

**DEVON LEAGUE LADIES GOLF
MINUTES of the 33rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held at Fingle Glen Golf Club on
Monday 1st October 2018**

Present were representatives from the following clubs:

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

Apologies for absence:

Yelverton and Dainton Park.

Jane Wain opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and introduced the Bigbury team.

Presentation of Trophies:

Bigbury were pleased to make the formal presentation of the Kay Sharp Salver to the 2018 Devon League winners, Fingle Glen. The Runners Up Cup was presented to Saunton. Both Saunton and Fingle Glen congratulated Bigbury on the course, as well as the arrangements for the Semi's and the Final.

Adoption of the 2018 Minutes:

The Minutes of the 2018 AGM were unanimously agreed as a true record of the meeting to be adopted into the League record book.

Matters arising - Nil.

Welcome to returning Club:

Dawlish were welcomed back for the 2019 Season. Two Clubs had made the decision not to take part for 2019, Teign Valley and Dartmouth.

League Organiser's Report - Jane Wain, Bigbury Golf Club

Jane reported that the Season had run smoothly and thanked all clubs for the way they had conducted their matches with all having been played in good spirit. Thankfully as the organiser, Jane had not needed to be called in for any contentious issues. Jane thanked Janet Burton, who had handled the finances as well as the initial setting up of the Web Site. Also, Mary Smith from Fingle Glen was thanked; her help with some of the regular updates needed had been much appreciated.

Jane went on to report that in closing out their Division, RND and Portmore had been unable to play their final match until the 15th September; and as you all know the Semi Finals date was the 18th September so very tight. Portmore needed to win all six of their games to qualify and go through to the semi finals. Well, Portmore won all six of their games against RND and were worthy semi finalists. Finally, thankfully, the weather had held for both the semi finals and finals and the Course had played well.

Treasurer's Report:

A copy of the Statement of Accounts at 1st October 2018 was circulated and Janet Burton outlined the following points:

- a) Balance received 2017 from Axe Cliff £739.97
- b) A £10 expenditure correction in the 2017 statement of accounts had been made
- c) Income from 2019 entry fees, 21 clubs at £20 totalling £420
- d) Expenditure was £354.37
- e) The balance to be passed to Bovey Tracey Golf Club will be £815.60, an increase of £75.63 from 2017.

There was some discussion about the balance and this perhaps seeming excessive. However, decided no action to be taken at this time. Janet was thanked for her report and the Statement of Accounts agreed.

Proposals:

Jane Wain introduced the 6 proposals being put to the Devon League Ladies Golf AGM. The full proposals are attached to these Minutes as an Addendum.

Proposal 1: This proposal was about the zoning of the clubs, as defined by Devon Golf. The way the zoning and draw would be conducted was explained and demonstrated; all present agreed to the format. There was some debate and the proposal was put to the vote; carried 15 for, 2 against.

Rule 3.1 amended.

Proposal 2: Portmore outlined the proposal, which would reduce the number of matches to be played by Divisions and introduce quarter finals at neutral courses. Points raised included Q.F. costs to the host clubs; additional travel costs and time commitments for players; need to "cram" matches in September; bringing forward dates although some clubs involved with Still, Presidents and Creasy would have problems accommodating such a change as current timings allow for Presidents, Creasy and Still matches; overall could lead to more matches for some clubs. Proposal was put to the vote and was not agreed; 7 for and 11 against.

Proposal 3: Portmore outlined the proposal, meaning that Teams could include any player in the semis and final, as long as that player had played just once in the Division matches. The current requirement was for two matches to have been played. Some discussion and put to the vote; not agreed with 9 for and 10 against.

Proposal 4: Boringdon to have its administration of the League postponed until 2020 year unanimously agreed.

Proposal 5: Jane Wain outlined the proposal relating to a 2 point deduction if any team player played out of exact handicap order. Much discussion took place, with points made including to follow the same formula as used with the County for Presidents and Creasy; also the need for this important point to help the organiser of the League and the Team Captains. The proposal was carried, with just one vote against. The amended wording for the proposal to include the word "exact".

Rule 3.4 amended.

Proposal 6: This proposal about medical certificates and permission being requested for the use of buggies was outlined by Jane Wain. The proposal had been made following a request, made in 2018, being submitted just 10 minutes before the match was due to start. Tracey Crook for Bovey Tracy Golf Club, as next year's organiser, confirmed the need for timely requests of medical exemption for the

use of buggies. A minimum 24 hours notice was discussed; also there was the possibility of some clubs not having buggies available at very short notice. Mention was made of possible extenuating circumstances, such as extreme heat. Also discussed was the need to have permission of the Club Secretary. Finally, it was noted that if there was a player with a permanent disability needing to use a buggy, then there should be no requirement for her to repeat the request and provide a medical exemption certificate year on year.

