

# CHLCGA

Cambs & Hunts Ladies County Golf Association

## MINUTES of the 81st Annual General Meeting of the Cambs & Hunts Ladies' County Golf Association held at 1300hrs on Thursday 26 November 2020 via Zoom

The President declared the meeting open and welcomed all participating members. She highlighted that as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic she was pleased that we are able to continue with the AGM at the appointed time, albeit in a virtual environment using Zoom. She went on to explain the processes for indicating a wish to speak and for voting.

1. The Secretary read the notice convening the Annual General Meeting and confirmed that the maximum number of assigned/eligible votes is 65:
  - Total number of voting members present via Zoom: 53
  - Number of proxy votes: 6
  - Number of non-voting members: present via Zoom: 4

Noted that for the purposes of voting the threshold majority is set at two-thirds majority of eligible voting members.

**PRESENT:** Sheila Withams (President/ EG Voting Member representative), Greta Barclay (Acting Junior Organiser), Roz Bartlett (Seniors' Captain), Wendy Cox (Handicap Advisor), Paula Ewing (County Captain), Val Musson (Hon Secretary), Di Nicholson (Treasurer), Rosemary Rennie (Competition Secretary)

**Voting members** from the following clubs: Bourn (4), Brampton Park (3), Ely City (5), Girton (4), Gog Magog, (6) Heydon Grange (1), Kingsway, (1) Lakeside Lodge (4), Links Newmarket (3), Old Nene (2), Ramsey (1), Royston (2), Saffron Walden (2), St Ives (3), St Neots (2) and The Cambridgeshire (2)

Noted that proxy votes were received from Barkway (2), Cambridge Meridian (1), Kingsway (1), Links (1) Ramsey (1).

**Non-voting members in attendance:** Jackie Ewing (Vice captain elect), Joy Billany (Assistant Competition Secretary), Sue Leadbeater (Deputy Handicap Advisor), Kim Bradfield (Royston)

2. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED:** Tina Broadley (Course Rating Assessor, Teresa Dyson, Olivia Dyson (Barkway), Cindy McIntyre (Cambridge Meridian), Maureen Mansfield (Girton), Chris Heath (Gog Magog), Judith Sharpe (Kingsway), Jude Hole (Links), Lucy Mills-Cripps (Ramsey)
3. **MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2019**

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 21 November 2019 (previously circulated) were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Pat Atkin (Girton) and seconded by Di Nicholson (Old Nene) and approved by a clear two-thirds majority (no objections). The original document will be signed by the President as soon as possible.

#### 4. MATTERS ARISING

None

#### 5. REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS *(circulated to club delegates and ladies' captains in advance of the meeting)*

##### a President's Report (Sheila Withams)

- 2020 has not been the year that I'd planned for my first year as President. I recognise the challenges that we have all faced both in our golfing world but also in our personal lives. Playing golf has made a very significant contribution to being able to cope with the challenging times we found ourselves in.

- I would like to thank County Officers and delegates for their tireless work supporting clubs and members during the pandemic. Even though we were not running County competitions, support and help are still required as well as planning for the oncoming season. Electronic meetings have enabled us to continue to operate and we will be holding, via Zoom, the meeting for incoming Captains' and Vice Captains' on Saturday 30 January 2021 starting at 1000 hrs.
- We are all disappointed that it has not been possible to deliver our competition programme this year. Although we were delighted to be playing following the first easing of restrictions, it is very regrettable that golf has been banned during the second lockdown. A debate, resulting from the petition to exempt golf courses from being required to close, was held in Parliament on Monday 23 November. England Golf has made strong representation to secure reinstatement of golf.
- We are planning a full programme of competitions for 2021 in the hope that most, if not all, of it will be delivered, obviously mindful of the 'new normal' whatever form that might take. President's Day is booked for Thursday 19 August at Lakeside Lodge – please put the date in your diary and support this event which generates funds to support our County juniors.
- My charities remain the same – Medical Detection Dogs and Dementia UK. I hope we will be able to raise some much-needed funds for these two causes.
- Incorporation has been on our agenda for a while now. I really appreciate everybody's contribution to the process. Later today we will know the result of the vote – agenda item 10. Thank you to Wendy and Val for setting up and managing the electronic voting which enabled everyone to participate in this important decision.

