

DEVON LADIES' GOLF LEAGUE

**MINUTES OF THE 30TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT FINGLE GLEN GOLF CLUB
MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2015 AT 11.00 AM**

Present were representatives from the following Golf Clubs:

Axe Cliff, Bigbury, Churston, Dainton Park, Dartmouth, Fingle Glen, Great Torrington, Ilfracombe, Royal North Devon, Saunton, Sparkwell, Stover, Teign Valley, Thurlestone, Tiverton, Warren, Woodbury Park, Wrangaton.

Apologies: None

(noted that there was no rep from Staddon Heights)

Welcome and introductions

Maggie Thomas, Woodbury Park Ladies' Captain, welcomed the members of the Devon League and introduced herself, Kay Foster 2015 League Administrator and Jasmine Clapson, Woodbury Park Devon League Rep for 2016.

Item 1. Adoption of 2014 Minutes and Matters Arising

The 2015 AGM Minutes were adopted.

Proposed: Anne Ward (Warren), **Seconded:** Margaret Kenchington (Axe Cliff)

Matters arising: None

Item 2. Winning Team 2015

Maggie Thomas congratulated the 2015 winners Dainton Park and runners up Wrangaton.

Item 3. Accounts

Kay Foster opened a new bank account last year and referred to the accounts sheet, given to all at the meeting. There are still a few cheques to be cleared e.g the hire of the room from Fingle Glen Club for this meeting.

Item 4. Increase in annual subscription

Kay discussed the idea of an increased subscription from £15 to £20 per club per annum, this was open for discussion at the meeting. Kay asked for a show of hands and a majority agreed on the increase.

Item 5. Next Year in the DL

Nineteen teams have entered The Devon League for 2016 and we welcome Sparkwell Golf Club. So there will be four divisions, one of which will have 4 teams and the others will have 5 teams. We are sorry to see Portmore and Bovey Tracy leave this year.

Item 5. Results Sheets

Kay Foster recommends that only the 'Home Club' should send the results sheet, after match play, to the host club organisers in future (in 2016 this will be Wrangaton). This year it caused confusion as too many forms were sent in. It was agreed that this should be adopted.

Item 7. Devon League Nat West Bank Account

Kay Foster opened the new account, last year, which will get transferred after some form signing, to the next host club Wrangaton. Wrangaton confirmed that they were happy with this arrangement.

Item 8. The New Devon League Website

Clubs were asked to feedback on the new website, formed this year. Many clubs praised the website saying it was excellent and very clear. A request came for the Reserve Players' results also to be included and Kay Foster will look into this good idea. She welcomes comments to keep coming in.

Item 9. Transferring the Hosting of the Website

Kay Foster explained that a website developer at Woodbury helped to set the website in place and they did this without charge and made it simple to use. Costs for hosting the web and maintaining the domain name will occur in 2016 and 2017. As the administration of the Devon League passed from club to club annually by rotation Kay felt that the payment of the hosting and domain name may get forgotten and has looked at various options. She has suggested that Frances Lewes-Palmer from Warren Ladies who is a web designer could manage the Web for a small fee of £50.00 per annum (Kay and Frances have discussed the idea already) and insure that the necessary payments are made on time. Francis would also be responsible for uploading forms, minutes and rules plus preparing the web for the new host club who will run the web for the year. It will be the new clubs responsibility to upload the club results and fixtures. Clubs were asked to vote re paying Frances £50 for the year and a majority agreed that this should be done.

Item 10. Setting up a Sub- Committee

Kay Foster referred to her email letter 'Looking Forward' sent to DL clubs. This was now open for discussion (footnotes on the back of the agenda). The idea was to form a small committee of 4 people, to include a member from the outgoing host club (e.g this year Woodbury), the new incoming 'host club' 2 members (e.g this year Wrangaton) and future hosts 1 member (e.g 2017 Axe Cliff). This committee would look at issues as they arose during the season, support the host club if controversial matters arise and make recommendations to any changes in the rules which could be put forward to the next AGM. They would also help the future host club gain knowledge so that when it was their turn to administer the Devon League they would have gained some experience. Kay Foster then asked if clubs agreed to the idea of a sub- committee in the future, to support other host clubs. By an 'informal show of hands', the majority agreed and two clubs abstained. If this idea is to be adopted in the future it must be proposed and seconded before the next AGM. In the meantime the new host club Wrangaton have decided they will call on support from other clubs when any problems arise, rather than have the formality of a sub- committee at this stage.

Item 11. A Discussion to rule 3.10 (i) and (ii) Weather Conditions

Mary Thompson from Dartmouth GC, led a discussion about the rules re "weather conditions". She related the scenario that if a course is closed at a club, due to bad weather, and the match has to be re-scheduled. (3.10 i). This is not usually a problem if it is early season but if this happens in August there is often no room for a re-schedule. Mary suggested that 3 dates should be presented to the away club for a re-schedule. Discussion took place about whether the match should then be conceded if those dates were not suitable, as there has to be a limit to how many dates can be given. It was pointed out that this was not a proposal and therefore the rule could not be changed at this meeting. It was agreed by a majority that the 3 dates wording, should be put forward as a proposal for next year, as an addition to this rule.

3.10 (ii) Discussion continued to include the next section to this rule about incomplete matches, the Sub Committee formed to look at the rules in general would address this problem and put their proposal to an EGM in the spring 2016 before the golfing season starts.

