



CHESHIRE COUNTY SENIOR LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday November 23rd 2018 at Vicars Cross Golf Club at 11.15 a.m.

Present:

President	Mrs Judith Evans
Captain	Mrs Barbara Laird
Vice- Captain	Mrs Helen Heggarty
Immediate Past Captain	Mrs Jan McGowan
Hon. Treasurer	Mrs Jane Johnson
Hon. Secretary	Mrs Rosemary Griffiths

Sixty-six Members as per the attendance sheets

The Captain welcomed everyone and introduced the Lady Vice-Captain of Vicars Cross Golf Club, Pandy Brodie, who welcomed members of the Association to the Club and wished the new Captain a happy and successful year. The Captain expressed the thanks of the Association for the flowers, which were in the County Senior Colours

The Captain opened the meeting and introduced the "Top" Table

- 1. Notice convening the meeting:** The Hon. Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.
- 2. Apologies:** There were 23 apologies including Past Captains Mrs Pat Hood, Mrs Viv Carroll, Mrs Helen Meredith, Mrs Nan Paten, Mrs Jean Neild, Mrs Barbara Leigh and Mrs Audrey Briggs
- 3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on November 24th 2017:** The Captain asked the attendees if they agreed the minutes were correct. The minutes were approved and duly signed.
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes:** There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 5. The Captain's Report:**

I was honoured and delighted to be asked by the Past Captains to be your Captain for 2018, it has indeed been a privilege to follow the many eminent ladies who have preceded me over the last 80 years and who have such valuable contributions to golf.

Over the winter the Vice Captain, Helen, Treasurer, Jane and myself held meetings with our County counterparts to establish the viability of a merger with the Association. I myself consulted widely with many experienced and knowledgeable figures in Northern golf who have held positions of standing in golf, including a past Chairman of the EGU, Nigel Evans, who oversaw the merger with EWGA to become England Golf. After reporting my findings to our committee and a long discussion it was decided that CCSLGA would remain an independent body for the present time. This position may be reviewed at a future date.

The team's season began with three pre-season warm up matches and they performed very well winning two and halving the other. The first was against North Wales Counties at Mold. The match was played on a cold but sunny day in March the team played very well and as the matches were off scratch we had resounding 4-0 win.

Next up were the Cheshire Senior Men at Sandiway and we had an excellent team on duty. I must have done a good job negotiating the shots as we enjoyed a halved match in this traditionally competitive encounter which the men frequently win.

Our final pre-season game was against the Cheshire Ladies first team at Ringway. Another strong team played for the Seniors and we were kindly allowed to field Sara Spencer who did not become a Senior until June but as she is a Selector for the County it suited both sides. We enjoyed a convincing 6-2 win.

The 2018 Seniors Championship was held at Sandiway between May 1-3. 31 players entered and it was a first class field with 9 players off handicaps of 3 or below. The course was in superb condition and this was reflected in the scoring. Caroline Berry, was leading qualifier with a great score of 72. Three players tied for best nett with 72, Gill Mellor taking the salver on a count back from Cecilia Lyon and Caroline. The quarter finalists were Caroline, Gill, Maureen Richmond, Cath Rawthore, County Vice-Captain Jeanne Bell, Jane Burke, Barbara Jamieson and myself. Maureen, Cath, Jane and Barbara progressed to the semis, with Maureen and Barbara eventually contesting the final. who ran the event so well and to Sandiway Golf club for so generously hosting the event.

Cheshire proudly hosted the 2018 Northern Veterans Championship at Stockport. A year of planning finally came to fruition between May 22 and May 24. I had an excellent support team comprising Rosemary (CCSLGA Secretary), Jan McGowan (Immediate Past Captain) Jane (Treasurer) and Sue Barrett (Captain 2016) who helped me run the event. Our past Secretary Jill Sanders' assistance was also invaluable. She co-ordinated much of the work at Stockport and was always at hand to offer guidance from her previous experience running the event. Many other members from Stockport kindly volunteered to take jobs such as starting and spottin and in particular Val Garrett and Ann Williams spent Tuesday afternoon checking and recording scores onto the computer. Their help was much appreciated and ensured that the competitors were kept upto date with scores. We had 96 entries and three on the waiting list who all eventually played, 83 players were off 10 handicap or below which reflects the strength and depth of Northern Vets golf. 77 ladies attended the dinner.