I do hope that in this coming year I will be able to meet more of you and, as soon as circumstances allow, I would be delighted to be invited to your club to meet your lady members if you would like me to do that.

#### b. Secretary's Report (Val Musson)

As we are all aware, this has been a very strange year. Key activities undertaken by myself can be summarised as follows:

- **keeping club delegates informed of developments** as the pandemic has unfolded and more recently participating in virtual meetings with England Golf at 2 - 4 weekly intervals
- supporting the **continuation of county meetings using Zoom**. This has in the main worked well and it is likely that we will continue to hold a proportion of our future meetings in virtual environment – this makes better use of time and reduces the need to travel and does in fact represent a cost saving
- more recently I have been **preparing for the AGM**, which will be very different this year given that it will be managed via Zoom and will make use of an electronic voting platform
- **preparation of the 2021 Blue Book** has already commenced with particular emphasis on the impact of the WHS on all our competitions. At a recent meeting with Rosemary Rennie and Wendy Cox we confirmed that all entry and selection criteria for county competitions will be based on Handicap Indices. I will be contacting all club delegates to ask them to check and update their entries. The intention is to finalise the Blue Book before Christmas and to make it available electronically. Hard copies will be available in early January

I will then be turning my attention to the following initiatives:

- website review and annual updating
- securing Safe Golf accreditation at County level
- Preparing for incorporation (subject to the outcome of the AGM vote). This will include
  - Rebranding – new logo ready for use in all future documents and on the website
  - Preparing role specifications and terms of reference for new committees and sub-committees as appropriate
  - Reviewing all existing policies and operational documentation and updating as appropriate

**c. Captain's Report (Paula Ewing)**

- Given the pandemic and the restrictions placed upon the game of golf, it was inevitable that squad training and county match week (CMW) had to be cancelled. She has however stayed in contact with squad members. The cancellation of CMW was particularly disappointing as CHLCGA should have been hosting it at St Ives
- It is known that CMW will change to a 3-day event to be held at Stoke-by Nayland Friday 18 – Sunday 20 June, with a practice day on 17 June.
- As it is difficult to predict what will happen in early 2021, no confirmed plans have been made with regard to squad training but as Stoke-by- Nayland has hotel accommodation on site, PE will be exploring the possibility of holding the squad preparation weekend there instead of Barnham Broom
- We will be losing some of our squad players for various reasons and need to keep building for the future. Clubs are asked to let her know about all up and coming players, especially juniors so that she can make contact with them (handicap 15 and falling).

Finally, it is with pleasure that I can confirm Jackie Ewing has agreed to become the County Vice-Captain.

**d. Seniors' Captain report (Roz Bartlett)**

- With no matches taking place this year, we made the decision to roll over all our scheduled matches to a comparable date in 2021.
- This coming year we will have 6 matches and in our first match of the season will be welcoming Hertfordshire as a new County to our group.
- The matches are open to all ladies over 55 with one match against Bedfordshire being ladies over 50.
- The matches cost just £5 and are subsidised by the County.
- The form with the match dates, handicap ranges, and location will be sent to your club delegate for dissemination. All you have to do is complete and return the form indicating the matches you are interested in playing in.

