MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE
SUSSEX LADY CAPTAINS & SECRETARIES GOLF ASSOCIATION
HELD AT THE CHARMANDEAN CENTRE, WORTHING
MONDAY 4th November 2024

Present:	Mrs Wendy Melville	President
	Mrs Brenda Gilbey	President Elect
	Mrs Roseanne Rees	Captain
	Mrs Kay Grindell	Vice Captain
	Mrs Caroline Angella	Competition Secretary
	Mrs Jo Fife	Treasurer
	Mrs Theresa Williamson	Admin Secretary
	Mrs Liz Street	Communications

The meeting commenced at 12.00 and 44 members of the Association were in attendance.

The President Mrs Wendy Melville, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone attending.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Anne Slade – Mid Sussex, Miranda Martin – Mid Sussex, Lindy Montandon – Sedlescombe, Chris Kernohan – Haywards Heath, Wendy Shergold – Worthing, Fiona Walsh – Chichester, Sue Daniels – Eastbourne Downs, Kaye Gough – Haywards Heath, Janet Garbutt – Haywards Heath, Jill Nickalls – Mid Sussex,
Sue Todd – Royal Ashdown

2. MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD 6TH NOVEMBER 2023

The minutes of the 2023 AGM, having been circulated, were taken as read. The President, Wendy Melville asked for a proposer and seconder. Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Liz Street – Seaford and seconded by Linda Brand – Crowborough Beacon.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. PRESIDENTS'S REPORT 2024

It is with great sadness I report the passing of Sandra Holman, a past Captain of this Association. She was Ladies' Captain at Haywards Heath Golf Club in 2008 and its first female President.
She served as County Secretary and went on to become Captain of the SCLGA from 2015-2107.

We will remember the great enthusiasm and support she gave to Sussex golf. We send our best wishes to her husband, Terry, and to all the family.

A big thank you to all the clubs and their staff who have hosted our competitions and matches throughout the year. Thank you to the Office staff, the Catering and Green staff who have all contributed to our enjoyment.

This year's Spring Meeting was held at Ifield Golf Club who had kindly agreed to hold it at fairly short notice. The day started overcast and a little chilly but everyone stayed mainly dry and we finished off the day with an excellent buffet. Overall team winners with 79 points were Joy Mayall (Piltdown) Kath Honeysett and Wendy Melville (Haywards Heath).

The sun eventually made an appearance on President's Day at Haywards Heath to end a lovely day. The course was in excellent conditions though the greens proved very slick and a cause for much discussion over lunch. Catering was excellent and there were plenty of compliments for the chef especially for his meringue swans! The winning team were Jacqueline Lee, Marian Smith (Pyecombe) and Madi Habens (Hollingbury) with 76 points.

Twenty pairs played in the Mixed Meeting at Slinfold in August in very humid conditions – very lucky considering the poor start to our summer this year. With a 4bbb score of 44 points our winners were Val and Mike Kennedy (Mid Sussex). We would love more entries for this very enjoyable competition so if you enjoy mixed golf perhaps you would consider entering next year.

We played our annual match with the Sussex Golf Captains at Piltdown this year and could not have wished for a more perfect September day. The sun shone all day and Piltdown was in great condition, the heather was lovely as long as you didn't land in it. We enjoyed an excellent meal after play and there was a great feeling of friendship and camaraderie, which is after all what our Association is all about. It was lovely to play with a Sussex Golf Captain as opposed to playing against them. It was easy to see why this is a very popular occasion.

The winning pair were Jane White (Horsham) and Rasoul Shahilow (Eastbourne Downs) with 38 points.

We were welcomed at Cooden Beach in October for our last event of the year. We hoped the pessimistic weather forecast was wrong and so it was. The day stayed dry and there was even some autumn sunshine. There were lots of positive comments about the course and a beautiful buffet meal was served after play. Overall winning team were Sarah Brook, Joy Mayall and Pat Jenks from Haywards Heath with 85 points.

My thanks go to the Committee who have supported me in my year as President. They put in so much hard work so that we can all enjoy the competitions and matches throughout the year. Please continue to support our Association and encourage new and existing members to participate in its activities to ensure it will flourish in the future. Lastly I wish Brenda the best of luck in 2025.

5. CAPTAINS REPORT 2024

This year seems to have passed very quickly since I took over as Captain.

The matches were well supported, and it was nice to see some new ladies playing this year.

Our first match in April was against Kent at Chislehurst where we managed a half 4.4

In May we played at Pyecombe against Hampshire with a better result of 5.5 to 2.5

June, we played against Kent at Mid Sussex where we lost 6 & 2

July, we played at Farleigh against Surrey the result was another half

Our last match of the season was at Sonning against Berkshire when we came home with a win of 4.5 & 3.5

Overall, a good season 2 wins, 2 halves and 1 loss

Thank you, ladies, for your support in the matches and please continue to play in them.

The Annual Match against the SGC at Haywards Heath in June was very well supported as usual and very enjoyable day with the result another win for the ladies that's two years in a row.

I have a few people to thank, Kay my Vice Captain for her support, she also had a supply of uniform at available at most events.

To Wendy Melville our President I have enjoyed your support and friendship.

Liz Street our Comms. expert who has worked tirelessly on our website for 4 years and is now retiring.

