

**MINUTES OF THE SURREY LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD  
AT WINDLESHAM GOLF CLUB, GROVE END, BAGSHOT, GU19 5HY.**

**SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 AT 11.00AM**

**Present:** Rosemary Wallis (President), Chris Braidwood (Vice President), Sally Parrish (Captain and EG Representative), Lorna Robey (Vice Captain), Jane Henman (Honorary Treasurer) Ann Gems (Junior Organiser), Elizabeth Bennett, Liz Clark, Judy Searle, Anita Fairley, Pam Mace and 98 members.

**In attendance:** Amanda Harris (County Secretary)

The President welcomed the Members and thanked them for supporting the County. The Members were advised of the sad passing of Joan Laker a staunch supporter of the Past Lady Captains Society who had celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in August. She was a great friend of Joan Rothschild and they served together for many years on the Surrey Captains and County Committees. She will be sadly missed by all.

The President stressed that SLCGA is for **every** lady in the county who is a member of an affiliated golf club, and that somehow, we need to get that message out to all the members of our clubs. SLCGA should be looked upon as the “hostess” with ladies joining us at our various special days, Spring and Autumn meetings, Summer Foursomes, 65+, Bronze meetings and so forth. Bring a friend or two and enjoy a great day out. The President advised that a poster had been included in the delegates pack, advertising our major events for 2018 and asking that it gets displayed in a prominent position in your ladies room.

The Secretary convened the meeting.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** – These were received from: Julia Brook (County Training Office), Lynne Daniel (Executive Committee), Dawn Elliott (Executive Committee), Geraldine Marvel (Executive Committee), Diana Bailey (Honorary Life Vice President), Sue Birley (Honorary Life Vice President), Anne Cotton (Honorary Life Vice President), Pat Bisset (Past Captain), Gillian McKinnon (Past Captain), Pat Stovold (Past Captain), Sue Stradling (Past Captain), 10 Delegates and 1 member.
- 2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016** had been circulated and were approved by the members and signed as a true record of the meeting.
- 3. Matters Arising:** – There were no matters arising from the 2016 AGM minutes.
- 4. To Receive Reports for 2017**
  - a) The Captain Mrs Sally Parrish presented her report.**

The Captain reported on a comprehensive programme of golf across the county and highlighted Surrey’s success from local, right through to national level. The Captain also reported on the teams and general events of SLCGA. (see full report attached)

The President thanked Sally and commented on how she had worked tirelessly to ensure that everything ran smoothly throughout the year at every event.

**b) The County Secretary, Mrs Amanda Harris presented the competition report.**

The Secretary reported on a full competition calendar of events, including the Druce, SLCGA meetings and Inter Club Knockouts. (see full report attached)

The President thanked Amanda for her report.

**c) The Junior Organiser, Mrs Ann Gems, presented her report.**

The Junior Organiser reported on the Surrey Girls achievements and successes over the last 12 months, including the Championship at Malden, the excitement of Junior County Match week, and the Junior Knockouts. (full report to follow)

The president thanked Ann for all her hard work in supporting the Junior golfers in Surrey and expressed sadness at her forthcoming retirement. Unfortunately, no one has been found to take on the role of Junior Organiser, but from the Junior Committee, the Surrey Executive Committee and the office we will hopefully continue to encourage girls to take up the game and organise their events. A presentation of two shrubs had already been given to Ann as a thankyou for all the hard work Ann has put in as Junior Organiser.

The President also went on to thank Julia Brook our training officer who is also partly retiring, for all the time that she gives up to all the events the girls take part in. Julia will continue to work with the County Support Officer, Caroline Hardy Evans in promoting girls golf.

**d) Mrs Sally Parrish, England Golf Representative, presented her Report**

Sally Parrish reported on three main areas, firstly the “real time” affiliation fees collection process, secondly the number of Directors on the board of England Golf and lastly the CONGU changes for 2018. (see full report attached).

**5. To Receive and Approve the Statement of Accounts.**

The President called upon the Honorary Treasurer, Mrs Jane Henman to present the accounts for 2017. Janice Buswell (Royal Wimbledon) congratulated Jane on the state of the accounts and for the efficient collection of the receivables, Janice also commented on the sizable reserves and asked whether there were any future plans for these funds. Jane replied that there were no specific plans at present but the position is continually reviewed and discussed. No further questions were raised. The Accounts were Proposed by Janice Buswell (Royal Wimbledon) and Seconded by Sue Wild (Betchworth Park). The members voted in favour of the adoption of the accounts.