I look forward to welcoming you to the forthcoming 2021 Seniors Matches

**e. Acting Junior Organiser's report (Greta Barclay)**

- This has been a very disappointing season for us all with all County events cancelled, with the exception of our Get Together in February at Girton when the trophies for 2019 were presented, the winners were:

Junior Championship		Ella Mason (Ely) gross score 150
36 Hole Handicap Cup	-	Olivia Wynne (Bourn) net 139
9 Hole Championship		-Chloe Willison (Brampton) 33 pts
7 Hole Championship		Mia Sloan (Kingsway) 26 pts
Lesley Ford Trophy		Olivia Wynne (Bourn) Nett 69
Biddy Wade Trophy		Alex Sparrow (Saffron Walden) -22
Adrienne's Trophy		-Radja Sangay (Bourn) net 25
Ashman Trophy	-	Chloe Willison & Rosemary Hay 24 pts
Order of Merit (0-36)		-Olivia Wynne (Bourn)
Order of Merit (37-54)	-	Evie Howell (Gogs)
Handicap Challenge +-18		Alex Sparrow (Saffron Walden)
Handicap Challenge 37-54		Issy Drovok (Girton)
Handicap Challenge Overall Winner		Olivia Wynne (Bourn)

- News has just come through that Ella Mason has been offered a golf and educational scholarship to attend Tampa University in Florida and she will be joining them in August 2021. We send her our best wishes in this exciting adventure.
- From a junior point of view at least three girls Captain Lucy Pepper, past Captain Morgan Tritton and Jessica Hollingworth have lost the opportunity of gaining their Gold Award, gained by recording seven wins at Junior County Match Days. This is their final year as Juniors and I would like to place on record my thanks to them all for all the hard work they have put in over the last few years. It has been fun working with them.

- I would also add a special thank you to Morgan Tritton who set up and runs the County Junior website. She has done a tremendous job in keeping the website up-to-date and nudges me if I have failed to supply her with the information of forthcoming events.
- Despite the lockdown periods our juniors have continued to play in various competitions. My thanks go to David Gamble (CAGU Jun Organiser) who organised three events during the summer for both boys and girls. Some of our girls played in these events with good success.
- There have been some tremendous handicap reductions in recent months. In particular Evelyn Parks (Lakeside Lodge) cut from 37.4 to 14.7 then had a WHS reduction to 13.4. At Bourn Lila-Belle Nacca and Olivia Wynne had a tremendous battle in the Bourn Championship. They were level after 36 holes and had a 4-hole play-off. Lila managed to par all four playoff holes to win the Championship and Olivia won the handicap prize.
- **County Junior Organiser:** I really do want to retire so can somebody please come forward to take on this role. It is a very rewarding job. If anybody wants to discuss the position get them to contact me on [findgbarclay@btinternet.com](mailto:findgbarclay@btinternet.com). I hope to stay on the Junior Committee for at least a year to work with the new County Junior Organiser.

**f. Competition Secretary report (Rosemary Rennie)**

- Another year has flown by and it is with sadness that I have come to the end of my term in office. Having served Cambs & Hunts Ladies County Golf Association for two years as Assistant County Competitions Secretary then three years as Competitions Secretary I felt that it was time to stand down and allow someone else to pick up the baton and introduce new, fresh ideas. I have really enjoyed working with the County Executive Committee. Everyone voluntarily works extremely hard, is very committed and supportive. I will always be grateful for the experience and I can honestly say that without this ongoing encouragement, I would have had great difficulty in fulfilling the requirements of the role.
- Working with the clubs and members has been an incredibly positive and worthwhile experience. The county delegates together with their volunteers, have taken on many of the responsibilities of running a variety of competitions and a great deal of work goes on behind the scenes with or without my help. It has resulted in all the events being efficiently organised so there was extraordinarily little stress on the day.
- At the end of January, the annual meeting for those county delegates whose club would be hosting a County competition during the coming season, was held at The Cambridgeshire Golf Club. The aim of this meeting is for those experienced county delegates who had previously organised an event, to share their experiences and give inexperienced delegates some confidence and useful tips. These meetings have proved to be particularly useful in the past but whether a similar one planned for the New Year will be possible is doubtful at the moment. It's a case of "Watch this Space"!
- Similarly, the annual Rules Advisors' meeting, is uncertain next year but it did to go ahead in February as usual this year. The aim of this meeting is to update and discuss any rules changes, training and allocate availability to cover all County competitions. Unfortunately, with all the County competitions being cancelled, they were not required.
- The Level 2 Workshop scheduled for April at Gog Magog Golf Club was postponed until September and then that was cancelled as well. We have a team of very experienced and enthusiastic rules advisors but it would be useful to recruit some more. Hopefully with encouragement, some more ladies will show and interest.
- This year has been an extraordinary one and quite unprecedented. Who could have ever imagined that we would be forced to cancel all our competitions and end the year still in a position of uncertainty as to what next year will hold? In the first two to three months of this year everything went on busily as normal and together with the clubs, events had been planned in detail up until the end of April. 96 ladies had already entered the Season Starter Am Am at Royston scheduled for 27 March so when the first lockdown came into force shortly before, ladies were extremely disappointed not to be able to play.

