

## **NCLGA Council Meeting Minutes**

**10.30 am Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at Beeston Fields Golf Club (NG9 3DD)**

### **Participants.**

NCLGA Council Members and Ladies Secretaries from Nottinghamshire clubs.

1. Apologies

Received from Secretaries from Serlby Park, Rushcliffe, Rufford, Springwater, Mapperley, Worksop, College pines, Nottingham City, Ramsdale, The Orchards, Norwood Park, Trent Lock and Junior organiser Emma Howie

2. Previous Minutes and Matters arising.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true record and were signed by the President.  
There were no matters arising.

3. Captain's Report

We are now well into the season and I have plenty of competitions to report on.

The opening event of the season was the traditional match against the Sheffield Union ladies.

This year it was hosted by them at the Walton golf club Chesterfield on the 10th April.

It is a special year for the union ladies as they celebrate their 50th anniversary, so it made their day that they beat us by 4 matches to 1.

However, there were some close matches and we had an enjoyable meal afterwards with our opponents.

The next event in April was the first of our fund raising competitions, the county waltz Stableford which was played at Wollaton Park on 24th April. We are grateful to the members for supporting us with the courtesy of the course.

The winners were a team from Notts ladies Carol Wild, Sharon Coyne and Janet Slater with a score of 78 points.

We raised £1445 towards the expenses of our 1st and 2nd teams matches. This included £254 raised from a bottle raffle.

Thank you to everyone who entered the event and supported the bottle raffle and to everyone who helped towards running the event both on the day and before.

Special thanks to Jane Fowler who received the entries and produced the draw.

Also this month congratulations go to Andrea Stockdale and Sue Penfold of Sherwood Forest Golf club for winning the 36 holes Midland foursomes competition at the Burton on Trent golf club with a total nett score of 162.

In May we had our county championship and spring meeting event.

This year it was played at Coxmoor on Friday 15th May through to Sunday 17th.

Due to the low numbers entering the qualifying rounds in recent years it was decided to trial only having 8 qualifiers for the match play. This proved to be the right way forward as we only had 13 entries for the 36 hole qualifying round.

The top qualifier was Lauren Spray of Notts ladies golf club with rounds of 77 and 71 gross.

Lauren also reached the final of the match play where her opponent was Rachel Boulton from Springwater golf club.

It was an exciting final with the lead changing hands several times mainly because of the players scoring birdies. However Rachel regained the lead towards the end of the round with birdies on the 14th and 15th and was 2 up after 16 holes, eventually winning by 2up on the 18th to take the title for the first time.

We had 34 additional entries for the spring meeting played along side the morning round of the championship qualifying round.

The best nett score of the day was 69 in the afternoon by Michelle Duckmanton of Sherwood Forest golf club playing off 11 handicap. Michelle also won the trophy for the best 36 holes nett score with 76 and 69 totalling 145.

A more detailed report of the prize winners and qualifiers will be given at the AGM.

Thanks to Coxmoor for the courtesy of the course. There were many compliments praising the excellent condition of the course and the scores also enhance this.

Again thank you to everyone who helped in running the competition before and during the event.

The beginning of June saw our county coronation Stableford foursomes competition take place at the Oakmere Admirals course. Congratulations go to Alison Harold and Bernie Barton of the Nottinghamshire golf club who were successful in defending their title with 34 points.

It was a memorable day for me as I had a hole in one on the 8th and with my partner Maureen Clarke managed to come 3rd with 33 points even though she was playing with borrowed clubs! We lost out on the back 9 to the runners up J Rowe and Lesley Morris also of the Nottinghamshire.

Thank you to Oakmere Admirals for hosting the event and to everyone who contributed to the successful day.

Last week saw a special event for me as captain as it was the week of the Midlands north inter-county first team matches where Notts play against teams from Staffordshire, Leicestershire and Rutland, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire and Shropshire. The format being 3 foursomes games in the morning and 6 singles in the afternoon played off scratch against the opposing county for that day.

This year it was played at the Enville golf club Highgate course in Staffordshire - a delightful course which required a great deal of course management by the players to keep the ball out of trouble.

I had a great team of players Rachel Boulton (our champion), Emily Cheshire, Esme Hamilton, Emma Howie, Emily Lyle, Emma Newlove, Sophie Newlove, Jodie Peacock and Lauren Spray with tremendous support from our president Joan Underwood and my vice captains Pam Loch and Helen Maber.

It was very hot weather and Pam and Helen were kept busy driving me round in the buggy and keeping the players cool with regular supplies of iced water.

