

SOUTH REGION – ENGLISH WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Meeting of the South Region Committee held on Monday, 18th April 2011 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 Marilyn Brown – Kent
Mrs Diana Rowlands – Middlesex
Mrs Debbie Edginton – Surrey
Mrs Susan Carey – Sussex

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting..

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| 1 <u>Apologies:</u> | There were no apologies for absence. | <u>Action</u> |
| 2 <u>Minutes:</u> | The Minutes of October 27 th 2010 and January 14 th 2011 were signed as true records of those meetings, by the Chairman. | |
| 3 <u>Matters Arising not on the Agenda:</u> | a). The use of Hard Card Rules at EWGA Regional Tournaments is discontinued as it has been proved too difficult and expensive. There is not always an R&A Rules Official in charge. A Club's local rules will apply.
b) The EWGA Welcome 'pop up' for use at Regional Championships has received positive responses and is held with CT at present. | |
| 4 <u>Matters Arising from the Operational Board Meeting held on January 17th & 24th March not on the Agenda:</u> | a). It was agreed at the 17 th January meeting that clubs who enter the EWGA Trust Stableford competition be requested to donate 5pence a point per player to the Charity.
b). A Rules Course will take place in the Autumn 2011. The questionnaire will be posted on the EWGA website for all members who are interested, to download. Following completion and submission, the entrants who achieve the required standard will be invited to attend the seminars to be held in early 2012.
MB asked if a refresher course was available for those who were already Observer Referees. CT replied there was not and they would be required to apply again. CT asked the Representatives to encourage their members to take up this opportunity, especially from those counties with few qualified Observers.

CT announced the safe delivery of a son to Kirstie Thirde, EWGA's Compliance Officer. | |

c).At the March 24th meeting it was confirmed that EWGA do comply with the Website Data Protection regulations. EWGA will insert a 'tick box' on the County Committee information form to enable an 'opt out' to supplying personal details for publishing in the Handbook.

d).MB enquired about the possible increase in the grant from the ringed fenced pot awarded to the hosting county of County Match Week. CT stated a decision on this could only be made if all Counties/Regions supplied EWGA with carefully recorded expenses sheets.

e).There was general consensus that the AGM had been successful, although a few comments had been heard as to whether it was necessary for so much time to be spent on the reading of reports.

The agreement to dispense with 'proposing' and 'seconding' where unnecessary, was welcomed.

5 The Merger

The committee agreed unanimously that the Road Shows would be an unnecessary expense. The suggested distribution of the DVD was thought to be the way forward.

The following suggestions were thought to be helpful:

* The DVD should be posted on the EWGA website. Counties should do the same.

*Six copies for each county to help promote the information to the clubs, with possible group viewings to stimulate discussion amongst the members.

* A user friendly 'résumé' with 'key points' set out to accompany the DVD.

CT will take these points to the next Operational Board Meeting.

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It was suggested that the men may have more information than the women and that there was some dilution of information available from the EWGA. CT was adamant this was not the case, even, the reverse.

A question on how the merger would affect the County vote was asked. CT stated there would be no effect, unless there were mergers between County Men's Unions and the County Women's Associations.

MB stated that Kent had been asked by the Kent men to consider merging some years ago and she feels that is likely that they would, should the merger go ahead. Jim Robinson had said that a template for counties, who may be interested, is likely to be available once the merger had taken place.

CT also mentioned the 'ring fenced pot' will go if a merger takes place with funding provided centrally.

6 County Match Week and County Finals

EWGA have not received the completed CMW Questionnaires from some counties, and they will be re-sent to allow the counties to resubmit them.

The results from the Questionnaires already received have been put on hold for the time being.

The accommodation list for the successful counties reaching the County Finals was available. CT will distribute to the winning County at the end of CMW.

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7 Australian Spoons

There had been some anomalies within the Regions with the prizes awarded to the winners. The following awards were agreed at the Operational Board Meeting to apply in all Regions:

The winner's award was playing in the overall final with free accommodation provided and dinner with the EWGA President at the end of the competition.

2nd prizes should be £30 each

3rd prizes £20 each

The committee thought the winners should receive a small memento of the day such as a 'replica spoon'

CT would take the thought to the next meeting.

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8 Promotions for Club Delegates

Chrissie Owens would like the delegates to be more proactive in promoting 'sign up' to the EWGA email newsletter. Clubs in the South, several with a large membership, had been very slow to 'sign up'. Chrissie will be making visits to some of these clubs to try to discover why there is such reluctance shown.