- As usual, the main challenge next year will still be to encourage more club members to take part in County events and work will continue to try and change the general perception surrounding these competitions. How competition entries, particularly for those competitions at the beginning of the year, will be affected by Covid-19 remains to be seen.
  - All venues and dates for the 2021 season have been confirmed and venues and dates for 2022 have been provisionally agreed as have the County Championships for 2023. Planning will begin in the usual way for 2023/24 in the New Year.
  - Last year there were a few changes to the competitions (included in the Blue Book) following some especially useful comments from clubs. These will be carried forward to 2021. There will also be no changes to entry fees.
  - However, there will be a change regarding the organisation of the County competitions. A proposal to establish a Competitions sub-committee was approved at the Competitions and Finance Committee meeting in October. The aim is to spread the huge workload of the Competitions Secretary. Some of the duties have been separated so that more ladies can be involved and take on responsibility for a designated area of activity.
  - I am delighted to confirm that Joy Billany, the Assistant County Competitions Secretary, has agreed to be my successor and oversee the newly formed sub-committee. I am sure that she will do a great job and have your full support. I hope that she enjoys the role as much as I have done and wish her well.
- Thank you again for all your help and support over my five years in office and I look forward to seeing you at one if not more County competitions in the future.

**g Handicap Advisor report (Wendy Cox)**

- To say that it has been a most extraordinary year is probably an understatement. Apart from the lockdowns stopping us playing golf we have, of course, seen the biggest change in the handicap system to date.
- The World Handicap System has certainly dominated my activities for the year, much of which, was spent in disseminating information from England Golf to the Club handicap secretaries. I have been ably assisted by my deputy, Sue Leadbeater, who has proved to be invaluable throughout the year.
- We have finally made the transition to the new system and now we are busy ironing out a few anomalies within it. Personally, I believe that the new system, by working on an averaging basis, will better reflect our current playing ability once the system is embedded. I hope that we can all get out on the fairways in due course and we can look forward to a better year all round in 2021.

**h. Regional Delegate/Voting member report (Sheila Withams)**

- England Golf staff have been working extremely hard during the pandemic to help support Counties, Clubs and players. In particular, the CEO has made strong representation to Ministers to enable golf to be played.
- Since the beginning of the first lockdown, England Golf has held 10 virtual meetings for Voting Members, including the AGM, using the Microsoft Teams platform. County Secretaries have also been included in the regular updates
- England Golf set up and operated a process for golf clubs to bid for a fund of £2.6m provided by the R&A to support pandemic related initiatives. England Golf has since added a further £500,000 to support more clubs who weren't successful in securing R&A funds.
- Fourteen staff at England Golf headquarters are engaged with the operation of the World Handicap System, implemented on 2 November. 11,000 queries have been received and are gradually being resolved. One of the operational problems encountered was the submission of generic or dummy emails – this affected approximately 35,000 players. Nineteen clubs provided generic emails. Other issues were related to incorrect data input, missing scores in the transfer between ISV's and CDH. Progressively the issues are being sorted.
- The England Golf app - MyEG has been launched and members are encouraged to download and use it.
- The independent golfer has been on the England Golf agenda for a long time but in the last few weeks it has gathered momentum considerably, as result of the R&A offering England Golf the

opportunity to continue as the single handicapping authority for all golfers in England. More detail will be provided under item 14a New Business.

