

LADIES DEVON LEAGUE GOLF

MINUTES OF THE 31st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at Fingle Glen Golf Club on MONDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2016

Present were representatives from the following golf clubs:

Axe Cliff, Bigbury, Bovey Tracey, Churston, Dainton Park, Dartmouth, Exminster, Fingle Glen, Great Torrington, Ilfracombe, Portmore, Royal North Devon, Saunton, Sparkwell, Staddon Heights, Stover, Teign Valley, Thurlestone, Tiverton, Warren, Woodbury, Wrangaton

Apologies:

Yelverton

Welcome and Introductions:

Wendy Roberts on behalf of Wrangaton Golf Club welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Presentation of Trophies:

Before the formal meeting began Wendy asked next year's club Axe Cliff to present the trophies to the 2016 winners. Wrangaton was presented with the Kay Sharp Salver; and Churston were presented with the Runners Up Cup.

Adoption of the 2015 Minutes:

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Jo Donmall, Axe Cliff; and Seconded by Jasmine Clapson, Woodbury

Matters Arising:

It was agreed at the last AGM that the Home team would be responsible for sending in results. This was omitted from the rules update but will now be added.

Accounts:

A balance sheet of expenditure and income was given to all clubs at the meeting. Wendy briefly outlined the following points:

1. Balance passed over to Wrangaton was £376.77
2. Expenditure for Semis and Finals Days, room hire, web managing fee, web hosting, photocopying, catering etc was £1133.36
3. Balance to be passed to Axe Cliff for 2017 will be £468.41

League Organiser's Report:

Val Mulcrone reported things had gone smoothly during the year. 19 teams entered equated to 144 matches having been played. She reminded clubs to ensure their designated club contact was familiar with emailing and regularly checked their inbox so information could be assimilated to clubs quickly. Sending results by email has worked very well and ensured the website could be updated with results within a day. Dainton asked at this point if it was necessary for the Reserves scores to be recorded under the results on the website as it was confusing. Frances Lewes Palmer will look into this. Val asked clubs to send their fixtures to Axe Cliff as soon as possible, and wished them well in running the league in 2017.

Update on Rules Changes EGM in February:

Wendy reported early in 2017 that representatives from Axe Cliff, Teign Valley, and Wrangaton met at Bovey Tracey to go through the Rules and make necessary suggestions and changes. All clubs were kept informed via email of suggested changes, most replied, and an EGM was called in February at Bovey Tracey to implement and vote on the changes. Most clubs were represented at the meeting. The new Rules were then uploaded to the website for reference. Wendy reminded clubs that there is always the facility to change the rules via a proposal at the AGM.

Proposal by Great Torrington, seconded by Axe Cliff:

"We would like to propose that the way in which the draw is carried out be reviewed with a view to restricting the number of long journeys encountered by any one team. We would like to see a zoning arrangement adopted for the first round matches, commencing with the draw at the 2017 AGM"

Great Torrington set out their rationale in making this proposal, saying they may not be able to continue to play in the League if they have to finance long journeys to play matches. Axe Cliff as seconds said it may be worth considering a review. Discussion followed. Some suggestions were to zone like County does for the Creasy matches. Ilfracombe said they were against zoning. Warren said the home captains should err on the side of caution in bad weather and communicate with the other club before they set off. Great Torrington said in their case they had already ordered and paid for a minibus, and deciding on the day made it too late. Saunton said they were happy to travel and liked to play other courses. RND agreed with Ilfracombe and Saunton and were not in favour of zoning. Tiverton were against zoning. Fingle Glen were not in favour of zoning. Portmore suggested they may be ways of doing the draw using different boxes for different areas.

Ilfracombe asked for the proposal to be clarified. Wendy, Chair, clarified that the proposal was for a review at the 2017 AGM (as per the wording in the proposal), and it perhaps needed further discussion before then. Accordingly Axe Cliff will hold a meeting, and the following clubs agreed to attend and hammer out some ideas (Portmore, Ilfracombe, Great Torrington, Thurlestone) with a view to putting forward two or three options to make it easier to understand, and to vote on, at the next AGM.

Draw for 2017:

23 clubs have entered next year's league, and we welcome Portmore, Exminster, Bovey Tracey and Yelverton. The draw was made as follows:

<u>Division A</u>	<u>Division B</u>	<u>Division C</u>	<u>Division D</u>
Saunton	Portmore	Tiverton	Warren
Dainton Park	Yelverton	Wrangaton	Fingle Glen
Stover	RND	Bigbury	Thurlestone
Sparkwell	Exminster	Axe Cliff	Staddon Heights
Dartmouth	Gt Torrington	Woodbury	Bovey Tracey
Churston	Ilfracombe	Teign Valley	

The Semi Final Draw was:
Division B plays Division D
Division A plays Division C

Introduction of next year's Host Club:

Wendy introduced Jo Donmall from Axe Cliff who will be next year's League Organiser. She gave the following dates for 2017. The semi finals will be played on Thursday 21st September, and the finals will be played on Tuesday 26th September at Axe Cliff.

Date of next AGM:

Monday 2nd October 2017 at 11:00am at Fingle Glen

AOB: None

The meeting closed 11:40am