Wilson	Norwood	2
Julie Revill	Sherwood Forest	2
Lesley Morris	The Nottinghamshire	2
Millie Marsh	Beeston Fields	2
Suzi Anderson	Sherwood Forest	2
Audrey Macmillan	Norwood	1
Ava Waplinton	Coxmoor	1
Bev Cook	The Nottinghamshire	1
Cheryl Gee	Serby Park	1
Hailey Laverty	The Nottinghamshire	1
Lizzie Wood	Radcliffe-on-Trent	1
Lorraine Howd	Ruddington Grange	1
Lynne Inman	Norwood	1
Jan Calder	Sherwood Forest	1
Rosemary Lockwood	Wollaton	1