- England Golf has announced that a new competition, PING mixed betterball, will be introduced in 2021. It will have the same format as the women's PING which will continue; information will be sent to clubs in the new year.
- All of the East Region competitions were cancelled for the year, although the first event against Cambridge University was held on 14 March; Grace Eastment and Rosemary Walker were in the team. The East Region team won 6.5:1.5. A full programme of events is being planned for 2021
- Our new Club Support Officer, Simon Taylor has been appointed.
- England Golf still requires all clubs and counties to be SafeGolf accredited; the date for compliance has been moved to 31 March 2021.

**i. Course Rating Assessor report (Tina Broadley) [apologies received] VM presented report**

- All courses affiliated to CHLCGA have been fully assessed and rated.
- Future plans have not yet been finalised, but the expectation is that a new cycle will begin in the not-too-distant future

**6 Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts (Di Nicholson)**

- The accounts were closed at the end of September 2020 and the year-end balance sheets were distributed prior to the AGM. The accounts are presented to the county having been audited and found to be correct.
- The accounts show the following closing balances (2019 figures in brackets):

• Current Account	£12814.27	(£12792.24)
• Deposit Account	£15051.96	(£15045.65)
• Daphne Haddock Fund	£20497.91	(£20489.32)
• Junior Account	£ 2729.68	(£ 2912.93)

This year has been very strange! The pandemic ruined our golfing plans, and all competitions were shelved. I received entries for proposed competitions in February, March and April and spent most of May and June refunding them.

This has been my last year as Treasurer and I hand over to Keren Williams, from Gog Magog. As an accountant and past financial director, she has much to offer and I wish her every success in the future.

DN proposed that the accounts as presented are accepted. Seconded by Sharon Chatteris (Ely City) and accepted by a clear two-thirds majority (no objections)

**7 TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTANT FOR 2021**

- The President reported that the appointment of an accountant has been deferred pending the appointment of a new Treasurer and the decision re incorporation
- Approval will be sought at the first full meeting of 2021.

**8. VOTE OF THANKS AND ADOPTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

The President thanked the officers for their reports and for their personal and collective hard work and commitment over the last year, which has been both different and challenging.

Elaine Ottley (Lakeside Lodge) then proposed that the officers' reports as presented should be accepted, seconded by Rosemary Hay (The Cambridgeshire) and accepted by a clear two-thirds majority (none against).

**9. TO APPROVE AFFILIATION FEES FOR 2022**

The Treasurer proposed that the affiliation fee remains unchanged at £9 per capita in 2022. Proposal seconded by Wendy Cox (Lakeside Lodge) and approved by a clear two-thirds majority (none against).

Noted that the current England Golf affiliation fee is £9.50 and will remain so in 2021

## 10. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS as proposed by the Executive Officers

The President noted that the resolution to proceed with incorporation was passed at the 2019 AGM, but we did not have the opportunity to consider in full the articles and rules of incorporation. Twelve months later (COVID 19 disruption) these are now available and have been reviewed by the full committee (executive officers and club delegates) and have been sent out with the agenda. The intention with holding an advance e-vote is to check that we remain committed to becoming a company limited by guarantee.

**Resolution 1:** *Proposed that the organisation, currently known and operating as Cambs & Hunts Ladies' County Golf Association, should proceed to become a company limited by guarantee with effect from a date to be determined in early 2021. The name of the new company shall be Cambs & Hunts Women's Golf Limited*

Wendy Cox was the designated voting manager. Electronic voting details were sent out to all eligible voting members on Monday 23 November. Voting opened 1100 on Tuesday 24 and closed at 11 on Thursday 26 November. Result of the electronic advance vote was as follows:

Eligible voting members: 65 (two-thirds majority equates to 44). The result of the advance vote was declared as follows:

- Agreed: 52
- Disagreed: 2
- No vote cast 11

Resolution 1 was therefore agreed by a clear majority that meets the two-thirds threshold.

