

## SOUTH REGION – ENGLISH WOMEN’S GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Meeting of the South Region Committee held on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 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 Debbie Edginton – Surrey  
Mrs Susan Carey – Sussex

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting..

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| <b>1</b> | <b><u>Apologies:</u></b>   | Received from Diana Rowlands Middlesex.  | <u>Action</u> |
| <b>2</b> | <b><u>Minutes:</u></b>   | The Minutes of April 18th 2011 were signed as a true record by the Chairman.   |               |
| <b>3</b> | <b><u>Matters Arising not on the Agenda:</u></b>   | a). CT read from an extract from an article, ‘The use of the Full Handicap Allowance ensures players of all abilities are treated equally. Around 4000 results had been examined. The results showed that prior to the use of the FHC allowance 61% of low HCP were successful, since the use of FHC allowance 55%. The FHC allowance is thought to be fairer to all players.  |               |
| <b>4</b> | <b><u>Matters Arising from the Operational Board Meeting held on June 2nd not on the Agenda:</u></b> | The Chairman reminded the Committee that the minutes were to be treated as confidential.<br>a). Those clubs who have not paid the affiliation fees by the subscribed date will be subject to disaffiliation. They will be charged £80 to re-affiliate if they so wish. This promoted some discussion with all the representatives supporting a view that EWGA should be more robust when dealing with defaulters now. CT agreed to take this view to the next Operational Board meeting.<br>b). It was confirmed that the Facility Fee paid to a host club was not subjected to VAT. When payment is made by EWGA the HMRC number will be quoted. DE confirmed that the host club in Surrey had received this at the recent County Match Week.<br>c). It had been decided that a fee of £5 is to be charged to the successful candidates who are invited to the Rules Seminar in 2012.<br>CT urged the counties who have few qualified rules observers, to encourage any of their members who are interested to apply. | <b>CT</b>     |

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d).Following a review, the format for the Women's Close Championship has been changed for a trial period.

Previously, the competition was held over a week. This has proved to be hugely expensive with only a small field of entrants. Various formats had been explored resulting in the following decision.

The format would now be Stroke Play, with a practise round, 2 days of qualifying play,

The top 36 qualifiers will play 36 holes Stroke Play on the final day.

The Championship will be held at Royal Birkdale in 2012.

e).CT asked the representatives to seek reactions from their county clubs membership to the proposed National Club Scratch KO Competition by 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

CT was asked to confirm if the competition was for a club team entry, or a nominated club individual, or individuals.

It was reported that the Par 3 competition was to be a trial for this year.

CT

## 5 The Merger-update

It has been agreed that DVDs will be sent to the counties.

The guidance notes to accompany the DVD, to be downloaded from the website. The Merger Proposals and Articles will be sent in hard copy.

Counties should perhaps still hold meetings to encourage discussion amongst the membership.

A new President is to be elected.

Four Stakeholder Board members have been proposed for the New Board.

The merger proposals should be out soon.

It was noted that the Scottish proposal for a merger was voted out.

A press release from EWGA is expected soon.

## 6 Marketing update

Chrissie Owens was in attendance at the Operational Board meeting. She expressed disappointment at the continued low rate of sign up to the data base. It was stated that the EWGA sign up cards will be made available at all competitions. All players should be asked to sign up upon registration. The sign up cards will have an 'opt out' box. The entry forms will be kept, copied and sent to EWGA. Counties are asked to have an 'opt out box' on their entry forms.

Much more should be made of the offers available to the club members. The club delegates should be encouraged to bring these benefits to the attention of their members.

Chrissie is still visiting clubs to promote the benefits of the membership data base.

One of our Regional Representatives has taken advantage of the insurance offered to EWGA Members by Tonic golf. She was quoted a lower premium for more cover than with her previous insurer.

At this point, comment was made on the on line entry forms. It was thought that the logo uses too many mega bites to

download.

**7 County Match Week**

The Chairman offered hearty congratulations to Sussex, the winning team going forward to the County finals. Also to Surrey, the host county for their excellent management. SC requested a copy of the accommodation list, which she received at the meeting.

Comment was made regarding the lack of news and information on the South Region's website. It was agreed our Region's successes, even if shown on the EWGA page should also be seen on our site. CT agreed. All information should be channelled through MN who would forward this to Adam Bennett for inclusion.

The list of Trophy winners for 2010 was requested. MN will forward this to all.

**MN**

**8 South Region Competitions**

Women's Championship.

39 entries had been received so far. The arrangements were 'on track'

A suggestion was made that a survey should be done to try to ascertain why there are so few entrants. The survey should be completed by all entrants and non entrants who would be eligible. Counties should seek reasons from the non participating players from their county team members.

Girl's Championship.

There are only 20 entrants so far.

The County CJOs to be requested to help 'drum up' support. CT suggested members should be reminded that all Regional Competitions are a stepping stone to higher things.

The Foursomes Championship.

Only 12 entries

This competition required a further push to achieve more entrants.

Australian Spoons.

No feedback available.

Disappointment was expressed regarding the decision not to produce mementos at regional level.

The Representatives report an apparent lack of interest in this competition.

**9 Dates for 2012**

Dates for the competitions are now complete and should be sent to the EWGA for the SR website.

**MN**

**10 Committee for 2012**

The Chairman, GS Hampshire and SC Sussex are due to retire. The new Representatives are still to be confirmed.

CT stated that if the merger does not go ahead, the committee will require an election to choose a new Chairman

from all members, with a further representative required from the county of the new chairman.

**11 A.O.B**

The committee were given a copy of a memorandum from the County Captains meeting held during CMW regarding the use of DMDs. It requested the use of these at Junior County Match Week and all Regional Competitions, also in EWGA competitions which qualify for the Order of Merit. CT agreed to circulate the memorandum to the members of the Operation Board before the Boards next meeting in August.

**12 Date of the next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Monday October 31<sup>st</sup>.

The meeting closed at approximately 2.20pm.

**Signed.....**  
**Chairman**

**Date .....**