A vote was taken and the proposal was carried unanimously.

Rule 3.9 (iv) amended.

Introduction of 2019 League Organisers with details of semi and finals date:

Jane introduced Tracy Crooks, the Bovey Tracey Golf Club Lady Captain. Tracy confirmed their club were looking to make a success of their year running the Devon Ladies League and introduced her team. Tracy continued saying as in recent years and as had happened with Bigbury, they would look to consider possible ways to continue to tighten up rules and procedures and help with its smooth running. Tracy explained that there was a form available for all clubs which included the Bovey Tracey dates and contact details, as well as outlining required information.

Draw for 2019:

Twenty one clubs have entered for the 2019 season, and the draw was made, as follows.

Division A	Division B	Division C	Division D
Great Torrington	RND	Portmore	Saunton
Stover	Bovey Tracey	Warren	Churston
Tiverton	Axe Cliff	Woodbury	Exminster
Boringdon	Thurlestone	Yelverton	Staddon
Fingle Glen	Ilfracombe	Dainton	Wrangaton
		Bigbury	

Semi Finals to be played on Tuesday 17th September 2019 at Bovey Tracey

D v B

A v C

Final to be played on Tuesday 24th September 2019 at Bovey Tracey

Next Meeting:

It was confirmed that the 2019 AGM would take place on Monday 7th October 2019, at Fingle Glen Golf Club, starting at 11.00 am.

Any Other Business:

- i) A possible proposal for next year was to allow a silver player as a reserve.
- ii) Question by Thurlestone.

At present, if you cannot field a team of six, you can field five players because say one player isn't available on the day of the match. Also, it could happen that only four players might be available. Some discussion and generally felt that if opposing team has players available, then that team should be awarded the points and the match would be played with four taking part in one team.

The meeting ended at 12.30 pm.

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Proposals for League AGM October 2018.

1/ proposed by Thurlestone, seconded by Portmore

‘Clubs to be allocated into North, South, East and West zones as set down by Devon Golf. Any new club(s) joining the League would come under this jurisdiction.

One random selection would be made from each zone to create as many divisions as decided prior to the start of the draw depending on the number of clubs entering for that year,

The present ruling regarding 20 clubs and under and 24 clubs and over would still stand.(Please refer to rule 3.2)

Rationale : clubs would have to play at least one match in 3 different zones and there is less chance of drawing more than 2 clubs from a very distant zone..

A demonstration as to how this would work can be made at the AGM.

2/proposed by Thurlestone, seconded by Portmore

‘Should the number of clubs entering be 21-23 the League would be played in five divisions with the winners of each division and the 3 runners up in accordance with the points system, going forward to a quarter final which would be played on a neutral course.

Before the team draw takes place, the five divisions would be put in a pot and a random draw made determining which division the surplus team would be allocated to .Should there be two/three surplus teams , then two/three divisions would be randomly selected and accordingly a random draw of the surplus teams made to determine which division they are allocated to. Therefore, the maximum number of matches any division could incur would be 8: 4 home and 4 away.’

Rationale: Some smaller clubs find it difficult to fit in as many as 10 divisional matches per season

3/proposed by Ilfracombe, seconded by Portmore

‘That team members be required to play only once in order to qualify to play in the semi finals/finals.

4/proposed by Axe Cliff, seconded by Boringdon

‘Boringdon are due to take over the administration of the Devon League in 2019, but in view of the fact that 2018 is their first full year of membership, Axe Cliff propose that their administration year be postponed by one year, until 2020.’

Rationale : is obvious: this could not be formally voted upon at the last AGM but there was unanimous agreement that this proposal would be supported when presented in 2018.

5/PROPOSAL BY BOVEY TRACEY GOLF CLUB

SECONDED BY BIGBURY

3.4 Playing in Handicap Order

Propose a 2 point deduction from the offending teams score for the day for playing out of exact handicap order.

6/ PROPOSAL BY BOVEY TRACEY GOLF CLUB

SECONDED BY BIGBURY

3.9 (iv) Buggy Applications

If the need for a buggy arises through the course of the season the League Organiser and Captain of opposing team must be informed immediately and medical evidence provided to the League Organiser no later than 24 hours prior to the match taking place. If a club is unable to accommodate a buggy the captain of the team should seek an alternative player.

In the case of a player having a permanent disability for which a medical certificate to enable use of a buggy has been supplied, the certificate will not need to be renewed annually.