



	Minutes for the General Meeting held on Monday 28th September 2015 at Wells GC	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, Margaret Allen Hon Secretary. Past Presidents:Sally Irlam. Erica Klim, Melanie Rossi Weston super Mare, Jo Dando Tall Pines, Veronica Jefferies Orchardleigh, Jean Sage Farrington, Yvette Gregg Stockwood Vale, Gill Prophet Mendip Spring, Lesley Matthews Bath, Ros Chidgey Minehead, Jo Espley Mendip, Mary Perrett Taunton & Pickeridge, Connie Stolworthy Long Sutton, Jan Finan Wheathill, Alison Lee Clevedon, Patricia Brown Oake Manor, Sue Reading Burnham & Berrow, Rosie Thompson Saltford Valerie Russell Vivary Park. Martin Higgs England Golf/County Development Officer</p>	
	<p>Apologies Vice President Ellie Harper, Past Presidents Joan Cummings and Margaret Gliddon Wendy Lucas Isle of Wedmore, Janet Jamieson Worlebury, Joan Kendall Woodspring, Lesley Organ Saltford</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held on 18th May 2015 at Long Sutton GC Approved by all and signed as correct</p>	
3.	<p>Matters Arising i) none</p>	
4.	<p>Finance Balance in current a/c £9735.65 and in deposit a/c £25,000. The actual monies available after fees and affiliation fees have been paid, to date is £3239.35. We have made a loss to date of £990.97 but have uncollected fees of approximately £2750 which will give a profit of approximately £1500 over the year.</p>	
5	<p>(i) County Captain Inter County Match Week was at held at Minchinhampton this year. The team played extremely well against some stiff opposition and came 4th overall. The team were able to wear their newly acquired outfits at the President's dinner, paid for by the Fund Raising Day in April. Next year Somerset will host this event at The Mendip. Training for the new season with Karen Nicholls and Stuart Wells of Millfield starts soon with 6 Juniors joining the squad. The 1st team recently played a match against 2nd team and Mendip but lost.</p> <p>(ii) County Vice Captain Somerset beat Devon in the League matches 6/3 but the match against Wiltshire had to be abandoned because of adverse weather conditions. Somerset then went onto play Cornwall but lost 4 /5. However, as this competition is run on a points system, Somerset qualified to play in the finals against Gloucestershire and won 7/2 and now are the proud holders of the Six Counties Second Team Championship Shield. Jade Cope, Megan Dennett and Charlotte Humphries all won their 1st team colours in ICMW. Aimee Sawyer has won her 2nd team colours. Sophie and Louise Caldon are new recruits to 2nd team and have settled in well.</p> <p>(iii) County Junior Organiser Somerset hosted Inter Counties Junior Team Championship at Wedmore with Somerset</p>	

coming joint 2nd. Many thanks to all the helpers to Wedmore for their support Junior County Championship, held at Worlebury, was won by Arabella of Lansdown. Again many thanks to all the helpers and to Worlebury for their support.

Generation Cups, held at Weston super Mare, were won by Linda Reynolds and Charlotte from Clevedon. Congratulations to Emily from Taunton & Pickeridge, who got a hole in one. Arabella and Amelia have been selected for SW training squad and Harriett has been selected for the Welsh squad.

Winter training now starts for the three squads with funding from EG. Coaches are Carole Pope, Terry Williams and Nick Pope Somerset's Head Coach. 27 girls attended the first session but at least 32 have signed up to join the coaching squad.

(iv) Eng Golf SW Reg Com Rep

Meeting at Woodhall Spa in August highlighted concerns of Voting Members regarding the proposed changes to structure of EG. In the Indicative vote, 15 proposals were rejected. The actual vote will take place in December. Changes suggested were:

- a. new category of member – would be affiliation for non members eg societies
- b. EG to set their own affiliation rate. It was agreed that EG could collect their own fees but this would mean that club secretaries would be paying three separate bodies
- c. Change in the election of Officers to EG
- d. Reduce number of meetings for VM

Further workshops are to held before the vote in December where more changes will be discussed as to the Affiliation and Governance of EG

LGU levy: if the merger between LGU & R&A succeeds, the levy will be phased out. If not, LGU will need to work out a way to self finance their work by 2020 when the levy will finish.

