

## **DEVON LEAGUE LADIES GOLF MINUTES of the 34<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Held at Fingle Glen Golf Club on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

### **Present were representatives from the following clubs:**

Bigbury, Boringdon Park, Bovey Tracey, Churston, Dainton Park, Exminster, Fingle Glen, Great Torrington, Ilfracombe, Portmore, Saunton, Staddon Heights, Stover, The Warren, Thurlestone, Tiverton, Woodbury Park, and Wrangaton.

**Apologies for absence:** Yelverton.

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Bovey Tracey's Lady Captain, Mel Winter opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and introducing her team from Bovey Tracey. She gave apologies from Tracy Crooks, this year's League organiser, who was unable to attend due to work commitments. Royal North Devon and Axe Cliff have decided not to enter the League next year.

### **Presentation of the Trophies.**

Mel Winter congratulated the finalists and presented the Kay Sharp Salver to the 2019 Devon League winners, Fingle Glen, and the runners up cup to Wrangaton .

Fingle Glen thanked Bovey Tracey for their organisation of this year's competition, the condition of the course and said that the refreshments provided at the semis and finals days were much appreciated.

### **Adoption of the 2018 Minutes**

The minutes of the 2018 AGM were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting to be adopted into the League record book.

**Matters arising.** None

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Mel Winter, Bovey Tracey's Lady Captain thanked Tracy Crooks for the smooth running of the League this year before reading out her report in her absence:-

### **League Organiser's Report.**

The divisions were all played in good spirit and the results in some were clear from early on while Division A ended with only .5 of a point between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

There were a few queries thrown up during the season.

### **Reserve player**

One of the matches was played with a silver player as the reserve which was only highlighted after all matches had been completed.

Under the current ruling there is no course of action laid down and so as organisers we referred to the rule of playing out of exact handicap order which carries a 2 point deduction from the final total score.

### **Fielding a team.**

We were asked what happens if a club is unable to field a team as she could only raise 4 players , could they continue with the match?

The answer was no as under the current rules the minimum needed is 5 and if you could not raise this number you would have to proceed under the current rule 3.5 as follows:

3.5 In the extreme event of a team not being able to field such a team a 'walk over' of the 6<sup>th</sup> and reserve game may be permitted' Otherwise the points will be awarded as per rule 3.10(i) *The non offending team will have their average home/away match points won by them, within their division, added on after the completion of their league matches.*

### **Caddies**

During the semi –finals one of the ladies required a buggy and whilst out on the course I was asked if the caddy was allowed to ride in the buggy with the player.

Under current rules 3.9(iii) states Teams should not have caddies (except on Semi-finals and Finals days). There is no ruling regarding caddies riding in buggies.

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There followed a general discussion of the points raised.

It was thought that caddies should be allowed on buggies and this could be proposed at next year's AGM.

The Warren queried why a team had to have 5 players and Wrangaton thought that a match could be played with just 4 as that could get a result.

It was also requested that the winners of the divisions should not be put on the website before all the matches in that division have been played.

### **Treasurer's Report.**

A copy of the Statement of Accounts as at 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 was circulated and approved.

The balance received from Bigbury in 2018 was £815.60. Income from the 2020 entry fees, 19 clubs at £20 each was £380.00. Expenditure was £353.00 giving a balance of £842.60 to be transferred to Boringdon Park.

### **Introduction of 2020 League Organisers.**

Mel Winter introduced Mel Jasinsky the Boringdon Park GC Lady Captain.

She thanked Bovey Tracey for an efficient year and then presented her team for next season's organising committee.

Tee times have been booked at Boringdon for the semis and finals as per requirements and entries for the 2021 season should be received by 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

Fixture dates to be received by 30/11/19

All matches must be played between 01/03/20 and 06/09/20

Mel Jasinsky then asked for any questions and there followed some discussion of trying to get more clubs to play in the League as Royal North Devon and Axe Cliff have both withdrawn from next season.

Staddon suggested that the time and distances clubs have to travel may play a part in these decisions but the general view was that the ladies present were happy to travel in order to play different courses and meet new faces along the way.

It was asked that some information on the origins of the League be posted on the website. It was started for the benefit of silver players.

Woodbury brought up the maximum handicap which at present is 35. Any lady higher than this can play but not above this limit. With the new maximum CONGU handicaps now set at 54 it was thought that if we were to raise the maximum playing handicap we would lose silver players if they had to give too many shots .

### **Any Other Business**

Ilfracombe felt that Bovey Tracey was not a neutral course in accordance with the League rules as Wrangaton were in the semi final and final and according to the website the clubs are treated as one.

Mel Winter then read out a statement from Bovey Tracey Golf Club expressing regret that Ilfracombe felt like this but stated that Devon Golf Ltd regard Bovey Tracey and Wrangaton as 2 separate clubs. The courses are owned and run by the same company and since April of 2019 there has been the opportunity to join one and request to be an away member at the other for no extra charge.

The publicity offers joint membership but this is actually a home and, on request, away membership. The offer includes reciprocal use of the course and facilities but many other Devon clubs enjoy such arrangements .

Bovey also pointed out that members probably played other local courses as often as they would Wrangaton and vice-versa. Wrangaton said that they rarely played at Bovey Tracey. None of the Wrangaton players at the semi-finals and finals were away members at Bovey Tracey.

We believe we are a neutral course and we were happy to welcome all the finalists over the 2 days that they played at Bovey Tracey.

It was also mentioned that if a neutral course has to be found by any other club in future years then the balance of the account as it stands may be needed to cover any extra costs.

### **Draw for 2020:**

<b>Division A</b>	<b>Division B</b>	<b>Division C</b>	<b>Division D</b>
Saunton	Portmore	Great Torrington	Ilfracombe
Woodbury Park	Fingle Glen	Exminster	Tiverton
Dainton Park	The Warren	Stover	Bovey Tracey
Thurlestone	Yelverton	Bigbury	Staddon Heights
Wrangaton	Churston	Boringdon Park	

Semi finals      A v C & B v D

Semi finals to be played at Boringdon on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Final to be played at Boringdon on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

### **Date of the 2020 AGM**

The AGM has been booked for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at Fingle Glen at 11am.

Mel Winter then thanked all the ladies for attending the meeting and declared the meeting closed at 12.15.