The weather was beautiful for the four days and the course was made challenging due to the dry, breezy and bouncy conditions. Karen Lee from Durham was leading qualifier with an excellent score of 75. Best nett was Fiona Anderson, Lancashire with 70. The Cheshire team of Sue Dye, Gill Mellor and Maureen Richmond won the Gross team Shield. Fiona Anderson, Carole Helme and Maggie Ayres won the Nett team Shield for Lancashire. The second day stableford was won by a team comprising Carolyn Hall and Sonia Kennedy from Northumberland and our own Lis Wilson with 74 points. The scores for the qualifying event were incredibly close with 7 players tied on 83 competing for the last two places in the Championship draw, consisting of the top 16 qualifiers, the 5 losing out went into the second flight of the 8 next best scores. 84 was the out went into the second flight of the 8 next best scores. 84 was the cut mark for the 2nd flight, one player on that score did not make it through. Five Cheshire players made it into the Championship matchplay draw, Gill, Maureen, Sue, Cath and Caroline. There were some exciting matches played, the quarter finals producing two of the best with Gill defeating Karen Jobling from Yorkshire on the 21st and Caroline winning on the 20th against Su and so we had 3 Cheshire players into the semis, Maureen, Gill and Caroline. Sadly Maureen lost to the eventual winner Karen Lee.

The other match finished in extraordinary style. Caroline was 1 up and two to play but hit a slightly loose drive on 17, Gill hit a perfect drive coming up just a few feet short of the green. Caroline then holed her wedge shot from 54 yards, the ball crashing against the flag and dropping straight in. Gill, trying to save the match by chipping in, finished no more than a foot from the hole. Sadly for Caroline and Cheshire, Karen Lee produced some brilliant and powerful golf in the final to win 4/3. The second flight was won by an emerging new talent from Lancashire Susan Caton, beating Cumbria's Sue Cotter in the final.

I subsequently received numerous texts and emails from ladies from the Northern Counties congratulating and thanking us for running an excellent event.

We began our defence of the Richardson Trophy at Woodsome Hall in Yorkshire on the 1st of June. The course was beautiful and extremely hilly and the clubhouse built in the 1500's was extraordinary. An excellent team lead by our Champion, Barbara, pulled off a nail biting victory 4 - 3. This was a superb and confidence lifting start to the 2018 event.

Our next two matches in the series were contested at Sandiway. The first match against Durham, on Friday 8th June and then second match on Friday 29th June against Northumberland. I was able to select very strong teams for both matches. We enjoyed a 6-1 victory over Durham and 6.5-0.5 victory over Northumberland in uncomfortably hot conditions with Sara making a winning debut.

For our 4th outing we travelled to Kendal in Cumbria in July. In an unusually hot and dry summer this fixture suffered from rain on both the practise and the match days. Again the strength and depth of the Cheshire Senior team was highlighted, for on a challenging course which my players only saw for the first time the day before, we triumphed by 5 games to 2.

The decisive match at home, to our neighbours from Lancashire again played in blistering heat. Both teams were in a position to win the Richardson Trophy. Although Lancashire had lost to Yorkshire and we were unbeaten, if they could pull off a heavy win they could still take the title. Sandiway was baked to a crisp by now in the extremely hot conditions and I had had to make changes to the team but it was still exceptionally strong. Lancashire put up a very spirited fight but they could only manage a 3.5-3.5 draw ensuring that Cheshire Senior Ladies took the Richardson Trophy for a third consecutive year. All concerned were absolutely delighted and I must thank my squad of players, Champion Barbara, Cath, Caroline, Gill, new County Captain Jeanne, Jane, Sue, Maureen and Sara for their great team spirit, wonderful golf and continued commitment to Cheshire Senior Ladies.

It was quite a while before we played our final team match for 2018, in October in the annual match against Cheshire Girls held this year at Warrington Golf Club. Both sides have enjoyed excellent seasons and the resulting draw reflected as much. This ensured that Cheshire Senior Ladies had the distinction of finishing the 2018 season unbeaten which is a terrific achievement by our players.

The Jamboree was held in August and Cheshire was proud to field 4 players in a team of 8 to represent The North. This years Championship was played at the beautiful Hexham Golf Club, in Northumberland. Cheshire was represented by Cath, Caroline, Gill and Maureen making her debut. The other players were Champion Karen Lee, Karen Jobling and Julie Wheeldon from Yorkshire and Jeanette McWhirter from Cumbria. Over recent years the result of this event seems to get ever closer and the 2018 edition was to be no different. The final day became a shoot out between the North and the South for title and this eventually came down to the last match on the course. Sadly the North lost by 5 games to 4 and the South were duly crowned Champions and winners of the Miller Stirling Trophy,

Over the spring and summer we have run four very successful Open Days at Delamere Forest, Heswall, Lymm and Marple. Sadly one at Runcorn had to be cancelled. My congratulations go to all the winning teams. These are popular and enjoyable events for Senior Ladies and we have some great courses planned for next year. The full details for entries for 2019 and the 2018 results are to be found on the website. My thanks go to Sue Barrett who updates the site with all results, news and photographs. My thanks also go to the two Competition Secretaries, Sue and Chris Linforth for their hard work organising the days and to the many committee members who assisted on the desk. Thank you, ladies.

