

## NORFOLK LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION



### MINUTES OF 96<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NORFOLK LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION HELD ON MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

Due to the situation prevailing in the country with the Coronavirus, the Executive Committee of the Association made the decision to hold the Annual General Meeting by email, sending out the paperwork in accordance with the required 28 days' notice. Included in the email was a message from the President, Agenda, Minutes of the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, Association's Accounts, Report from the County Captain and Chairman of the Executive Committee and a Voting Form. As the Association is a members' body, clubs were asked to consult their members with regard to the voting form and return by 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Message from the President, Heather Keeble.

Ladies

As we look back and reflect on the past year, my first thoughts were that I hope you and your families had all stayed safe and well through these unprecedented times.

We headed into March looking forward to warmer weather, the start of competitive golf and all our summer activities. How that changed so quickly; new words started to appear - Covid 19, social distancing, hand washing, Lockdown and a haircut was a thing of the past, how would we manage! Sadly, the decision was made to cancel all our competitions, however, it was lovely to see the photographs of the Lockdown Stableford winners. Such an unpredictable year - it seems like 'the year that never was'.

Whilst life may not be back to normal, let's look forward to 2021, playing the game we love, meeting with friends and making new ones.

We look forward to seeing you all once again - thank you for your support of the NLCGA.

Stay well, stay safe.

#### **1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Norfolk Ladies' County Golf Association held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were agreed.

#### **2. Association's Accounts**

The Association's Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 were approved.

#### **3. Report of the County Captain and Chairman of the Executive Committee – Sue Heeles**

2020.....what a year! A new decade that started with such promise very quickly turned into something most of us have not encountered in our lifetimes. Thankfully after a period of Lockdown we were able to return to the golf course in May, albeit in very different circumstances. Social distancing took on a whole new meaning!

From the start of Lockdown, we monitored the guidelines from the Government and England Golf. Our aim was, and always will be, to keep everyone safe. It was with much sadness the decision was taken to cancel all our competitions for the year including the eagerly awaited and over-subscribed AM AM at the new Royal Norwich venue. Our thanks to all the Competition Organisers for the hard work they had put into the year's competitions.

The County Executive, although unable to meet in person, have been busy with regular Zoom meetings and work has been ongoing behind the scenes.

We have completed our Safeguarding Policy and are awaiting our accreditation from England Golf.

We introduced a Lockdown Stableford which has been very favourably received and there have been very good scores returned!!

The fixture list for 2021 has been finalised and we have introduced an 18-hole Division I Handicap Championship. We hope this will appeal to the lower handicap golfer who does not wish to play in the 36-hole County Championship. Draws have been undertaken for the knock out events and we have introduced a 7<sup>th</sup> division in the Inter Club Handicap League due to increased numbers. These are all available on the website.

The final of the Winter League was eventually played at Thetford between King's Lynn and Ryston Park with Ryston Park coming out winners. Congratulations to them.

County Match Week was cancelled as was the County 2<sup>nd</sup> Team and Junior Match Days and Seniors matches. We were hopeful England Golf would run the National Finals in a different format - inviting all counties to participate - and a date was put in the diary for us to play at Spalding. Unfortunately, as the date got nearer it was clear the logistics of holding such an event didn't hold up and England Golf decided to cancel - a sensible decision.

It became evident, with no competitive play, the year had passed us by and we realised the new members of the Executive Committee had not had the opportunity to gain experience and learn how the County operates. Taking the above into account it was decided the current committee would 'bump forward' into 2021.

On a positive note, during this time Facebook and the website have been invaluable as a source of information, especially with the new handicapping system making its long-awaited appearance in November.

This report would not be complete without a few mentions to some ladies who are finishing their roles with us. To Jan Knowler who has independently checked the County's Accounts for 6 years, to Barbara Stevenson who has been the Competition Organiser for Division 3 for 5 years and to Chris Watson who has acted as a referee. We would like to thank them all for the time they have given to the Association. Our thanks also to all the volunteers on the various sub-committees.

Let us look forward to 2021 and hope it will be a better year!

#### **4. To Confirm the Executive Committee Members**

It was decided that the current Committee would continue in post for 2021 – County President Heather Keeble, Honorary Secretary Margo Horsburgh, Honorary Treasurer Helen Ayres, County Captain Sue Heeles, County Vice Captain Sharon Black, County Second Team Captain Clare Anderson, County Junior Organiser Sherrell Chuter, England Golf Voting Member and East Region Representative Alex Mournian, Elected Members Liz Dann, Chrissie Owens and Denise Whiting. The above were agreed.

#### **5. To Elect the Assistant Secretary**

To elect Denise Whiting (Feltwell) as the Assistant County Secretary, proposed by the Executive Committee and seconded by Margo Horsburgh. The appointment of Denise was agreed.

#### **6. To confirm County Officials**

Handicap Adviser Sue Allen, Scratch Score Assessor Julie Carpenter and Senior Team Organiser Nicky Wylie. Confirmation of these positions was agreed.

The voting forms had been returned by a majority of clubs and all were in favour of the proposals.

#### **7. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 10.00 am Wensum Valley Golf Club.