Kay Foster then asked if there were any volunteers from the ladies present at the meeting or anyone else they could recommend from various clubs to join the Sub Committee and 4 clubs which offered to help were:

Axe Cliff - Margaret Kenchington/Barbara Cummings
Tiverton -

Teign Valley - Maggie Thomson

Wrangaton - Kate Purcell

Majority agreed to the formation of this Sub- Committee to look at the rules over this winter.

Item 12. Change to Rule 3.5

Ann Scholes Ilfracombe GC had proposed the idea of a word change and it was seconded by Leslye Bandbury from Saunton GC.

Ann was not present at the meeting but a representative from the club read the rules referring to the reserve players as in, "if a club is unable to field a team of 6 players then there can be a 'walk over' for the Reserve's points". Other cases involved postponed matches due to bad weather and a club having to give a total 'walk over'. Discussion followed of whether the DCLGA 'pink pages' could be looked at however Kay Foster pointed out that the pink pages were in the process of being revised. Some ladies felt the pink pages were not relevant to the Devon League. After much discussion it was agreed that the newly formed Rules Sub Committee would also have a closer look at this rule.

Item 13. Change to Rule 3.7 and 3.8 Matches determine Winners not Points..

Glenda Board from Axe Cliff GC proposed the idea of change to this rule and this was seconded by RND.

Glenda was not at the meeting but Margaret Kenchington from Axe Cliff referred to the fact that the wording of 3.7 mentions that "at the end of the season, if there is a tie, then reserve players' scores are added to the team points to determine a winner". Axe Cliff suggest that the number of matches won are looked at in the 6 games, rather than points and if there is a tie then the reserve games count. Discussion from various clubs included whether we include the full 7 players in results, as in the Creasey, and do we count matches won rather than points.

Clubs voted whether to change the rule, no hands were raised, so the wording stands and Axe Cliff chose to withdraw the proposal.

Item 14. Introduction of Wrangaton Golf Club, the Organisers for Devon League 2016

Maggie Thomas from Woodbury G C welcomed the new hosts for the Devon League 2016 Wrangaton Golf Club. Maggie introduced Wendy Roberts, Val Mulcorne and Kate Purcell. Wrangaton GC then thanked Woodbury Park GC and Kay Foster for all the hard work. It was mentioned how well organised the semi- finals and finals were (held at Woodbury Park GC) and all games played in excellent weather conditions.

Wrangaton GC provided the dates for next year:

The AGM to be held here again at Fingle Glen on **MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2016 at 11.00 o'clock**

The semi finals of the DL to be held at Wrangaton on **WEDNESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2016**

Finals also at Wrangaton **MONDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2016**

All group matches need to be played by 12th September 2016.

Please could clubs send their fixtures in as soon as possible to Wrangaton

Item 15. Draw for the Divisions for 2016

Semi Finals- Division A to play B and C to play D

19 clubs have signed up for 2016, so there will be 4 divisions ABCD. ABC will have 5 teams in each and division D will have 4 teams:

Division A	Division B	Division C	Division D
Ilfracombe	Axe Cliff	Staddon Heights	Fingle Glen
Stover	Woodbury Park	Great Torrington	Saunton
Wrangaton	Dartmouth	Teign Valley	Thurlestone
Dainton Park	Warren	Bigbury	Royal North Devon
Tiverton	Sparkwell	Churston	

Item 16. Any Other Business

Maggie Thomas called for any other business.

Wrangaton Golf Club raised the question- if the host club win their division then they would be unable to play the semi- finals or finals at their own club. Discussion took place and a suggestion was made that the next year's host club could host the semi-finals and finals. As this will be Axe Cliff in 2017, they were asked if they would consider this idea. A representative from Axe Cliff said they would consider this but can't fix the dates at this stage. Then a suggestion was also made that if this does happen then Wrangaton could host these games in the following year, when Axe Cliff were hosts. It was mentioned that in the past, clubs with 9 hole courses were used. It was decided to wait and see if this scenario happens then solutions would be made, at a later stage. Failing this Wrangaton suggested that they could ask their "sister" club Bovey Tracey to host the finals for 2016

Discussion took place regarding who was eligible to play in the Devon League and whether this should be reviewed especially regarding Still players. There are restrictions for 'Still' cup players. Discussions continued about the Devon League being full handicap and therefore higher handicap players receive shots and this makes the game fair against 'silver' players. The enjoyment and bonding of the DL at all levels was appreciated.

Ilfracombe G C felt that Royal North Devon GC were to be praised, as they chose to withdraw from the finals, as divisional winners this year, due to an error on their part. Ilfracombe applauded them for their honesty and acting in a dignified manner over this matter. Kay Foster stated she had written to the Captain of RND thanking her for her integrity and honesty. The meeting ended in loud cheers for RND.

Item 17. Date, time and place of next meeting had been decided in Item 14

The meeting closed at 12.50 p m

Devon League Statement of accounts as at October 2015

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Income

Expenditure

Balance brought forward	£487.99	Web Hosting	£ 50. 08
Entry fees for 2016 (19 clubs at £15.00)	£285.00	Stationary	£ 9. 74
		Catering semi/finals	£206.40
		Buggy hire	£ 20.00
		Room Hire Fingle Glen	£ 60.00
		Web Manager Frances Lewes-Palmer	£ 50.00
Total	£772.99	Total	£396.22

Balance carried forward £376.77