

SOUTH REGION – ENGLISH WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Meeting of the South Region Committee held on Wednesday, 27th October 2010 at The Oriental Club, Stratford Place, London at 11.00 am

Present: Mrs Catriona Tremlett – Chairman
Mrs Margaret Northcott – Regional Administrator
Mrs Gill Staley – Hampshire
Mrs Dorothy Featherstone – Kent
Mrs Diana Rowlands – Middlesex
Mrs Debbie Edginton – Surrey
Mrs Susan Carey – Sussex

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting after the long summer break.

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| 1 | <u>Apologies:</u> | There were no apologies for absence. | <u>Action</u> |
| 2 | <u>Minutes:</u> | Following an insertion on page 4, item 8, the Minutes of the meeting held on June 28th 2010 were signed by the Chairman as a true record. | |
| 3 | <u>Matters Arising not on the Agenda:</u> | a). The Chairman commented on the huge success of the first event held at La Manga, which had been much enjoyed by the competitors.
The question of team training was re visited, but as yet there is no further information.
b) It had now been agreed that Regional Administrators should receive the EWGA Hand Book. | |
| 4 | <u>Matters Arising from the Operational Board Meeting held on August 23rd & 8th October and the Joint Board Meeting on September 23rd not on the Agenda</u> | a). The LGU had been asked to advise of any R&A referees who have qualified through them so that the EWGA can keep an accurate up-to-date list of all those available in the country. EWGA to inform LGU reciprocally.
b). There has been a correction to the cost of the EWGA Rules Training Seminars. The total cost for all seminars was approx. £5,000.
c). The use of DMD's and pedometers which are considered to be measuring devices is still opposed by the LGU. The EWGA is interested in feedback from the counties on their usage.
d). There had been no applications for the Silver Tee Award. The deadline for application has been extended until the end of December.
CT reminded the committee that there were no handicap restrictions, or age limit for girls to qualify for consideration. There is an application form available on the EWGA website. | |

e). The 2011 diaries are selling well, there are some available to order from EWGA.

f). In addition to the Commemorative Plates presented by EWGA to clubs hosting Regional Championships and CMW, in 2011 there will be one for the host of the Regional Medal Final.

g). Following an issue raised by a parent regarding their daughter playing in ladies events, the EWGA stated it would not support restrictions placed on girls entering these competitions. However if restrictions were to be placed then the Board would recommend a restriction handicap of 35.

g). The EWGA Trust Stableford was still poorly supported. The committee was asked to encourage delegates to promote this competition at their clubs.

All

h).CT stated that the discussions held at the Joint Board Meeting were basically covered in item 5.

5 Merger Talks

Copies of a document on the merger proposal had been circulated.

A discussion followed on various elements of the document. Talks are at an advanced stage, but agreement on all aspects had been difficult. The ratio of male to female members is 6 to 1. The Representatives were asked to consult with their County Committees for a view on the matters, with particular reference to the proposed changes to communication channels between Counties and the National Governing Body and to report back to the Chairman before the next Operational Board meeting on 29th November.

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6 County Match Week

County Finals: CT commented on the great performance given by Sussex, representing The South Region, adding congratulations to Hertfordshire on becoming the Champions 2010.

County Match Week: DF reported concerns on the level of the Facility Fee for this event as in Kent some club managers were stating they could achieve fees of up to £6,000 for tee time availability.

CT reminded the committee of the fee level available to the competition organisers for the host club, suggesting it was a privilege to be asked to host CMW. It was acknowledged that there maybe difficulties for the smaller counties to persuade clubs to be hosts.

At this point CT asked if the committee thought their counties might wish to see changes to the format for County Match Week. Following some discussion it was generally agreed that the present format was successful and promoted Inter County relationships. It was thought there would be some reluctance to changing the format.

CT asked the committee to check if their counties had received a Questionnaire from EWGA relating to CMW.

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Reference was made to the moving of tee positions for CMW. It has been agreed that this should be decided by the host County in conjunction with the Standard Scratch Score Assessor or the USGA Course Rating Team Leader. Participating counties to be informed prior to practice rounds. Appropriate wording to cover this situation will be included in the 2011 EWGA Handbook.

7 South Region
Competitions 2010
Championships
Review

a). CT expressed her disappointment at not receiving a full breakdown of income and expenditure relating to the SR Championships from any host county, despite requesting these on more than one occasion.

DF indicated that a global figure has been sent to EWGA, but CT stated a complete breakdown was required to enable a proper review. MN asked if the committee had in their possession the EWGA profit and loss sheet. Following negative responses it was agreed all should have copies of this sheet and a copy should be held in each competition folder.

