



	Minutes for the General Meeting held on Monday 5th January 2015 at 11.00 am at Burnham & Berrow	Actions
	<p>Present Eileen Binding President, Fran Davies County Captain, Cathy Olive Vice Captain, Kate Musgrave-Brown Competitions Secretary, Sandra Ford Assistant Competitions Secretary, Karen Dennett Junior Organiser, , Pauline Thorogood Handicap Advisor, Vice President Ellie Harper, Margaret Allen Hon Secretary. Past Presidents:, Jenny Hobbs, Sally Irlam. Erica Klim, Wells, Reine O’Reilly Weston super Mare, Jo Dando Tall Pines, Pauline Parnell Saltford, Jill Simpson Enmore Park, Veronica Jefferies Orchardleigh, Jean Sage Farrington, Yvette Gregg Stockwood Vale, Gill Prophet Mendip Spring, Jill Carter Bath, Ros Chidgey Minehead, Ruth Dowell Cricket St Thomas, Mille Parker Lansdown, Chris Down Mendip, Marnie Sweet Worlebury, Wendy Lucas and Ann Adams Wedmore, Mary Perrett Taunton & Pickeridge, Connie Stolworthy Long Sutton, Jen Finn Wheathill, Alison Lee Clevedon, Patricia Frazer and Cathy Sheppard Oake Manor. Nigel Long SGU Secretary and Martin Higgs England Golf/County Development Officer</p>	
1.	<p>Apologies Carole Patterson Eng Golf SW rep Regional Committee, Hilary Weaver Hon Treasurer. Past Presidents: Margaret Gliddon, Gill Barry, Joan Cumming. Jo Espley Mendip, Leslie Organ Saltford, Joan Kendall Woodspring, Leslie Matthews Bath and Sue Redding Burnham & Berrow</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held on 22nd September 2014 at Wells GC Approved and signed as correct Proposed by Sally Irlam Seconded by Veronica Jefferies</p>	
3.	<p>Matters Arising LGU subs- a letter has been sent by SW committee and a response is now awaited Vouchers for County Championship- still awaiting response from EG Format for Generation Cups- this has been amended to encourage more entries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Girls can enter with/without a partner ii) Categories of silver/ bronze are at entry iii) Posters + entry forms will be sent direct to delegates and Ladies Captains 	
4.	<p>Finance Balance in current a/c £6685.74 after creditors have been taken into account and in deposit a/c £25,000.</p>	
5	<p>(i) County Captain and Vice Captain</p> <p>Two matches have been arranged this year against Millfield and County Seniors Men to help the team prepare for County Match Week. Training has started with Karen and Stuart at Millfield.</p> <p>A fund raising day has been organised at Mendip on Sunday 26th April. It will be any combination Bowmaker and will be run by the County Squad. The Mendip have donated the course free of charge and funds raised will be used to buy new kit.</p> <p>Please let the Captain/Vice Captain know of players who are showing the potential to be Category 1 players.</p> <p>The Second Team have friendly matches arranged against Farrington and Isle of Wedmore and League matches against Devon, Cornwall and a friendly match against Dorset.</p>	

