



	Minutes for the General Meeting held on 16th May 2016 at 11.00 am at Burnham & Berrow Golf Club	Actions
	<p>Present Ellie Harper President, Fran Davies County Captain, Cathy Olive Vice Captain, Sandra Ford Competitions Secretary, Jane Pitcher Assistant Competitions Secretary, Karen Dennett Junior Organiser, Carole Paterson Eng Golf SW rep Regional Committee, Pauline Thorogood Handicap Advisor, Kate Musgrave-Brown SS Assessor, Margaret Allen Hon Secretary. Past Presidents: Margaret Gliddon, Eileen Binding and Jenny Hobbs Mel Rossi Weston super Mare, Lin Hobbs Tall Pines, Carol Lake Saltford, Wendy Lucas Wedmore, Connie Stolworthy Long Sutton, Jan Finn Wheathill, Patricia Brown Oake Manor, Alison Lee Clevedon, Jane Moreton Burnham & Berrow, Louise Buxton Bath, Jean Sage Farrington Park and Joan Kendall Woodspring</p>	
1.	<p>Apologies Sue Hockley Hon Treasurer, Past Presidents: Sally Irlam Lesley Organ Saltford, Rose Hallett Wells, Carol Robinson Enmore Park, Yvette Gregg Stockwood Vale, Lesley Matthews Bath, Ros Chidgey Minehead, Jo Espley Mendip and Martin Higgs County Development Officer</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held on 21st January 2016 at Weston super Mare Golf Club Approved and signed as correct Proposed by Connie Stolworthy Seconded by Margaret Gliddon</p>	
3.	<p>Matters Arising none</p>	
4.	<p>Finance read by Margaret Allen</p> <p>a. As at 9.5.16, balance in current a/c £13,901.52 and in deposit a/c £25,000. The profit for the year is £1,351.71</p> <p>b. Fixed term deposit expired on 5.5.16 and has been reinvested for a further 6 months. £99.73 interest has been transferred to c/a</p> <p>c. Fowler Brooches yielded a profit of £496.42 and County Championship resulted in a loss of £929.04. These figures show the true cost and include all the fees incurred + expenses as well as income and monies paid out in prizes</p> <p>d. SCSLGA have donated £300 to Junior Girls</p>	

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(i) County Captain

- a. Various practice matches have been played at Mendip who have given the team courtesy of the course. They beat the County Senior Men 4/3
- b. County Championship at Bath was won by Hannah Grant who beat Aimee Sawyer in the final
- c. Details of the county Team who will be representing Somerset in South West Inter County Match Week are on the website. Supporters will be welcome at Mendip, 4th – 8th July, and please wear green.
- d. SLCGA are working hard to make sure SWICMW is a success and thanks were given to the organising team.

(ii) County Vice Captain

no report

(iii) County Junior Organiser

- a. Winter training for the three squads has been a success. Focus has been on the short game. Thanks were given to Burnham & Berrow and Farrington Park for their support
 - b. Spring Meeting at Mendip Spring, where the Chivers Trophy was played for and won by Abby of Farrington with 42 points
 - c. Match against Devon was cancelled due to bad weather
 - d. 7 Juniors entered the Junior Championship at Bath with 6 qualifying for the Phillips Trophy and Isabelle winning on 19th hole
 - e. Somerset played a friendly match against Gloucestershire at Bristol & Clifton and won 5 out of 6 matches
 - f. Future events:
 - 1.8.16 9 hole Championship at Farrington Park a non CONGU competition
 - 18.9.16 selection afternoon for 2016/7 season at Farrington Park
 - 9.8.16 Inter County Junior Team Championship at Cumberwell Park hosted by Wiltshire
- The President thanked Karen, who is retiring wef end of August, for all her work as CJO

(iv) England Golf SW Reg Com Rep

- a. EG AGM and awards evening in April celebrated the success of Golf Mark Clubs/ Club stewards and volunteers. Focus for 2016 includes increased funding for U14s boys and girls and promotion of “Girls Can” and “Girls Rock” campaigns to encourage more females into golf: details and packs are on EG website
- b. SW competitions: entry forms are on SW website and EG under SW section.
 - 29.9.16 Bowmaker East Devon
 - 6.10.16 Foursomes at Broadstone