MN

b). To try to encourage more entries to the competitions, it was decided to have available at Regional Championships an Events Questionnaire for all those entering. It will be based on the EWGA Regional Tournaments Questionnaire. The County Training Officers and Junior Organisers should also receive copies to elicit their views.

c). Following a suggestion made at a Regional Championship by an R&A referee, CT stated the 'Hard Card Rules' as used at EWGA competitions should apply in conjunction with any local rules.

d). **Women's Championship:** Had been successful despite low number of entries. The event will take place at a weekend in 2011. It is hoped this may attract more entries. A review of the situation will then take place

Foursomes Championship: A very positive outcome following the change of format. The scratch awards will be continued.

Girl's Championship: The weather was atrocious! The course suitability for girls should be born in mind when a venue is chosen for the event. CJOs to be asked for their help in encouraging their juniors to enter.

Australian Spoons: CT reminded the committee that this was a Winter Competition for Bronze Division players. The event had been successful despite the low number of entries. Club delegates should be encouraged to promote this event.

Medal Final: this had been a well organised event at Wrotham GC, but there were competitors who did not show. CT to ask Stuart if clubs could be asked for reasons why. It had been a very long day-a suggestion of playing in threes was made.

CT

CT commented that the fear the new format would be disadvantage the Silver Division players proved unfounded,

as nationally more than half of medal winners were from Silver Division players.

Junior County Match Week: Held at West Surrey GC was a fantastic success! CT commented that the sportsmanship of the Middlesex players was much admired. The committee concurred. It was requested that news and results of this competition should be posted on the EWGA South Region website. Although this event does not take place in other regions it is newsworthy to the South Region members. CT said she would try to secure posting on the website in the future.

CT

8 Regional Competitions 2011

CT urgently requested contact details for all next year's events please. CT also wished to hold a planning meeting in January 2011 to finalise details on the competitions.

Women's Championship to be held at Sweetwoods Park GC, 15th-17th July.

Middlesex to pass on the planning folder. SC will liaise with DR.

SC

The competition format to remain the same i.e.

1st day 36 hole qualifier, followed by knockout match play over 2 days.

It was agreed it would be helpful to have Junior entries shown in a different colour. Junior consent forms will be required.

Foursomes Championship to be held at Bearsted GC Kent Monday 8th August.

Planning folder to be handed to DF who will be the competition organiser.

DE

The Stableford format to be continued.

Trophies will be awarded on conversion to scratch scores.

The entry fee to include a meal.

Girl's Championship to be held at Stoneham GC, Hampshire Friday 5th August.

Planning folder to GS

DF

Format to remain the same i.e. 36 hole medal play.

Entry fee to include meals.

It was agreed to show age categories in different colours.

This had proved most helpful when calculating the results in the event this year.

Australian Spoons to be held at Mid Sussex GC, Sussex, Wednesday 3rd August.

Planning folder to SC

DR

Medal Final to be held at Petersfield GC, Hampshire, Wednesday 13th April.

This competition is run by EWGA Head Office.

Junior County Match Week to be held at Rochester and Cobham Park GC, Kent, 15th-16th-17th August.

Accommodation was to be at Cobham Hall.

The committee was reminded that all referees at the championships should be taken from the EWGA

recommended list. All agreed they had up to date copies.

EWGA South Seniors Regional Championship to be held at Hendon GC, Middlesex, 11th -12th August. The practise day will be Wednesday 10th August.
Organised by EWGA Head Office.

The committee were reminded to avoid National Championship dates when organising Regional events if at all possible.

9 Competition Dates 2012

Women's Championship to be held at -? St. Georges Hill GC, Surrey, week of 18th July
Girl's Championship host Middlesex, TBA
Foursomes Championship host Hampshire, TBA
County Match Week to be held at -? Princes GC, Kent, 11th-15th June.
Junior County Match Week to be held at Basingstoke GC, Hampshire
Medal Final host Middlesex TBA for Saturday April 7th.
Australian Spoons host Surrey TBA

10 Surrey Club Delegates

Surrey Club Delegates prefer not to receive information direct from EWGA and are unwilling to give their email address to EWGA. The paid County Secretary filters out information to send to the delegates.
CT has offered to attend a Delegates meeting to explain why it is important for EWGA to be able to communicate direct with the Delegates, but up to now she has had no response. SC stated that Sussex members would prefer not to divulge personal details to EWGA.

11 Kent Succession

Marilyn Brown is to be appointed Kent's new Representative on the Committee when Dorothy retires at the AGM.
CT asked DF to invite Marilyn to the January meeting.

12 South Region Meeting Dates for 2011

The Committee agreed the following dates for 2011.
Friday January 14th
Monday April 18th
Monday July 4th
Monday October 31st
MN to confirm the dates with the Oriental Club.

MN

No other business was raised.

13 AOB

CT reminded the committee again that competition files were to be forwarded to the appropriate county representative. Contact details were urgently required for the EWGA Poster 2011.

Full breakdown of income and expenditure sheets were also urgently required please.

The meeting closed at 2.30pm approx.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date