On day 1 we narrowly lost to Staffordshire by 3.5 games to 5.5 with many games going to the last 2 holes. It is difficult playing the home team so early in the tournament.

However the players kept up their determination and on day 2 beat Leicestershire and Rutland by 6 games to 3.

Then on day 3 they followed this up with a win over Derbyshire by 5 games to 4.

At this stage Lincolnshire were the only county with a 100 percent record having beaten their 3 opponents. We had 2 wins along with Staffordshire who had been beaten by Lincolnshire.

The 4th day was a crucial day for Notts as they came up against Lincolnshire and had to beat them if we were to stand a chance of winning the trophy.

Notts got off to a great start by winning all 3 foursomes games unlike in previous matches where they were usually 2 - 1 down.

Then in the afternoon they maintained their usual pattern of strong singles play winning 4.5 games. A brilliant result, we had beaten Lincolnshire by 7.5 games to 1.5.

So now there were 3 teams all with 3 wins over their opponents and Notts were top by virtue of the game points won. We had 22, Staffordshire had 20.5 and Lincolnshire had 18.5.

The final day proved to be one of the most exciting for many years. Notts were playing against Shropshire and all the 3 teams in contention won their foursomes by 2 games to 1 so Notts retained their 1.5 game point advantage into the afternoon singles.

After Notts had won the top 3 singles games we knew that we had reached our target of beating 4 counties and therefore the outcome would depend on the number of game points won.

We didn't know whether to trust the feedback that our nearest rivals Staffordshire had won their match by 6 games to 3 and so their total points were 26.5 whereas we had 27.

Eventually Pam came back with the confirmation and we had taken the trophy for the first time since the year 2000! We even took another singles point to win the match 6 - 3. There were great celebrations after the presentation with Joan and I getting doused with champagne!

Notts now go forward to another week of matches at the county finals to play against each of the winning counties from the regions of Midlands South, the North, the East, the South and the South West. These matches are to be played at Frilford Heath golf club from September 14th to 18th with the practice day on the 13th. Your support will be most welcome.

Special mention must be made that Emily Lyle won all of her 5 singles matches and was presented with her county first team colours along with Rachel Boulton, Jodie Peacock and Sophie Newlove.

Thank you to everyone who sent their good wishes and cards and to those who came to support. I am indebted to the support received from Joan, and Pam and Helen over the week and from the players who got on so well together. I have received many congratulations since the event but I feel the success is the result of the efforts made by our previous captains, committees and junior committees as well as our current committee.

The next competition will be the summer and veterans medal at Sherwood Forest Golf Club on the 13th July. We are having a raffle in aid of cancer research and any prizes towards this are most welcome please.

Then on 27th July I have my Captain's day am-am at Coxmoor golf club to raise money towards running the county first and second teams. This is a full field of 40 teams and again your support of a raffle to boost the funds is much appreciated.

I am indebted to my committee and the extra assistance from the host clubs for all the work that goes into running the competitions.

It is no mean task to receive the entries, produce the draws, bank the money, buy the prizes, issue the cards, start the players off, work out the results, cater for us, provide an excellent course to play on, keep us informed on the website, update us with the rules.

Thank you to everyone for your support

#### 4. Vice Captains' Report

Not a lot to report as we have not played any of our 2<sup>nd</sup> team matches yet.

Following County week we can now get teams of available players together for the upcoming matches.

These start on July 19<sup>th</sup> with a home match v Leics. at Rushcliffe, followed on July 29<sup>th</sup> with a home match v Lincs. at Radcliffe. Away matches are on August 11<sup>th</sup> v Lincs. at Stoke Rochford followed on August 16<sup>th</sup> v Leics. at Lingdale.

I would ask if any of you are aware of any good young players at your club with a handicap of 12 or below who you think we should be considering for County 2<sup>nd</sup> team selection to please inform Helen Maber, my asst. vice, or myself.

It is a great introduction to County golf and a way of gaining valuable experience for County 1<sup>st</sup> team play.

#### 5. Handicap Advisers Report

NCLGA Council Meeting Monday 6 July 2015 at Beeston Fields Golf Club commencing 10.30 a.m. - County Handicap Adviser's Report

Madam President, Madam Captain, Ladies

The following proposals have been agreed in principle for inclusion in the 2016-19 CONGU UHS.

#### **Competition/Non Competition Handicaps**

All Unions, England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, men and women, will use the `c` marker to indicate Competition Handicaps.