Caroline Angella our Competition Secretary and Theresa Williams our Administration Secretary who both very successfully took on some very challenging roles this time last year.

My sincere thanks to you all for your support

It just leaves me to wish Kay all the best in her year as Captain and happy golfing to you all in the coming year

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

I have pleasure in presenting the Income and Expenditure Account to 14th October 2024.

As can be seen from the figures, 2024 has returned a surplus of £1,258 in cash terms. This was in part due to the refund relating to the unauthorised direct debit transactions that were deducted from the HSBC account last year. This account has now been closed, so just a reminder to everyone that details should be removed from any online banking facility you may have.

An increase in the annual subscription fee together with an overall surplus on both matches and meetings, plus £459 worth of uniform sales have also made a contribution toward the annual expenses and therefore the closing surplus.

Although it is heartening to see a more positive cash position, it is of course very much reliant on your continued support of the Association. As said in previous years, we continue to believe that despite the small increase in match fees and subscriptions, the fixtures remain excellent value for money and we sincerely hope that you will continue to support our events in 2025.

I hope the Accounts meet with your approval. Does anyone have any questions?

As there were no matters arising from the accounts, Wendy Melville asked for a proposer and seconder for the accounts. Proposed by Caroline Angella – Eastbourne Downs and seconded by Kay Grindell – Dyke. Wendy Melville asked for a show of hands in support.

7. **SLC & SGA WEBSITE**

Liz Street, Communication gave a brief update on the website changes, confirming there had been no issues.

8. **INCOMING OFFICERS**

Wendy Melville, President, introduced Brenda Gilbey as incoming President, and presented her with the President's badge. Brenda thanked Wendy for her work as President this year, and on behalf of the Association presented Wendy with a gift.

Brenda Gilbey as new President took over the chair.

Brenda Gilbey, President, introduced the President Elect Linda Brand who was proposed by Wendy Melville and seconded by Liz Street and asked for a show of hands in agreement. Brenda presented Linda with the President Elect badge.

Roseanne Rees introduced the incoming Captain Kay Grindell and presented Kay with the Captain's badge.

Brenda thanked Roseanne for her work as 2024 Captain and presented her with a gift on behalf of the Association.

Brenda Gilbey asked Kay Grindell to let us know about our forthcoming plans for this coming year.

Kay Grindell, Captain, then read her report as incoming Captain:

Thanks again Roseanne for your Captaincy this year, we all really appreciate it.

Good morning ladies, for those of you who don't know me, my name is Kay Grindell, and I have the honour of being your Captain for 2025. I've been playing golf for a long time now, having hung up my squash and tennis rackets some time ago! I was a member of Singing Hills for 15 years, and I've been at the Dyke for 12 years now, and had the pleasure of being Lady Captain in 2022. I worked on the County Committee for 7 years, running various competitions and spent 6 years doing the web site and communications.

As a relative newcomer to our Association, I've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know many of you at this year's fixtures. Our Committee has put together some lovely events and venues for you in 2025, playing at venues across our very wide county, get your diaries and entries sorted as soon as possible now you've got your handbooks!

Disappointingly, we won't be having a fixture against Berkshire, they felt they had too many matches and their ladies were less keen to travel such a long way (so we got dumped!) We have also agreed

with Kent to play annually, alternating home and away – getting full teams can be a struggle, and with costs having risen significantly it's becoming harder and harder to find venues across the south to host our events with our current formats and budgets.

We've always been able to offer great days out for fantastically good value for money - a round of golf, 2 course meal with prizes for just £40 this year – I'm sure you'll agree is unbeatable value. We'll be getting in touch with you all in the first quarter of 2025 to ask some questions about the type of events you'd like to see going forwards, your catering preferences and thoughts about venues, prizes and pricing. It's always a tricky balancing act looking at what compromises might need to be made, so we'd like your input and thoughts – please take a little time to respond when our survey lands in your inbox.

Our Association is quite remarkable, with so many enduring friendships and great camaraderie amongst our members – something to be truly proud of. It's always a disappointment when members decide not to renew or new Captains and Hon Secs' aren't motivated to join us 'Caps & Secs' – there is so much on offer, so please do all you can to encourage your eligible club members to join – and, more importantly, then join in the fun!

Thank you very much for your time, see you all on a golf course in 2025 – get those diaries sorted.

Brenda Gilbey, President introduced Carol Hall, Vice Captain proposed by Rosanne Rees and seconded by Wendy Melville and also introduced Linda Atkins, Communications who was proposed by Liz Street and seconded by Kay Grindell and asked for a show of hands in support. Brenda thanked Liz for all her hard work over the past 4 years and presented her with a gift.

9. **A.O.B**

Brenda Gilbey, President, stated we have received no notifications of any other business.

Brenda Gilbey, President, stated as we have no further any other business "I will close the meeting".

10. **DATE OF THE AGM FOR 2025**

Brenda Gilbey, President, announced that the date for next year's AGM will be held on Monday 3rd November 2025 following SCLGA AGM at the Charmandean Centre, Worthing.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.20pm.

COMMITTEE FOR 2024 – 2025

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President Elect	Mrs Linda Brand
Captain	Mrs Kay Grindell
Vice Captain	Mrs Carol Hall
Competition Secretary	Mrs Caroline Angella
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Admin Secretary	Mrs Theresa Williamson
Communications	Mrs Linda Atkins

Signed……..

Date…….