The President thanked Jane for producing the figures and Chris Braidwood for her valuable advice.

**6. Election of Officials and Executive Committee for 2017.**

<b>President</b>	<b>Rosemary Wallis – In office</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Chris Braidwood – In office</b>
<b>County Captain</b>	<b>Sally Parrish - In office</b>
<b>Vice Captain</b>	<b>Lorna Robey – In office</b>

The following positions are required to be re-elected annually.

**Honorary Treasurer** – Jane Henman

The meeting voted unanimously for the re-election.

#### **7. Executive Committee -Appointments for 2018.**

These were elected at the Delegates meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017:-

Mrs Ruth Bailey - Worplesdon

Mrs Amanda Hiscocks – Banstead Downs

Mrs Caroline Warren – Clandon Regis

Mrs Joan Weight – Walton Heath

The following were re-elected en bloc at the Delegates meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Mrs Lynne Daniel

Mrs Liz Clark

Mrs Pam Mace

Mrs Dawn Elliott

Mrs Geraldine Marvell

Mrs Elizabeth Bennett, Mrs Anita Fairley and Mrs Judy Searle complete their term of office and retire under Rule 8(ii)(a)(ii). The President thanked these 3 members for all their time and commitment to the Association and they were presented with a gift.

#### **8. Appointments for 2018**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Team manager and Stovold Manager	Mrs Lorna Robey
Senior Team Manager	Mrs Sheila Stirling
England Golf Representative	Mrs Sally Parrish
Senior League Manager	Mrs Scynthia Larson
Handicap Advisors	Mrs Christine Staff
	Mrs Amanda Harris
Standard Scratch Score Assessor	Mrs Val Howard

The President thanked these ladies for their continued work on behalf of the Association and made specific mention of Libby Hagdrup our photographer, thanking her for all her time and effort.

#### **9. AOB.**

Any matters to be raised have to be in writing to the Secretary 2 weeks prior to the AGM. Under this rule there was one request from Royal Mid Surrey to amend the competition Rules for the Hicks Trophy so that two weekend dates must be offered.

As this comes under the rules of competition and is not part of the constitution, we can only ask for a show of hands, today to see what the feeling of other clubs would be. This will then be decided by the Executive and Rules committee.

The President made the following points:

All the SLCGA knockouts come under one set of rules at present. Requesting two weekend dates would put pressure on many of the clubs to find dates during the busy golfing season. The request was seen to be benefiting very few clubs. The President stressed that we need as many clubs as possible participating in the Hicks and by agreeing to this rule change it is giving advantage to the few rather than the many.

The results over the last 20 years have shown that nearly always the semi finals and finals have included a club with two courses and many low handicap golfers.

The representative from Royal Mid Surrey, Sophie Warner, stated that the change would only apply to the Hicks competition. Royal Mid Surrey felt the rule change would make the Hicks more inclusive and promote golf in Surrey for the working golfers and the juniors as it would allow them to participate. It would also put ladies scratch golf on the same basis as the men.

It was agreed that rather than a show of hands at the AGM it would be more equitable to canvass opinion directly from all delegates and Hicks team captains. Royal Mid Surrey are to provide a copy of the exact wording they would like used and SLCGA will canvass opinion.

**Action: Sally Parrish**

#### **10. Presentation of Trophies and Awards.**

Molly Gourlay Award – The President announced that this award, for outstanding contribution to the county, was to be awarded to Ann Gems for her involvement over the last 9 years with the Surrey committee. Ann came on as Vice Captain in 2008 and during her term of office as Captain her junior organiser left and she took on that role as well as running the county. She has been so committed to the Juniors and has been a wonderful example to them all. She was so supportive to our last two county captains and a guiding hand to the committee over the nine years she was involved.

The President commented on how much she had enjoyed working with Ann and wished her all the very best for 2018, as she becomes Lady Captain at Malden Golf Club.

The President thanked the members for attending and there being no further business the meeting closed at 12.00pm.

The next SLCGA Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 26th November 2018 at 11am.

Mrs Rosemary Wallis, President..... 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018