(v) Handicap Advisor

- a. New CONGU manual is dated 2016 to 2018 with changes effective from this year. It can be purchased from EG. An addition to the manual are rules for SSs for Category 1 players
- b. An additional two handicap meetings were held in March for Handicap secretaries who could not attend EG seminars at Wincanton in January
- c. A common query has been the rules regarding cancelled/abandoned competitions. The conditions should be in writing on the wall and on display. EG medals have their own rules about re-scheduling but all competitions are down to the “Committee in Charge of the Competition” as defined in the Rules of Golf. A useful download from R&A is “Guidance on running a competition”

d. Possibility of world -wide handicaps

The President thanked Pauline, who is retiring wef AGM in November, for all her hard work as Handicap Secretary over the last 8 years

(vi) Competitions Secretary

a. Mimi Rhodes B&B was selected for the England Nations Team to play in Irish U18 Girls Open stroke Play competition at Roganstown where she came 18th out of 90 players

b. Harriet Lockley has been selected to represent Wales

c. County Championship was won by Hannah Grant of Enmore and Isabelle Hansford, Farrington Park, won Phillips Trophy. Thanks were given to Bath GC for hosting the event and to the referees for their resilience. Hannah automatically qualifies for entry to Champion of Champions event to be held in September.

d. Slow play: Pace of Play Policy is on EG website. Advice from Somerset referees is that as a guideline, the flag on the green should be replaced by every group in the same time difference as their starting times

e. Future County competitions:

- May the club qualifier for the Dickinson & Barlow Cups
- Fowler Lock Greensomes medal 22.9.16 Cricket St Thomas GC
- Senior Championship 22.7.16 Wells GC

(vii) SS Advisor

SLCGA and SGU members of course rating team of 6 started the process of rerating all Somerset course two years ago. During 2015, Saltford, Clevedon, Bath, Weston super Mare, and Mendip Spring 9 hole course were all completed.

Evaluations are carried out for:

- Obstacle factors on each hole
- Topography of a hole
- Fairways for degree of difficulty of hitting the green
- Greens for degree of difficulty of hitting the green
- Recoverability and rough on possibility of missing the landing zones
- Bunkers and their proximity to target areas
- Out of bounds and extreme rough
- Water hazards
- Trees and their size and density
- Green surface: speed and contouring with the use of a stimp meter

An analysis of all these points produces a numeric result for each hole on the course. This information is then fed into EG's computer and the Standard Scratch is found for each hole on the course.

In 2016, Brean has already been rated and by the end of July, it is anticipated that The Mendip, Mendip Spring and Tall Pines will be rated with plans to complete another 3-4 courses by the end of September. The work, however, is weather dependent.

(viii) SGDG

a. John Paterson voted Chair at the end of 2015 and has been working to get clubs involved in promoting golf. New initiative is a presence at Bath & West Show from June 1-4 where volunteers and Pros will give those interested a chance to try golf.

b. Coaching Committee: three Junior groups involving 36 girls. Funding for next year has been confirmed by EG and Nick Pope, Lead Coach, is working on a coaching plan for 2016/7. Girls pay a

	<p>nominal fee of £50 pa which helps fund extra things such as one to one strength training for the top group</p> <p>(ix) Hon Secretary All issues dealt with under headings 6,7 and 8 below</p>	
6.	<p>Correspondence Lansdown GC</p> <p>The Hon Secretary read out two letters one from Lansdown Ladies Section and SLCGA's reply where Lansdown requested to be released from their affiliation to Somerset so they can be affiliated to Gloucestershire following a vote at their AGM. SLCGA reply confirmed that, reluctantly, they were prepared to do so</p>	
7.	<p>SLCGA Vacancies</p> <p>Hon Secretary announced three vacancies, details of which are on the County website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hon Secretary wef AGM. The current term of office can be extended on an annual basis b. Handicap Advisor wef AGM c. County Junior Organiser wef AGM <p>Details of the closing dates for nominations are on the County website</p>	
8.	<p>SGU Delegates meeting 27.2.16</p> <p>5 ladies attended this meeting and were made very welcome by SGU. The meeting was addressed by Graham Yates, Chairman of EG.</p>	
9.	<p>News from Clubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Clubs gave details of their forthcoming Open events b. Long Sutton will be celebrating their Silver Jubilee this year with a dinner on 20.8.16 c. Clevedon GC will be celebrating their 125th anniversary d. Farrington Park will be celebrating their 20th anniversary on 29.8.16 	
10.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Margaret Gliddon informed the meeting that the new EG President was Marian Rae b. EG Open Stroke Play Championship is being held from 16th – 18th August at Bristol & Clifton GC 	

The meeting closed at 12.05pm

The next General Meeting will be at Long Sutton Golf Club on Monday 26th September where the meeting will be followed by 9 holes of golf + a meal. Entry forms are on the website.