

LANCASHIRE LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

COUNCIL MEETING

HAYDOCK PARK GOLF CLUB

30TH OCTOBER 2017

<u>PRESENT:</u>	COUNTY PRESIDENT	Mrs Ruth Cooper
	COUNTY CAPTAIN	Mrs Dinah Vaux
	COUNTY VICE CAPTAIN	Mrs Jackie Snowden
	HON SECRETARY	Mrs Margaret Milne
	HON TREASURER	Mrs Delia Naylor

EXECUTIVE Mesdames: S Griffiths, S Cooke, J Cawley, J Stevens, L Aspden

SHIELDS AND OTHER OFFICIALS E Clark, M Milne
10 Past Captains, Honorary Life
Members, Past Presidents, Vice Presidents and 113 delegates representing 59 clubs.

APOLOGIES Chris Stokes, Sheila Maher, Judith Harrison, Janette Smart, Ann Irvin MBE, Anne Howard, Angela Caton, Jennifer Fallow, Barbara Whiting, Anne Baines, Barbara Hilton, Jan Kenwright.

Clubs: Oldham, Rishton, Crompton & Royton, Grange over Sands, Stand, Morecambe, Preston, Gt Harwood, Towneley, Gt Lever & Farnworth, Nelson. Penwortham.

The Captain opened the meeting by welcoming all the delegates to the meeting.

MINUTES The minutes of the previous meeting have been published on the County website.
The minutes were approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising.

TREASURER'S REPORT The Treasurer presented her report on the finances of the Association.

Questions None

**EXECUTIVE
REPORT**

The Secretary read the Executive Report

**SHIELDS
REPORT**

The Secretary read the shields report. The Secretary told the meeting that the Scratch Shield draw would now be read out at the meeting, and asked all clubs present to exchange match secretaries' details and match dates after the meeting. The draw is as follows:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Turton	Rossendale	Ormskirk	Rochdale
Chorley	Bolton	Ashton & Lea	Manchester
Childwall	Clitheroe	West Lancashire	Nelson
Royal Birkdale	Royal Lytham	Pleasington	Hillside
Formby Ladies	Fairhaven	St Annes Old Links	Bolton Old Links
Penwortham			

The Secretary then read out the draw for the Handicap & Bronze finals which is:

**NW v East
SE v South West**

**ENGLAND GOLF
REPORT**

The England Golf (North Region) Report was presented.

AOB

Wigan Golf Club – A question was raised about the makeup of the Handicap Shield Teams. Instead of 1 single figure player could there be a Category 1 player on the team ?

On the face of it this would be more restrictive than at present.

After discussion it became clear that the question was actually that there be 2 single figure players, one of whom would be a category 1 player (up to 5 handicap).

It was pointed out that if a club wished to have something voted on at the Council meeting, a proposal was required to be submitted prior to the meeting so that it could be circulated to all golf clubs.

Possible changes to Shield regulations are discussed at the Shield Committee and then taken to the Executive Committee for approval.

Hindley Hall Golf Club

Wanted to know that if a club writes to the Shield Committee regarding a change to the regulations does this mean that there is no opportunity for other clubs to give their opinion?

It was pointed out that the contact between the clubs and the Shields Committee is the appropriate Divisional Shield Representative. Should clubs feel that changes are needed then they should contact their Shield Rep. For the Handicap and Bronze teams the opportunity for discussion is at the Divisional Shield draw meetings.

In the past, questions about the number of players in a team and the number of lady members and handicap category, have been put to clubs via a questionnaire. This method does give the Executive Committee an overall feeling of the clubs that respond but ultimately it is a decision for the Executive to make.

Leigh Golf Club

Asked if there could be a show of hands in respect of the proposal from Wigan Golf Club. It was pointed out that it is for clubs to decide on their position on any issue, not an individual who had not had the opportunity to consult and fully discuss the matter with their membership.

Deane Golf Club

Should the proposed adjustment be made to the Handicap Shield teams would the same apply to the Bronze?

It would have to be considered, yes.

Nelson Golf Club

Are we heading for single figure Handicap teams if the changes take place?

Darwen Golf Club

Seeking clarification on the CONGU information given. Does the 54 handicap come in in 2018 or 2020. The changes to CONGU to permit handicap up to 54 system is to be

implemented from 2018. The worldwide handicapping system is to be implemented in 2020.

Regent Park Golf Club

Will the Bronze Shield be limited to handicap 36 or less?

No it will be the same principle as the Handicap Shield where 24 is the maximum handicap allowance but players may play but lose any shots above 24.

Accrington Golf Club

Would like to say that they appreciated that complimentary tea and coffee was available today.

The Vice-Captain gave a vote of thanks to the Captain for chairing the meeting so well, the Captain then closed the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and wished them a safe journey home.