



**MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE
SUSSEX LADY CAPTAINS & SECRETARIES GOLF ASSOCIATION
HELD AT THE CHARMANDEAN CENTRE, WORTHING
MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2019**

Present:	Mrs Sylvia Huggair	President
	Mrs Anne Slade	Captain
	Mrs Elaine Fell	Hon Secretary
	Mrs Nikki Terry	Hon Treasurer
	Mrs Janet Garbutt	President Elect
	Mrs Nannette Meeten	Past Captain
	Mrs Rosemary Barford	Committee member

The meeting commenced at 12.05 and 55 members of the Association were in attendance.

The President, Mrs Sylvia Huggair, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone attending.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Jane White – Horsham, Mary Barnard, Ann Langley – Pyecombe, Fiona Walsh, Caroline Hawkes – Chichester, Carol Hall – Seaford, Sandra Holman, Hester Gemmell – Haywards Heath, Yvonne Carlson – Willingdon, Wendy Shergold – Worthing, Margaret Martin – Bognor Regis, Pat Johns – Dyke, Sue Rushworth – Royal Ashdown Forest, Gilly Fuller – Ifield, Sue McGavin, Julie Ashenden – Sedlescombe, Barbara Johnson – Chartham Park

2. MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 5 NOVEMBER 2018

The minutes of the 2018 AGM, having been circulated, were taken as read. The President, Sylvia Huggair asked for a proposer and seconder. Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Rosanne Rees – Pyecombe and seconded by Val Kennedy – Mid Sussex

3. MATTERS ARISING

Sylvia Huggair, President, mentioned insurance that had arisen in AOB. She informed those attending that this would be covered in her President's report. As there were no other matters arising, Sylvia Huggair signed the minutes as a true and accurate record.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sylvia Huggair, President, reported as follows:

At the Sussex County AGM in 2018 we ladies were asked to vote on the subject of incorporation for the Sussex ladies committee. The purpose of this was to indemnify the committee against any actions taken personally against the county which might result in individual committee members

becoming liable for costs in any action. The vote was passed. This prompted the Sussex Lady Captains and Secretaries Golf Association to look at our own position regarding liability. This was also raised as an item in AOB at our AGM by a member.

At the beginning of the year a sub-committee was set up to look at the feasibility of incorporation for SLC & SGA and any other options concerning insurance for the society and committee members. The sub-committee did not recommend incorporation for SLC & SGA, due to the cost. However, we researched a specialist insurance policy which covered the following areas at a cost of £452.62 and which the committee have taken out to protect the association and its committee members and members. This policy includes:

- Directors and Officers liability (even though voluntary - this is relevant)
- Public and products liability
- Employers liability (even though voluntary - it is relevant)
- Property damage

The invitation to Sussex Golf Captains, held at Willingdon Golf Club consisted of 10 Sussex Lady Captains playing with ten Sussex Golf Captains in a 4BBB Stableford competition. The weather was perfect, the food excellent and the company exemplary. The winners were Janet Garbutt, President Elect, from Haywards Heath and Dave Wilkins President Elect of the SGC with 36 points. Runners-up were Jenny Fahy from Willingdon with Harold Knight, a Past Captain and third were Rachelle Black from Willingdon and Dave Harmer, Willingdon, who is a Patron of SGC.

Again held at Willingdon, President's Day comprised of 78 players in teams of 3 with the best 2 scores to count. Willingdon again did us proud with their organisation, helpfulness and excellent carvery meal. Thanks also go to John Payne who assisted Jane White with the starting on what began as a very cool morning. The winners were Carol Hall, Linda Lilburn and Yvonne Carlson with 78 points and in 2nd place was Julie Ashenden, Sue McGavin and Helen Rayner with 74 points. In third place was Liz Street, Teresa Archer and Elaine Hayhurst with 72 points on countback.

The Spring and Autumn meetings are events nearly always fully attended, so with no or few spaces available and are usually teams of three with 2 scores to count. The Spring Meeting was on 20 May 20 at Copthorne and the full results and report are on the web site. The winning team was Jane Bowers and Jan Hobden from Royal Ashdown Forest and Sue Walkden from Copthorne. Sue Sexton, Gill Maynard and Elaine Hayhurst were runners-up from Willingdon. The Autumn Meeting, held on 7 October was at Cooden Beach and we were thankful that the rain was only present on the last few holes. The winning team was Sue Sexton, Sheila Payne and Jane Harmer from Willingdon. Pictures and more details are on the web site. I would like to say a personal thanks to Elaine Fell who does a great job organising these and other events for the Association.