Many of Cheshire Senior Ladies have enjoyed a successful season but I must highlight the achievements of one. Cath Rawthore has enjoyed a superb season. She was runner up in the English Senior Ladies Championship Ladies Championship and runner up in the British Seniors Championship, results which contributed to her topping the English Senior Ladies order of merit. Cath played and won all five RT matches, she played 5 of 6 Jamboree matches, winning 4.5 points and was subsequently selected to represent England in the Senior European Championships in Belgium and the Senior Home Internationals held at Burham and Berrow, fine rewards for an amazingly consistent season. Cath, very well played.

On Wednesday 10th October, Judith, Rosemary, Helen and Ruth Whitehead accompanied me to Moortown Golf Club for the Northern AGM, where Ruth was appointed as Northern President and I was presented with the Richardson Trophy I was also thrilled to be installed as Vice-Captain of the Northern Counties. My grateful thanks go to Cheshire for nominating me. I am very proud to have represented the North at eight Jamborees as a player and been on 4 winning teams and look forward being Captain in 2020 with Ruth as my President and hopefully a strong representation of Cheshire players in the team.

Earlier in the summer I was delighted to be able to announce that 2010 Captain Karen Schneider had agreed to be our President for 2019-20 and that Jackie Roper, Delamere Forest, had agreed to be our Captain in 2020. I wish them both very well for their terms of office, alongside Helen they will make a tremendous team.

I would also like to congratulate Jeanne as she embarks on her year as County Captain and I hope she will still have time to play for the slightly older girls next year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Immediate Past Captain Jan for always being on hand to help me over the last two years. I have also greatly enjoyed the support, company and friendship of our President Judith, she has been with me every step of the way and I consider myself very lucky to have had her company. Thank you very much Judith. I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as captain, seeing and doing things differently than from a players perspective and it has been a most rewarding experience and given me the opportunity to meet so many more ladies which has been a great pleasure.

Finally, I wish Helen every success for 2019 and thank her very much for all her support and friendship this year. Thank you all very much indeed.

Mrs Barbara Jamieson proposed the vote of thanks to the Captain and presented her with a gift and flowers from the team. This was seconded by Mrs Maureen Richmond.

6. Hon. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet: This is filed with the minutes.

Captain, President, Vice-Captain and Ladies. You should all have a copy of the Accounts for the year to 30th September, included with your AGM papers.

This year our net income for the year was £2,836 and the total cash funds of the Association stand at a healthy £12,813.

You will see both our Income and expenditure are up significantly on 2017, which is mainly due to the Northern Counties Championship event at Stockport, but I will expand further:

Income

Income from subscriptions was down yet again due to the reduced membership and this is the main source of our income. Membership of the Association stands at 945, which is 31 less members than last year. We had 203 ladies resigned but 150 new and 28 re-joining members. 42 clubs affiliated to the Association.

Membership going forward will be managed by a newly appointed membership secretary and we have reviewed the way in which the membership notices are distributed, the notices and a newsletter will be sent out after this AGM by Jane Burke to the clubs and the nominated reps, so if you are the nominated representative for your club please make sure Jane Burke has your email address. We will also be encouraging people to make payments online for 2019 and send the membership list to Jane via email.

The CCSLGA Championship income was up as we had an increase of 7 entrants on last year, with 31 entering the event, and thanks go to the management and team at Sandiway for courtesy of the course.

The income from the team events is up on 2017. We did have to cancel one event at Runcorn but the events at Delamere, Heswall, Lymm and Marple were a success and thanks go to the Competition Secretaries for organising the events. The figure shown in the accounts is net of green fees, but before prizes.

Raffles at the events have raised £506. Thank you to all the ladies who have donated prizes for those raffles.

Sundry income was up due to the association running its own 2s competition, whereas this has previously been run by the Professionals at the clubs hosting the events.

I have added a line in the accounts to show the income & expenditure related to the Northern Counties Championship event at Stockport, the income of £5035 was generated by the cost per entry 99 @ £36 and the charge for the meal 70 @ £21

Stock

This year's accounts shows purchases of stock to the value of £926. We purchased a new stock of Past Captains badges which are similar in style to the new Captains badge and team badges that were purchased last year.

We also purchased 4 new team jumpers and 17 polo shirts this year, the majority of which have been sold on to members, the Captain currently holds a stock of 4 jumpers and 3 polo shirts for new team players and dignatories

Expenditure.

The main variances here are in Match expenses which do vary year on year. We had 2 Richardson Trophy away matches whereas there were 3 last year, hence a reduction in the Match accommodation expenses

The increase in general expenses reflects the purchase of balls for the 2s competitions and the NCVLGA event expenses cover the Green Fees, Buggy hire, Stationery, Prize Vouchers, Mementos, Meals and Gratuities.