Sammie Giles, St Mellion, has won English Women's stroke play event.

Sophie Keech, Parkstone, Bethan Pople, Long Ashton and Emily Toy, Carlyon Bay, have new England caps

Bella White, Bath and Amelia, Lansdown have been selected to train with SW squad.

(v) County Handicap Advisor

No news re changes to handicap system which will be effective from 1.1.16. Handicap meetings should be held before Christmas provided the information is available.

Handicapping guide on the website will be reviewed when more is known.

(vi) County Competitions Secretary

County Bowmaker at Mendip Spring won by Amanda Mayne, Linda Hill and Veronica Creed of Saltford

Amanda also won County Senior's Championship at The Mendip with Cathy Olive, Wedmore, winning the Margaret Webber Trophy.

Bronze Open held at Worlebury: Julie Blunden, Wells, won the Eileen Irlam Salver and the Barlow and Lovell cups

2015 Silver Open/ Cairns Cup at Long Sutton was won by Jade Cope of Weston super Mare. The Dickinson Cup was won by Anne Agnew of Long Sutton

Fowler Lock Foursomes is to be held at Lansdown on 5th October

Many thanks to all the clubs who have hosted competitions this year for their help and support.

A generic voucher that can be redeemed at all clubs was used for the County Championship but for all other competitions, M&S vouchers were used.

Next year's dates are on the website

Assistant County Competitions Secretary

Centenary Plate has been won by Enmore park and the Rogers Cup by Lansdown. All were well fought matches

SSA report

There are three assistants: Susie Gibbons, Clevedon, Di Yates and Gill Prophet from Mendip Spring. The aim was to rate 6 courses this year with SGU but bad weather prevented this. Planned ratings for October are Weston super Mare and Wedmore

	<p>(vii) SGP</p> <p>The format of SGP has been revamped and it is now called Somerset Development Group. It has its own website and Facebook page. There was an EGM last week and another meeting in November. The membership has been reduced to 6: 2 from SLCGA, SGU and PGA.</p> <p>Coaching Committee: EG are helping fund Junior Golf and full details are on www.somersetgolf.org. The numbers attending have increased to 30+. Futures group will be coached by Terry Williams. U14 funding is approximately £1800, 14+ is £62 per head with the girls all contributing £50 per head</p> <p>(viii) Hon Secretary</p> <p>The Delegates were thanked for all feedback, it has been extremely useful. New forms have been issued for contact information for 2016 and should be returned as soon as possible. Entries for County knock out competitions need to returned to County Competitions Secretary by 31st October at the latest so the draw can be made at AGM in November</p>	
6.	<p>County Championship</p> <p>Comments received from clubs included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Bank holiday – for and against b) Match play element important c) Friday a problem for working ladies d) Location – needs to be central e) SW Championship run over 1 day and had 73 entries f) Ask clubs if they would be happy to host if it were to be run over the Saturday/ Monday of a Bank Holiday weekend. Ask Burnham & Berrow as they are hosting in 2017 g) Write to 8/9 clubs who host for their views particularly in relation to Juniors and working ladies h) Reduce to 2 days i) Phillips Trophy – could this be run off handicap? <p>A decision will be made by next year’s Exec Committee but event for 2016 will not change.</p>	
7.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>none</p>	
8.	<p>News from Clubs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Vivary Park: new ladies have joined, mainly new to golf which brings membership up to 16 b) Long Sutton: owners wish to retire and have offered the members the opportunity to lease the club. Planning permissions has been granted to repair the Bund, 10th hole in order to prevent flooding in the future. 	
9.	<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Delegates Fun Day + Golf <p>As there have been just a few entries for this event, the Exec queried whether it the Delegates wished it to continue. A vote was taken on various options and the decision was narrowly made to continue this event in its current form.</p>	

The meeting closed at 12.15pm. The next General Meeting will be at Burnham & Berrow on Monday 11th January 2016

The AGM is be held at Isle of Wedmore Golf Club on Friday 13th November 2015 at 11am