5. CAPTAIN'S REPORT

I have been delighted and honoured to be Captain this year of the Sussex Lady Captains & Secretaries Association. My role has been to organise and head up the 5 matches the association plays during the season – 2 against Kent, both home and away, and matches against Surrey, Berkshire and Hampshire.

This year I tried something different with the selection process. Applications to play had to be in by 31 March and by mid April I had selected the teams and reserves for all 5 matches. This allowed ladies to put the dates when they had been selected into their busy summer diaries as a definite commitment well in advance. Sometimes, nearer the time of each match inevitably there

was the odd drop out but the reserves stepped in. This new system of early notification of selection seemed to have worked well and was well received by the ladies.

Eight pairs play a 4BBB match, 16 ladies in the team. 65 ladies applied for matches, some for just one or two and some for all 5. I offered everyone at least one match and tried to be as fair as I could with the selection. The matches are open to all members of all handicaps. They are very enjoyable days out with other ladies from our association playing against like-minded ladies from the other counties. Of course we want to win but there is so much more to these days. A nice meal is enjoyed after and many new friendships are made and old ones reaffirmed. Please join us next year if you haven't played in one of these matches before. I can almost guarantee you will enjoy the experience. The full reports of all the matches are on our website so I will just summarise the results. We lost at home to Kent in our first match of the season at Mannings Heath in May 3 matches to 5. Later in the month we had a good win against a strong Surrey side 5 matches to 3 at Mid Sussex. Unfortunately we lost badly away to Hampshire at Waterlooville Golf Club. On this occasion we had to give a lot of shots and found the Hants team too tough for us – we lost 11/2 to 61/2. Maybe it was just the long drive to near Portsmouth that contributed to the disappointing result. At home in July at Seaford Blatchington we drew with Berkshire 4 matches each. In the last match of the season we played Kent again. This time away at Lamberhurst Golf Club where the result was exactly the same as our home match at the start of the season – we lost 3 matches to 5. So overall we lost 3, drew 1 and won 1. The results do not sound brilliant but I have to add that on a lot of occasions over the season I heard 'Sorry Captain but we lost on the last putt on the 18th.' Numerous matches could have gone either way as they were nearly always very close contests even though the final scores have not always shown that to be the case. May I now ask you all on next year's Captain Jane White's behalf that we all spend our winter practising our putting ready to sink a few crucial putts in next year's matches!

Our match against the Sussex Golf Captains, which they host each year, was held as usual at the beginning of July at Haywards Heath Golf Club. 20 ladies play which always includes the current Lady Captain from Haywards Heath and Carole Lee whose father was a founder member of the Sussex Golf Captains and of this annual fixture. Again, the full match report is on our website but you may like to know that the result was a draw and so I requested that, like the Ryder and Solheim Cups, the trophy should be presented to us as we had won it last year and should therefore retain the rather splendid silver trophy for another year. This was honourably accepted by the men but they promptly suggested we might therefore like to pay for the engraving!

In conclusion I would like to thank the lovely ladies of the committee, who do so much work for the association, for their help and support during my year as Captain. Thank you. I would also like to thank Jane White my Vice Captain, who unfortunately cannot be here today, for her support throughout the year. Although not formally elected I presented her with the Captain's badge, in the hope that you would confirm her election today, at our last committee meeting. I wish her every success for her year ahead. I know she is ready and raring to go! Finally thank you to all of you who played this year and as a result of everyone promptly confirming selection for matches, and turning up at the right place and usually well ahead of time, as well as so obviously embracing and enjoying representing our association, it has meant that I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as Captain.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Nikki Terry, Hon Treasurer reported as follows:

Madam President, madam Captain, ladies.

I have pleasure in presenting the income and expenditure account to 14 October 2019.

The accounts this year show an excess of income over expenditure and we plan to use the surplus for the benefit of members over the coming year.