Overall the association made a profit on this event of £1,199.70 and thanks must go to the members who organised the event and the staff at Stockport Golf Club.

Once again, I would like to record my thanks to Stephen Sanders our Honorary Auditor for his continued support in auditing the books and marking my work.

I am standing down as Treasurer for the association after this meeting and would like to thank the Committee and Officers of the Association during my time for their help and support

Thank you, and if you have any questions I am happy to take them.

Adoption of the Accounts and Vote of Thanks: Mrs Ruth Whitehead proposed the vote of thanks thanking the Treasurer for the detailed and comprehensive background to the accounts and her hard work is appreciated. Mrs Lesley Brown seconded the vote of thanks.

The Captain asked for a show of hands in favour of adopting the accounts, which was unanimous.

7. 2017 Trophy Presentation: The Captain was delighted to present all the 2018 event winners with their trophies

8. Election of Officers for 2016/2017:

President: Mrs K Schneider (Caldy)	Proposed by Mrs B Laird (Sandiway) Seconded by Mrs J McGowan (Bromborough)
Captain: Mrs H Heggarty (Royal Liverpool)	Proposed by Mrs J McGowan (Bromborough) Seconded by Mrs S Barrett (Sale)
Vice-Captain: Mrs J Roper (Delamere Forest)	Proposed by Mrs B Laird (Sandiway) Seconded by Mrs J McGowan (Bromborough)
Hon Treasurer: Mrs C Owen (Sandiway)	Proposed by Mrs J Johnson (Sandiway) Seconded by Mrs T Hunt (Prestbury)
Membership Secretary: Mrs J Burke (Sandiway)	Proposed by Mrs H Heggarty (Royal Liverpool) Seconded by Mrs J Evans (Runcorn)

Immediate Past Captain: Mrs B Laird (Sandiway)

Re-Election of Officers:

Hon Secretary	Mrs R Griffiths (Wallasey)
Hon. Fixture Secretary:	Mrs J Turner (Upton-by-Chester)
Hon Competition Secretary West:	Mrs C Linforth (Prenton)
Hon Competition Secretary East	Mrs S Wilson (Sandiway)

Confirmation of Hon Auditor Mr S Sanders FCCA

9. Nominations for Committee:

Mrs G Ball (Ringway)	Proposed by Mrs L Bennett (Ringway) Seconded by Mrs F Walton (Ringway)
Mrs K Jackson (Prenton)	Proposed by Mrs C Linforth (Prenton) Seconded by Mrs B Healy (Prenton)

10. Courses for 2019 Competitions and Matches:

The Hon. Secretary read the fixture list and County Matches for 2019.

11. Vote of thanks to officers, members and retiring members of the Committee:

My thanks to my committee, a Captain cannot function without some great help and I must thank all members of my committee for all their help and commitment to Cheshire Senior Ladies Golf. You all made it very easy for me and I have enjoyed getting to know you all. Retiring members are Sue Martlew and Trish Hunt, Treasurer Jane Johnson, Immediate Past Captain Jan McGowan and President Judith Evans. Thank you all very much for your valuable

contributions and commitment to Cheshire Senior Ladies Golf. You all made it very easy for me and I have enjoyed

12. A.O.B. There was no other business

13. Introduction of the New President

14. Introduction of the new Captain

It is now my very pleasant duty to introduce our new Captain. Helen represented Cheshire at County level for 20 years and is a 4 time Champion. She was an English Girls Champion and represented England at u19 and u23 level. Helen has enjoyed an extensive and successful career in golf management and will be a great Captain for us.

Your Captain for 2019 - Mrs Helen Heggarty.

Helen's response:

I am delighted and honoured to have been asked to be Senior's Captain and will do my best to do as good a job as Barbara, but hers were very big 'shoes' to fill. I would also like to take the opportunity of thanking both Barbara and Judith for all their help and guidance – it has been a super year.

I would also like to take the opportunity of paying tribute to our wonderful team which has won the Richardson Trophy and would ask then me to stand up for your applause -Captain Barbara Laird, Champion Barbara Jamieson, Caroline Berry, Cath Rawthore, Gill Mellor, Jane Burke, Jeanne Bell, Mo Richmond, Sara Spencer and Sue Dye.

I look forward to meeting you all next year at our events.

15. Introduction of the new Vice-Captain

Helen advised that Jackie Roper, our new Vice-Captain, unfortunately was not able to join us today as she was celebrating a special birthday in South Africa which had been booked before she had been asked to take up this office.

Meeting closed at 12.15

Signed:

Date:

mediate Past Captain Jan McGowan and President Judith Evans. Thank you all very much for your valuable