

Devon League Ladies Golf
Minutes of the 35th Annual General Meeting
Held virtually on 5th October 2020 1pm

Present were representatives from the following clubs:

Axe Cliff, Bigbury, Bovey Tracey, Churston, Exminster, The Warren, Tiverton, Ilfracombe, Portmore, Great Torrington, Holsworthy, Yelverton, Thurlestone and Warren.

Apologies

Wrangaton, Staddon Heights

League update

This AGM was held virtually due to the current government restrictions regarding Covid-19 and being unable to meet in person. As a result the meeting was slightly disjointed with some people unable to attend the meeting and some not being able to have their say. Apologies for this.

This meeting was held following a season which had been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the national lockdown. All clubs agreed to cancel the season and roll over the divisions to the following year. As a result of the ongoing pandemic two teams have withdrawn from the coming 20/21 season, Fingle Glen and Stover. Two clubs have expressed an interest in joining the league, Axe Cliff and Holsworthy. It was also agreed that the fees for the 19/20 season would be carried over to the coming 20/21 season with any new entries paying £20, whilst the clubs who have withdrawn will receive refunds of £20.

Points of discussion

Handicaps

In light of the WHS coming into effect this November I asked for a discussion regarding where the bronze handicap should start in reference to the reserve player who should be a Bronze player. Previously this player needed to be playing off a handicap of 20.5, the suggestion was that this is increased to 23.5 in line with Devon Golf.

There was a wide ranging discussion regarding handicaps and whether the upper limit of 36 should be increased to 40.4, there were some points brought forward from clubs that the handicap limit of 36 needed to increase to 40 to enable teams to enter this coming year. There was also clubs who expressed that they did not want the upper handicap limit to increase from 36.

It was agreed that we would hold an EGM in February 2021 at which point we may understand the WHS layout and impact on players by then and can make a decision regarding handicaps.

Divisions

A mini draw was undertaken and divisions for the coming season will be:

Division A	Division B	Division C	Division D
Saunton	Portmore	Great Torrington	Ilfracombe
Woodbury Park	Axe Cliff	Exminster	Tiverton
Dainton Park	The Warren	Holsworthy	Bovey Tracey
Thurleston	Yelverton	Bigbury	Staddon Heights
Wrangaton	Churston	Boringdon Park	

Paperwork

It was agreed that this year I will be accepting photos of the league results rather than having the paperwork sent to me. Each club should keep their paperwork until the end of the season in case of any disputes regarding results.

Treasurer's report

Please accept my apologies for not attending the virtual meeting on 5th October.

The handover of the control of the League bank account from Bovey Tracey has not gone at all smoothly. NatWest have proved to be particularly unhelpful and not fit for purpose exacerbated by the pandemic. I have tried to open a new business account but the opening of new accounts has been suspended due to Covid! Mary Hendy at Bovey Tracey and I have had many conversations, resulting in her kindly agreeing to carry on as signatory of Cheques whilst I manage the account until the handover to Churston. May I recommend that Churston arrange to open a new business account in plenty of time for the handover next year.

That said, the handover balance from Bovey Tracey on 5/11/19 was £842.60. The 2020 subs from existing members have been waived. Two clubs have left the league and will receive refunds and two new clubs will join. I have just sent a Cheque to Mary for authorisation for Frances Lewis -Palmer in respect of website maintenance for £121.68. The balance will therefore be £720.92 going forward.

Julie Bacon

End of season

The semi-final and finals date to be held at Boringdon Park:

Semi-final – 14th September 2021

Finals – 21st September 2021

Proposed date for the EGM – 10th February 2021.