The benefits of 'sign up' were pointed out. The prize draw with fantastic prizes and information on offers available to EWGA members such as:

Travel packages

A break in Ireland

Discount on entry to the Volo sponsored competition

A set of Ping golf clubs

Free visit to the Solheim Cup.

Deals at Champneys

Deals with La Manga

Special Insurance deals with Tonic Golf Insurance

GS suggested it might be helpful if Tonic showed a quick reference of tariffs available, instead of being directed to their website for the information.

It was also suggested a questionnaire re 'sign up' might prove useful for feedback from members.

9 Stakeholder Directors

CT passed the requirements for nominations to the proposed new joint board round the table. If any committee members knew of a suitable candidate would they inform CT as soon as possible.

10 County Issues

Middlesex asked for information on how a 4BBB competition scores would be used for handicap purposes.

CT suggested that this query on 4BBB being considered for handicap, should be referred to our EWGA representative on CONGU for clarification as to the format under discussion.

Also to ask why limited club competitions should not be qualifiers, and why Par/Bogey competitions were possibly to become non-qualifiers.

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Sussex The County Secretary had written a letter covering 'queries and grievances' regarding the current handicapping system particularly effecting low handicap players i.e.

The problem of full handicap allowance in match play competitions, also in other competitions such as Foursomes CT reminded the committee that statistics had shown that generally, those players holding low handicaps were not penalised.

11 South Region Competitions

a). **County Match Week**

DE stated all was in hand.

CT was unlikely to be available on the final day Friday.

CT requested that entry forms for the other Regional Championships be made available during this week.

b). **Women's Championship.**

SC stated she may have to go out of county for referees for this competition.

c). **Girls Championship**

Only a small entry so far, but GS is aware applications are likely to be received later in the year.

CT reminded all that the CJOs help should be enlisted to 'chase up' their girls to enter.

It is possible that for 2012 a Stableford competition may also be run for the girls who hold higher handicaps.

d). **Foursomes Championship**

So far very few entries had been received. Representatives were asked to encourage more entries from their counties.

e). **Medal Final**

120 qualifiers played in unpleasant conditions.

The winners were:

69 Chris Foran (Cranleigh)

70 Nicki Grainger (Croham Hurst)

71 Pat Johns (Cottesmore)

72 Debbie Gorin (Redibbets)

73 Liz Borrow (Corhampton), Lou Wills (Roehampton),

Lorraine Morgan (South Winchester), Victoria Wells (Surrey National)

74 Vicky Milne (Hankley Common), Rachel Rooker (Northwood).

There had been some problems with the pace of play, but it was overseen by the referees.

GS although aware that the competition was run by EWGA asked if Host County Secretary could be copied in on correspondence for information.

CT will request this.

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f).**Australian Spoons**

SC stated information was yet to be confirmed.

CT reminded Representatives that competition organisers contact details will be required.

12 **Dates for 2012**

Girls Championship - 23rd August at Enfield GC Middlesex.
Medal Final – 7th April at Northwood GC Middlesex venue has yet to be confirmed. It was pointed out this date was Easter Saturday. DR thought this could be problematic for the club. CT will check with EWGA to ask if a change of date would be acceptable.

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Foursomes Championship- 6th August at Bramshaw GC Hampshire.

Australian Spoons – TBC.

In 2013 County Match Week will be held at Blackmoor GC Hampshire.

13 **A.O.B**

GS reported Hampshire delegates had expressed concerns regarding the protracted negotiations on the merger and the financial implications for this.

CT suggested most of the meetings had been budgeted for, but it was likely there would be some extra costs for the extra meetings. It was very important for the details to be right! Money towards the cost of a merger would be provided by Sport England.

There would be harmonisation of subscriptions when the merger was agreed.

Information would come from the Main Body/Board when the merger takes place.

MB asked for confirmation on the Facility Fee available for the Women’s Championship.

CT confirmed that £1,000 was the suggested amount as the course used was not fully closed for 3 days.

The Chairman asked Representatives to check that County Captains were aware of the changes in the rules for CMW and they were to be found in the 2011 Handbook.

14 **Date of the next Meeting**

Monday July 4th at the Oriental Club Stratford Place London at 11am.

DR offered her apologies.

The meeting closed at approximately 1.45pm.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date