Based on the outcome of the vote for resolution 1, the following resolutions were considered in turn

**Resolution 2:** *The appointed solicitors be instructed to incorporate Cambs & Hunts Women's Golf Limited as a company limited by guarantee ("the Company")*

Resolution seconded by Ann Burbidge (Bourn) and approved by a clear two-thirds majority, based on a show of hands (none against).

**Resolution 3:** *The draft articles of association and rules presented to the meeting and, for the purposes of identification, initialled by the Hon Secretary, be adopted as the articles of association and rules of the Company upon its incorporation*

Resolution seconded by Sue Carlisle (Girton) and approved by a clear two-thirds majority, based on a show of hands (none against).

**Resolution 4:** *All Cambs & Hunts Ladies' County Golf Association ("CHLCGA") assets be transferred to the Company, subject to the discharge of all liabilities by CHLCGA ("the Transfer")*

Resolution seconded by Cherie Gouldthorp (Lakeside Lodge) and approved by a clear two-thirds majority, based on a show of hands (none against).

## 11. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Secretary announced the following nominations for the Officers for 2021 and formally proposed their election to office:

President	Sheila Withams	continuing in office
Secretary	Val Musson (Lakeside Lodge)	continuing in office
Treasurer	<b>Keren Williams</b> (Gog Magog)	nominated by Executive Committee

Captain	Paula Ewing (St Ives)	continuing in office
Vice-Captain	<b>Jackie Ewing</b> (Links Newmarket)	nominated by Executive Committee
Seniors' Captain	Roz Bartlett (Brampton Park)	continuing in office
Junior Organiser	Greta Barclay	continuing in office (acting)
Competition Secretary	<b>Joy Billany</b> (St Neots)	nominated by Executive Committee
Handicap Adviser	Wendy Cox (Lakeside Lodge)	continuing in office
East Region Delegate	Sheila Withams (Lakeside Lodge)	continuing in office

The Secretary proposed that the above be duly elected to the Executive Committee. Seconded by Fiona Whitney (St Neots) and approved by a clear two-thirds majority, based on a show of hands (none against).

***Non-Executive Officers (for information)***

Asst Competitions Secretary	Decision pending
County Welfare Officer	Decision pending
Child Welfare Officer	Sue Hill (Girton)
Data Protection Officer	Laura Todd (Ely City)
Deputy Handicap Adviser	Sue Leadbeater (Girton)
Press Officer	Greta Barclay (Ely City)
Course Assessor	Tina Broadley (Ely City)
Web Site Administrator	Kim Morley (Bourn)

**12 ELECTION OF AFFILIATED CLUB DELEGATES TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Secretary confirmed a number of amendments to the list provided in the agenda, which now reads as follows:

<b>Club</b>	<b>DELEGATE</b>
Barkway Park	Teresa Dyson
Bourn	Ann Burbidge
Brampton Park	to be confirmed
Cambridge Meridian	to be confirmed
Ely City	Sharon Chatteris
Girton	Sue Carlisle
Gog Magog	Deborah Harding (new)
Heydon Grange	Elaine Knobel-Forbes
Kingsway	Jemma Braid (new)
Lakeside Lodge	Elaine Ottley
Links	Naomi Pilmer (new)
March	Shona Kent
Old Nene	Jacquie Richardson
Ramsey	Mary Mills
Royston	Kim Bradfield (new)
Saffron Walden	Stella Parker (new)
St Ives	Ros Longstaff (new)
St Neots	Fiona Whitney
The Cambridgeshire	Rosemary Hay

The Secretary proposed that the above be duly elected to the Executive Committee. Seconded by Di Turner (St Ives) and approved by a clear two-thirds majority, based on a show of hands (none against).

All new delegates were welcomed and we hope they will enjoy their new role and find it satisfying.