#### **4BBB handicap allowance**

From 1st January 2016, the handicap allowance for 4BBB will be 90% i.e. 9/10ths which will be mandatory.

#### **Exceptional Scoring Reductions/Increases**

Exceptional Score Increases, as well as reductions, will be flagged up at a player's Home club so those players with declining ability will have more opportunity for an increase.

#### **Re-Activation of handicap**

It has been agreed that the 3 cards for re-activating a handicap will be entered into the Handicap Record, and the handicap adjusted (as it is now) but prior to the handicap being re-activated a flag will appear indicating that the handicap should be reviewed to ensure correct allocation.

#### **Re-Allocation of handicap**

A player will have a period of 12 months to reinstate his/her membership, without losing any previously held handicap. If the player's handicap is marked with a `c` due to scores returned in the previous year this will also be reinstated.

#### **Reference Date**

It has been agreed that one fixed date of 1st January will be used as a reference date for all aspects of the handicap system.

#### **Preferred Lies**

Unions will be given full discretion over the period for use of preferred lies.

#### **Supplementary Scores**

From 2016 these can be played at any Away/Second club within Great Britain.

It is hoped that this will give players the opportunity to increase the number of scores in their player's record to ensure they are correctly handicapped. Nine hole supplementary scores will be acceptable with a possible change to additional points. Maybe players will receive equal points to those achieved on the 9 holes played, instead of the 18 additional points received at the moment. All the usual rules will apply.

#### **Maximum Handicap**

Increases to maximum handicaps were being considered but these increases might not now take place as so many officials and players have been opposed to them.

Maureen Clarke  
County Handicap Adviser

## **6. Financial**

Report

### **NCLGA Financial Report 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

The accounts are in good order with the following balances at 30<sup>th</sup> June:

Current Account:       £6,635

Deposit Account:       £31,136

These balances are somewhat overstated for a couple of reasons.

Although our accommodation expenses at Enville were included in last year's accounts as the hotel was paid early, these figures do not take into account the recent expenses for County Week which are still being accounted for.

Also, the balances include the entry fees for the remaining 2015 county competitions but not the corresponding expenses which are still to come.

Affiliation Fees have now been paid by all but two clubs. Many clubs have this year paid by internet banking and this has been very helpful. The increase to £5 per head has been timely as it has given us additional income just at the time we need it to cover not only County Week but also the forthcoming County Finals in September.

I am delighted to confirm that we have now found a willing volunteer to take over as Treasurer from the AGM. Glenys Priestley from Chilwell will be taking over the role and we look forward to welcoming her to the Executive.

Helen Maber

Treasurer

## 7. Midland North Report

I think that for me, the highlight of my midlands north rep's year so far, has been attending the England Golf Conference. It was held at the Hinkley Island Hotel over 2 days in April, and once my sat nav had finally got me there, and I eventually found somewhere to park my car, it proved to be a very informative and up beat 2 days. Not only was it attended by the voting members, but also by representatives from the unions, associations, the county golf partnership, and the PGA. The first morning session was very slickly presented by Di Dougherty from Sky Sports, and Colin Mansbridge from the BBC. It took the form of a series of short films and interviews, showing the positive things that had been achieved across the country, in getting more people into golf. Nottinghamshire was mentioned in this when Paul Thornton was interviewed about Norwood Park's initiative to get more ladies into golf called 'the pink ladies'. This was later followed by a short film shot by England Golf at Norwood Park.

Another interview which I found quite interesting was one on 'segmentation', which seems to be one of the current buzz words this year. Current golfers who are those who had played within the last 12 months, form 9% of the population. Lapsed golfers, those who have played within the last 5 years, but not within the last year, account for 8% of the population. And then there are the latent golfers who may have played, but not within the last 5 years, or may wish to play. We need to tap into this group to get more people playing golf.

There was an interesting interview from 'my time active' who run golf courses in the south and the midlands on behalf of local authorities. They arrange golf in the park, on pitch and putt facilities, and then encourage the participants to move into golf.

After lunch I attended the AGM of England Golf, when new members, and the president elect were voted onto the board. The president elect is Marian Rae, who is a member at Lindrick Golf Club, which is not too far from us. Discussions included payment of the £2.50 fee to the LGU, ( this money is currently used to stage the Curtis Cup and other championships such as the Coronation Foursomes.) We also discussed a possible reduction in mileage allowance paid by England Golf, both to staff and volunteers. There was a report from sky lab, who are looking into our existing digital needs, and exploring new possibilities including new web sites, mobile apps, social media and digital advertising. Extra funding would be needed for this, but at this point was not passed.