	<p>(ii) County Junior Organiser</p> <p>The junior girls had an end of term get together in November at Weston super Mare. Thanks were given to Weston for hosting this event. Amelia Matthews from Lansdown was awarded the Courtesy Cup.</p> <p>Nick Pope has organized some fun winter training for the girls at Burnham & Berrow and thanks were given to B&B for the use of their facilities.</p> <p>(iii) England Golf SW Reg Com Rep</p> <p>a) Progress is being made on plans to encourage more people into golf, an EG initiative. Portas Consultancy has been retained to assess what can be done to increase memberships. A pilot study has been commissioned and will use three counties: Warwickshire, Staffordshire and Northampton: to test new ideas. The review will include EG structure, Governance and EG Board's purpose. This will be reported at the December 2015 meeting.</p> <p>Changes in dual membership affiliation fees have had an effect on the income for Cornwall, Norfolk, Suffolk and Kent</p> <p>b) SW now has its own website with a link from SLCGA website. New events: a 36 hole Ladies Championship, Senior / Ladies and Junior Championship on 24th July High Post Wiltshire (17th July had been advertised and has now been corrected) and the new Bowmaker at Trethorne Golf Club Cornwall 12th July, this event aims to encourage more higher handicap golfers.</p> <p>(iv) Handicap Advisor</p> <p>There have been no changes since the last report. There is likely to be a delay in the publication of the new CONGU Handbook. Pauline Thorogood is very happy to go and talk to clubs about handicaps and the handicapping system. The meeting wished her well in her captaincy of B&B this year, their 125th anniversary</p> <p>(v) Competitions Secretary</p> <p>Draw for the Rogers Cup and the Centenary Plate took place at the AGM in November but there is to be no play before 1st April.</p> <p>Some entries for this year's county events have already been received but please could Delegates encourage and promote county events in their clubs. Ladies can enter the Bronze and Silver meetings in threes as well as in twos or as individuals. First meeting is on Thursday 26th March at Wheathill GC.</p> <p>(vi) SGP</p> <p>U14's funding from EG has now started. SGP is investigating the possibility of a joint coaching committee; Gloucestershire and Wiltshire already have this.</p> <p>(vii) Hon Secretary</p> <p>The Delegates were thanked for all feedback, it has been extremely useful. Any revisions/changes to the Delegates Contact Booklet will notified to delegates in April/May when clubs, who have not already done so, have had their AGMs</p>	
6.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>A letter has been received from Sally Irlam resigning from Somerset Golf Partnership.</p> <p>A letter has also been received from Patricia Brown resigning as County Delegate for Taunton Vale. The meeting reiterated their sadness at the club's closure</p>	
7.	<p>Feedback from clubs on the format of the Fowler Foursomes</p> <p>Delegates reported back from their committees on the format for this competition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 4BBB stableford but players will have ¾ handicap and will take longer to play b) Keep it the same with a secondary stableford competition c) 4somes is only ½ a game but not ½ the price d) Popular time for people to go away e) Lack of interest in 4somes but Greensome might be preferable 	

	<p>f) County have two 4somes competition.</p> <p>The meeting was thanked for their views and the Exec Committee will now consider these points and report back to Delegates when a decision has been made.</p> <p>Delegates were asked to actively promote county events possibly through coffee mornings with their Ladies' Captains. Entry forms could be handed out and the higher handicappers encouraged to enter</p>	Delegates
8.	<p>News from Clubs</p> <p>a) Windwhistle now Cricket St Thomas and the new owners have invested in the Club which is now more active</p> <p>b) Wells – PGA Pro Adrian Bishop has left and Jack Higginbottom has taken over as club Professional. He is looking to build on Adrian's work</p> <p>c) Lansdown – Bev New, their club Pro, is coaching Juniors</p> <p>d) Enmore raised £150 at their Autumn Fayre for the Juniors. The CJO thanked them for their donation.</p> <p>e) Burnham & Berrow – it is their 125th Anniversary this year and they are running a Bowmaker on 30th June to which 2 members from each club will be invited to play free of charge. Invitations will be sent out but it will not be possible to enter this event on line</p> <p>f) Long Sutton – the owners have invested heavily in the course due to the severe flooding last year. The course is now in excellent condition and new land has been purchased alongside the 10th. In winter it will be possible two 9 hole qualifiers.</p> <p>g) Oake Manor have had an influx of Juniors and now have 100+</p> <p>h) Taunton & Pickeridge, Oake Manor, Enmore and Long Sutton have benefitted from the closure of Taunton Vale. They all reported that the influx of new ladies has enriched their membership and revitalized their Ladies sections.</p>	
9.	<p>President's Comments – Website Assistants</p> <p>Erica Klim is now helping running the SLCGA website and any articles should be sent to her with a copy Eileen. Maureen Charlton is running the Seniors pages.</p>	
10.	<p>Vacancies on the Executive Committee</p> <p>The terms of office for two positions, Hon Treasurer and Assistant Competitions Secretary, will be available from November 2015 as their term of office will have expired. After the 3 year term of office, the position of Hon Treasurer is renewable on an annual basis. The Job Descriptions will be on the website for those interested in applying. It would an advantage for those wishing to apply for the position of Hon Treasurer if they have a knowledge of Sage accounting system. Please apply for either post by email to Hon Secretary</p>	
11	<p>AOB</p> <p>a) Greetings from SGU. Our Inter County Match weeks coincide. SW committee meeting in November when future Governance will be discussed as to whether it could be at regional rather than national level.</p> <p>b) Martin Higgs, Somerset CDO, introduced himself and briefly outlined his interest and commitment to golf and sport in general. He was appointed CDO in November 2014 and is a member at Wells where he is the Junior Organiser. He is also U14 coach. He is funded by Somerset for 28 hours a week but is employed by EG. He is available to visit clubs to help them develop and believes golf should be developed across all age groups. An issue that has recently become apparent through surveys is that clubs want more ladies and girl members</p>	

The meeting closed at 11.45am. The next General Meeting will be at Long Sutton on Monday 18th May 2015