Thanks were given to the outgoing delegates: Katie Dixon (Brampton Park), Cindy McIntyre (Cambridge Meridian), Lindsey Bellis (Gog Magog) Margaret Beckley (Links), Pam Bonnett (Royston), Jennie Hawkins (Saffron Walden) and Steff Allen/Theresa Norris (St Ives). All their hard work during their term of office has been much appreciated

### **13 PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING OFFICERS**

Sheila Withams confirmed that both Di Nicolson (Treasurer) and Rosemary Rennie (Competitions Secretary) were stepping down from their respective offices. She highlighted their particular achievements and thanked each of them personally and on behalf of the County, for all their hard work during their term of office. Both will be sent a gift voucher as an expression of our gratitude.

### **14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **a. Independent golfer initiative**

SW provided a summary of the key points associated with this current England Golf initiative

##### **Introduction**

- independent golfers are defined as those who play golf but are not members of a golf club. It is estimated there are between 1.25 and 2 million in England
- England Golf has never connected with this community
- R&A have confirmed that connecting with as many golfers as possible through the new WHS platform is a core strategy. They will support all nations creating their own initiatives but will launch their own connectivity platform in any country whose governing body does not wish to take the lead.
  - **Question:** Should England Golf remain as the single official golfer handicapping authority?
  - **Answer:** Preference is yes. if no, others will take control of handicaps for independent golfers – possibly commercial operations which may prejudice club membership

##### **Provisional proposal – How to do it**

- Set up England Golf Club [EGC] or another name to be agreed
- Offer benefits: England Golf Club WHS Handicap Index  
personal liability insurance cover  
My EG app
- Annual fee – proposed £40
- England Golf would manage EG Club membership on a central system, transferring data to Counties and Clubs
- Handicap index management:
  - submit 54 holes of acceptable scores on rated affiliated course to attain handicap
  - pre-register rounds and input scores through the App
  - all rounds played with a marker/fellow player
  - EGC will conduct annual review of all member indexes
- Proportion of fee per EGC member to be transferred to County each year. Counties and Clubs to agree engagement options

##### **Options and opportunities**

- Clubs and Counties can decide to engage or not with independent golfers through EGC
- Level of engagement is for Counties and Clubs to decide
- Opportunities are to:
  - access EGC data
  - inspire/increase membership in their club
  - offer playing packages
  - run EGC member competitions
  - invite EGC members to play in club events/competitions
  - invite EGC players to membership introduction events

### Time frame

- December General Mtg- agree proposals
- January/February - develop EGC communications platform
- March market and communicate launch of EGC platform
- April launch platform and membership

### Concerns

- Will members leave clubs: in protest and/or join EGC
- Remember all golfers have to pay green fees, one way or another

### Experience of others

- New Zealand – running club and non-club membership programme for 2 years. No decline in club membership and some independent golfers transferring to club membership
- USA - successful platforms for both. No decline in club membership

SW undertook to keep members informed of developments as they unfold.

## 15 Presentation of the 2020 Julie Walter Lifetime Achievement Award

Sheila Withams reported that we received 3 nominations for the 2020 award

- Greta Barclay (Ely City)
- Rosemary Farrow (St Neots)
- Maureen Mansfield (Girton)
- Following due consideration of each nomination, the judging panel reached a unanimous decision, although all three were very worthy nominees and the outcome was very close.
- Sheila was pleased to announce that the successful nominee is **Maureen Mansfield**. Sadly, Maureen is unable to be part of today's Zoom meeting and because of lockdown we were unable to present the award in advance of the meeting. Maureen was thrilled and honoured when we gave her the good news. She has been assured that we will arrange a formal presentation in early 2021 when hopefully gatherings of individuals from multiple households are allowed to meet together.

## 16 CLOSE OF MEETING

The President declared the meeting closed at 1430 hrs and confirmed that the next AGM will be held on

**THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2021 AT THE GOG MAGOG GOLF CLUB STARTING AT 1300 HRS**

Signed

Date