There was also more feedback from David Portas, on the Governance and Affiliation review, which is an ongoing exercise looking at how England Golf is governed.

The special achievement awards were presented by Di Dougherty in the evening.

On the second day I could choose to attend 2 workshops. The choice was many and varied, and I could have happily attended all of them. I did however make my choice, and attended the 'women and girls into golf' workshop, where I learnt among other things, about 2 interesting initiatives. There is one called 'this girl can' which has a web site with a dedicated golf page, and a trial which has been done in Essex called 'Girls Golf Rocks'. one of the things the girls were allowed to do was to take 'selfies' when they were being coached. These went straight onto their social media pages, and hence reached out to hundreds more girls, some of who then wanted to try golf for themselves. Information about women and girls into golf can be downloaded from 'England golf Clubhouse'

website, your general manager will have your password. There is also a Recruitment and Retention booklet available from The England Golf Shop online. The other workshop that I attended was about Congu and Course rating, which I know that some of you will have attended when it was brought round the regions, and that Maureen has already covered in her report.

As well as attending the Conference, I have also been to 2 other meetings in the midlands about the Governance and Affiliation Review. David Portas and his team are conducting this review in order to make recommendations to England Golf. These regional meetings are to get the opinions and ideas from as many people as possible to decide on the best way forward. There will be 1 more of these consultation meetings in October, before we vote on the various aspects of it in December.

Last week the Brabazon Trophy was at Hollinwell, and I along with my male counterpart, and the 2 representatives from Derbyshire were invited to have coffee (and carrot cake) with David Joy, the CEO of England Golf, part of his initiative to get to know more people and their views.

Wearing the other half of my Midland North Rep's hat, I am currently organising the Queen of Clubs Competition. We have had a disappointing response but we have decided to go ahead with it. This is at Chilwell on 17th July and I am already indebted to the ladies and staff of Chilwell, who are doing their utmost to make sure that the day runs smoothly. Next year we have decided to make this competition only 18 holes, in an attempt to attract more players.

**8. Junior Report**  
**CJO report – Emma Howie**

**1. Results**

**a. League matches**

Notts girls started the defence of their league title at the end of March against Lincolnshire at Seacroft golf club. Unfortunately the trip to the seaside was not a pleasurable one and the match was abandoned due to the most horrendous hail and rain storm only an hour after tee off. This match will be replayed in the October half-term.

In April we then completed our first league match and got off to a great start against Leicestershire at Norwood with the scratch team winning 4-2. The handicap team had a tougher time giving many shots and eventually losing 3 ½ to ½. My thanks to Carol Houghton for attending this match.

**b. Friendly matches**

The Mapperley ladies again hosted the junior girls in a friendly match in the Easter holidays. It resulted in a draw 2-2 and it provided some invaluable experience for two new girls, Charlie Inger (Ramsdale) and Stephanie Firth (Beeston). We are very grateful to Mapperley for hosting this event and looking after the girls!

**c. Junior Championships**

Congratulations to Emily Lyle (Worksop) who is our Junior Champion for 2015. Esme Hamilton (Notts Ladies) is the Under 16 Champion. Eliza Davidson (Wollaton) won the Handicap Cup and Georgia Viggers (Stanton) won the Bronze Division Trophy. Many thanks to Hollinwell for hosting the event and those who helped to organise the day

**d. County Week**

Congratulations to our juniors Esme Hamilton, Emily Lyle and Sophie Newlove (Beeston) who were part of the winning Notts team at Ladies County week in Enville, Staffs!

**e. Junior Order Of Merit (JOOM) and Rookies Tour**

The first event was held at Ruddington in April and the winners were Katie Leck (Ruddington) and Katie Robertson (Southwell), and her twin sister Charly Robertson (Southwell) won the 2<sup>nd</sup> event at Norwood in May.

There are 8 girls who have played on the tours so far this year but, with plenty more Junior Order of Merit and Rookies tour events to be played in the summer, please encourage any girls over 12 to join in and meet other girls!

#### **f. Nippers Tour**

The first two events of the Nippers Tour have taken place in April and May with 8 girls taking part in the events. All boys and girls under 12 years (with or without handicaps) are eligible to play so please encourage any U12 girls you know of at your clubs to play.

In addition we now have a structured coaching programme available over the summer for all participants on the tour, which is partially funded by NCLGA.

### **2. Coaching**

The current coaching programmes, run in conjunction with the County Golf Partnership, at Rufford and The Nottinghamshire, have finished for the summer, but they will restart in the Autumn. More details will be sent out in the next junior newsletter over the summer.