Last year we increased the cost of our events to £37.50 to cover assumed increases in charges by golf clubs for our events. In actual fact we were very lucky this year in that the clubs we used for our events and matches were very obliging when it came to cost so, as a result, we have accumulated a surplus. If only we had a crystal ball and could predict these things.

Until now we have accepted post-dated cheques for entries into our events but this will cease from next year. Our preferred method of payment is by bank transfer but you can also secure your place in an event by sending a cheque with your entry form. Also don't forget you can print off all the entry forms from our website. Once again, our events have been very well supported and we have had some good feedback from members this year. Let's hope that continues but if you have any suggestions we are always pleased to hear them.

I hope the accounts meet with your approval.

As there were no matters arising from the accounts, Sylvia Huggair, President, asked for a proposer and seconder for the accounts. The proposer was Kirsten Hyland – Seaford, the seconder was Diane Blood – Highwoods. Sylvia asked for a show of hands in agreement. The proposal was carried.

7. INCOMING OFFICERS

Sylvia Huggair, President, introduced Janet Garbutt as incoming President, and presented her with the President's badge. Janet thanked Sylvia for her work as President and presented her with a gift on behalf of the association.

Janet Garbutt as new President, took over the chair. Janet mentioned the changes that will be occurring in 2020: both the match against SGC and the competition with the SGC will be open for all members to apply. There will also be a mixed meeting for the first time. Ladies must be members of the association, but the gentleman can be any player, provided that they have a current handicap of 28 or less. Entry forms are in the handbook.

Janet introduced the President Elect, Brenda Clift, proposed by Sylvia Huggair – Willingdon, seconded by Janet Garbutt – Haywards Heath. Janet asked for a show of hands in agreement. The proposal was carried and Janet presented Brenda with the President Elect badge.

Janet Garbutt asked Anne Slade to introduce Jane White as incoming Captain and informed the members present that the Captain's badge has been previously presented at a committee meeting. Janet thanked Anne for her work as Captain and presented her with a gift on behalf of the association.

Anne Slade, Captain, then read Jane White's report as incoming Captain:

I am delighted and honoured to be elected as Captain of the association for 2020 and I am looking forward to next year.

My main role will be the organisation of the matches, details of which can be found in the handbook. I do hope that lots of you will volunteer to play in some of the matches next year. In addition to the 5 matches against Surrey, Hampshire, Berkshire and 2 against Kent, we are, for the first time, giving all ladies the opportunity to apply to play in our annual match against Sussex Golf Captains. All of these occasions are always competitive, but good fun also.

Depending on the number of applications I receive, I hope to be able to give everyone at least one match. This year, I intend to select the teams for the season soon after the closing date of 31 March. I will then publish them and you will know your matches for the season and can commit them to your diary. Confirmation of each team will be sent out prior to the match. This system proved to be very successful this year, with not too many players dropping out. If you are asked to be reserve it would be much appreciated if you would commit that date to diary, in case you are needed. You will often be called upon.

I look forward to meeting many of you next year for a good year of golf, friendship and fun – and hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

Anne also introduced Rosemary Barford as Vice Captain, proposed by Janice Brooks – Haywards Heath, seconded by Fiona Sapsworth – Cowdray Park. Janet asked for a show of hands in agreement. The proposal was carried and Anne presented Rosemary with the Vice Captain's badge.

Janet Garbutt gave thanks to Nannette Meeten for her role on the committee as Past Captain and presented her with a gift on behalf of the association.

Janet Garbutt introduced Lesley Talbot as the new committee member, proposed by Nikki Terry, seconded by Anne Slade. Janet asked for a show of hands in agreement. The proposal was carried and Janet presented Lesley with her committee member badge.

8. AOB

Janet Garbutt, President, stated that there had been no receipt of either proposals or items of AOB.

10. DATE OF 2020 AGM

The President announced that the date for the next AGM will be on Monday 2 November 2020 following the SCLGA AGM at the Charmandean Centre, Worthing

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.38pm.

COMMITTEE FOR 2019 - 2020

President	Mrs Janet Garbutt
Captain	Mrs Jane White
Secretary	Mrs Elaine Fell
Treasurer	Mrs Nikki Terry
President Elect	Mrs Brenda Clift
Vice Captain	Mrs Rosemary Barford
Past Captain	Mrs Anne Slade
Committee member	Mrs Lesley Talbot

Signed: -----

Date: -----