Four coaching bursaries have been awarded to girls for individual coaching between May and September. In addition there will be two coaching days this summer; one took place in May and the other will be in August. These will provide more on course coaching and skills challenges for the junior squad players, as well as a get together for the girls.

### **3. Mixed Am-Am**

This is the annual event organised by the girls where mixed adult teams play and help raise money for junior funds. Sadly this year we have had to cancel the event in July because of a lack of entries. The girls really enjoy running this day and are disappointed they won't have the opportunity to look after all the competitors this year. We will rearrange the date for April next year so please watch out for the entry forms and ask your members to help support it when the time comes.

### **4. Presentation Evening and Junior Jubilee**

The date for the presentation evening and Junior Jubilee has been secured on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November** at Sherwood Forest. We are trying something new this year by having a revamped junior competition for the girls held in the afternoon, followed by the junior presentation evening. We hope this will encourage all girls of any ability to get together and celebrate the end of the season!

### **5. Golf Participation Project**

The junior girls squad are supporting a new initiative in conjunction with the Golf Foundation, County Golf Partnership and England Golf to increase participation by girls. They will be recruiting other girls to take part in taster sessions and act as ambassadors for the game. The project is in the planning stages but should start in September.

### **6. Girls information**

Finally I would just like to ask all clubs to pass on my details to any girl members, as often I'm not aware of them. Once I know of their existence I can ask them if they wish to participate in the player pathways and provide regular newsletters of what is happening with the junior girls across the county.

#### **9. Webmaster's report**

The web site continues to be widely used and there were no problems to report.

#### **10. Course Rating Progress June 2015. Helen Maber**

Over the last few years there have been some major changes in the way golf courses are rated in England. In 2013 England Golf adopted the USGA Course rating system for both male and female golfers. Whilst ladies' courses were already rated under the new USGA system, men's courses continued to be rated under the old EGU system and there are substantial differences between the two types of measurement.

Under the old EGU system, rating was purely based on the anticipated performance of the scratch golfer, giving a Standard Scratch Score for each course.

The USGA system rates courses for both scratch and bogey golfers and gives a value for SSS and for Slope for each course.

The Standard Scratch Score (SSS) is a measure of the playing difficulty of a golf course for a scratch golfer under normal midseason course and weather conditions. ie the number of shots a scratch golfer should take to play the course. A scratch lady golfer is defined for rating purposes as a player who plays a tee shot of 210 yards and subsequent shots of 190 yards.

The slope rating of a particular course describes the relative difficulty of a course for a bogey golfer (defined as a male golfer with a 20 handicap or a female golfer with a 24 handicap) compared to a scratch golfer. A bogey lady golfer is defined for rating purposes as a player who can hit a tee shot of 150 yards and subsequent shots of 130 yards. Slope is a number between 55 and 155 and a course of standard playing difficulty is deemed to have a Slope Rating of 113.

Slope is currently not adopted by CONGU, who consider that the application of the Competition Standard Scratch negates the need for any further handicap adjustment under Slope. However CONGU is the only authority worldwide not using Slope.

To rate under the USGA system, we visit a course to take into account roll, changes in elevation, forced lay ups and doglegs, prevailing wind etc to determine its effective playing length. Then this yardage rating is modified based on the extent to which 10 obstacle factors such as trees, bunkers, width of fairways etc affect the scoring ability of scratch and bogey golfers. A form is completed for each hole from each tee and for each gender and the set of completed forms are submitted to England Golf. They then process these forms to calculate the SSS and Slope of the overall course.

In 2013, I agreed to take over from Jean Wilson as the Ladies' representative and Bob Ward from Oakmere was selected as the Mens' representative and we are now jointly "Lead Course Assessment Officers" for the county.

We have attended three separate training courses run by England Golf for teams across the whole of the country and we have been provided with the relevant equipment to rate courses.

It is England Golf's intention to rate all courses in England under the new system for both men and women over a ten year period commencing 2014. This is seen as the start of a rolling ten year programme.

There are 39 courses in Nottinghamshire so we need to rate around 4 a year to meet our target. Some counties have very many more courses than us and have therefore trained and appointed several rating teams.



Another change is that we have been asked to rate both men's and women's courses at the same time and to work together as a team on the day. England Golf have also requested that we ask clubs which tees they want to be rated for which gender. Up until now red tees have only been rated for women and white and yellow (and maybe even Blue) for men. But it is possible that some clubs may request a men's rating for the red tees to encourage some of their more senior men to continue to play golf when they have lost some of their distance. Other courses may potentially request a ladies rating for the yellow tees so that ladies championships may be played. All of this adds to the interest and the challenge we are facing!

After a fair bit of practice and thorough checking by England Golf, Bob and I have now embarked on the project and so far we have rated Bulwell Forest and Serlby Park and I am grateful for help from Jenny Smith and Tricia Lacey. If anyone else is interested in joining our team, they would be most welcome.

We have been given a priority list by England Golf based on the dates that the courses were last rated and we will be working our way through this. It is a time consuming exercise and pretty laborious, but also very interesting and certainly makes you see courses in a different way.

England Golf will be paying the County £100 for each course rated to cover expenses. All raters and assistant raters are volunteers but it is considered reasonable that they should be reimbursed for travelling expenses and refreshments for each visit. It is possible that this amount will be insufficient to cover costs and NUGC have already agreed that they are prepared to make up any shortfall so that no-one is out of pocket. I hope that NCLGA will share any shortfall with the men.

Nationally 94 clubs were rated last year, involving the rating of 196 Men's tees and 93 Ladies tees. Less than 7% resulted in a 2 or more shot change in SSS. Although Slope Ratings will have been calculated, these values will not be divulged to clubs at present.

11. County Development Group. Jane Fowler

Lynn Buttery (General Secretary) and myself are attending meetings with the Notts Union and other parties over the coming weeks to discuss the forward plan for Notts Golf.

12. Secretary's report.

Summary of NCLGA Council Executive Meeting held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 11am at Sherwood Forest Golf Club.

Affiliation fees.

It was agreed that the junior affiliation fees should be waived and that a change in the rules should be discussed at the council meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015. The change should be to the wording for eligibility to enter county competitions to add to 'who have paid an affiliation fee' with 'or in the case of Juniors

Courses selection for 2016 for County competitions.

County Championship – Sherwood Forest (Agreed in principle. Dates requested 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> May

County Waltz 11<sup>th</sup> April Beeston (agreed)

Coronation Foursomes Chilwell (To be arranged)

Summer Meeting and Vets Stanton (To be arranged)

Autumn meeting Wollaton (To be arranged )

\*\*\* Action Lynn Buttery

County championships and Spring Meeting

It was agreed to keep the same format as this year except we need to ask for 45 minutes tee time closure prior to the quarter final, semi final and final matches so that the competitors are not held up by the club players.

2017 Championship Course and Dates. Hollinwell have agreed in principle. Dates and times to be agreed later.

Website Competition secretaries and General Sec. to be added to the editors of website so that results can be entered immediately.

\*\*\* Action Colette Newton, Jane Fowler, Gill Stump, Lynn Buttery to change access rights and also arrange training.

Trophy refurbishment to bring County Championship and Junior trophies up to same standard as other trophies.

\*\* Action Lynn Buttery to collect the trophies and arrange refurbishment.

County Week 2018 Initial planning discussion.

Possible courses suitability were discussed.

\*\*\* Action Helen Maber

Discussion re planning and implementation. It would seem to be a good idea to have a main co-ordinator with working groups responsible for different sections of the week.

2016 competition will be at Holme Hall in Lincolnshire.

Any other business

The USGA course rating issued to the county advisers include courses who are not affiliated to NCLGA. The committee felt that our representative should not be involved with the course rating for these clubs (as presumably there are no women members).

It was decided to investigate the First Aid training that is available for officials.

\*\*\* Action Helen Maber to find out details and circulate details.

### 13. Any Other Business

Meals after inter club matches - again seems to be causing a problem.

Ladies sections these days do not always have their own funds and clubs are becoming more unwilling to fund match meals – this problem has arisen since the Mens and Mixed interclub stopped having meals after matches. The suggestion was for the playing teams to buy their own meals after the match.

It was agreed that this would be discussed by the executive committee and a further discussion to take place at the October meeting. Secretaries to again ascertain views.

Course rating – when will the course ratings be done and what is the schedule.

It is planned for all courses to be rated over the next 10 years.

The rating has to take place during the summer and the proposed schedule is on a spreadsheet from England Golf. Priority has been given to The Nottinghamshire (Masters course), Trent Lock and Ramsdale due to course changes.

The schedule may change each year as courses where holes have changed will be prioritised.

### 14. Closing remarks

The President thanked everyone for attending and thanked Beeston for hosting our meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.35am

The next meeting will be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 10.30am at Beeston Fields.

