



	Minutes for the General Meeting held on 10th September 2018 at Burnham & Berrow Golf Club
	<p>President's Opening Statement</p> <p>Hannah Woodley won the England Golf Champion of Champions competition at Frilford Heath. Amanda Mayne (Seniors) and Harriet Lockley (Girls) both came fifth in their respective sections, so an excellent showing for Somerset.</p>
	<p>Present</p> <p>Amanda Mayne President, Cathy Olive County Captain, Alysia Rees Vice Captain, Sue Hockley Hon Treasurer, Lesley Matthews Hon Secretary, Jane Pitcher Competitions Secretary, Janet Fear Handicap Advisor</p> <p>Fiona Hodge Burnham & Berrow, Alison Lee Clevedon, Andrea Jordan Stockwood Vale, Mel Rossi Weston super Mare, Lin Hobbs Tall Pines, Gill Prophet Mendip Spring, Carol Lake Saltford, Rose Hallett Wells, Eileen Binding Enmore Park, Paulette Bamberger-Worton T&P, Linda Johnson Wheathill, Connie Stolworthy Long Sutton, Stephanie Moorfoot Bath, Patricia Brown Oake Manor, Patricia Pitt Orchardleigh, Angela Webber IOW, Janet Robson IOW, Kay Clarke Farrington, Margaret Gliddon Past President</p>
1.	<p>Apologies Erica Klim Acting Assistant Competitions Secretary, Carole Paterson Eng Golf SW rep Regional Committee, Susie Gibbins SS Assessor</p> <p>Past Presidents: Sally Irlam, Jenny Hobbs</p> <p>Eileen Pearce Vivary Park, Patricia Brown Oake Manor, Carol Robinson Enmore Park, Joan Kendall Woodspring, Jacqueline Harris Worlebury, Ruth Dowell Cricket St Thomas, Lesley Organ Saltford, Yvette Gregg Stockwood Vale, Sue Wright Bream, Fran Davies The Mendip, Jill Paul T&P, Linda Hill Bath</p>
2	<p>Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held on Isle of Wedmore Golf Club on 21st May 2018</p> <p>Approved and signed as correct</p> <p>Proposed by Connie Stolworthy Seconded by Patricia Brown</p>
3.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>A question was asked about EG's proposal to raise affiliation fees and AM replied that the Executive Committee had decided to vote against it at the next meeting on 12.9.18.</p>
4.	<p>Finance Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. As of 10.9.18, there is £8,434.31 in c/a and £25,000 on deposit. b. England Golf wish to increase their affiliation fees by £1.75 in 2019 but this has so far been turned down by the counties. It is possible that after a third meeting this month there will be an increase, but hopefully limited to 75p, i.e £9.00 per person, but this will also be subject to 20% VAT for proprietary clubs. (Note post meeting, the 75p increase was approved.) c. SH will be retiring at the AGM after three years as treasurer.

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(i) County Captain

- a. Coaching has moved over to Farrington with Terry Williams.
- b. Championship weekend at Weston super Mare in May was very successful, with Hannah Woodley winning the Championship and Jess Haines winning the Philips Trophy.
- a. Match Week at St Enedoc was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The team consisted of Amanda Mayne, Hannah Woodley, Lizzie Stephens, Gill Brown, Aimee Sawyer, Jade Cope, Harriet Lockley, Carys Parker, Davina Xanh and Abby Gray. Somerset came fourth out of six counties with 2.5 points and the winner was Gloucestershire. Our winning days were against Wilts and Dorset with a great half against Devon. The team did Somerset proud. Congratulations to Gloucs and a big thank you to all who came to support.

(ii) County Vice Captain

- a. The second team played a league match against Cornwall at Weston super Mare. It was a great match, which we lost only by one match in the foursomes in the morning and a draw in the singles in the afternoon.
- b. After the very successful Match Week, planning has already started for next year at Woodbury Park and it is hoped that as many people as possible will come to support the team
- c. New training season starts in October.

(iii) Acting County Junior Organiser

Unfortunately, Jean Booth has resigned from this position for health reasons, so report read by Lesley Matthews.

- a. Selection days were held on 2nd and 9th September, attended by Jean Booth and Eileen Binding and coaches. An additional Futures squad is to be set up at T&P from October onwards.
- b. Coaching grant application for 2018/19 completed.
- c. Intercounties Week took place at Brickhampton and Somerset Girls had a superb few days. The team was ably captained by Amelia Matthews and gave an excellent performance, finishing third after Dorset and Gloucs.
- d. Junior Pilot Project is making slow progress but some ideas coming out of it.

Eileen Binding said that there is an urgent need for a volunteer to attend coaching sessions – dates are on the Website in the Juniors section. The County is very willing to pay for a volunteer to attend a Level 1 Coaching Course.

(iv) EG SW Regional Com Rep read by Lesley Matthews

- a. Wiltshire and Devon are two counties which have unified. Devon seem well on with their plans, but not so with Wiltshire.
- b. Eileen Binding has taken over putting items on the SW website, but the region has not been providing information.
- c. SW Foursomes will take place on 4th October at WSM. SW Committee is planning to review the events they run and to ask the counties if they wish to continue with them.
- d. Affiliation fees vote on 12th September – see above. CP feels that Club Support Officers are an expensive addition and there is no data to suggest if they have increased club membership, or slowed the decline.

(v) Competition Secretary

Amanda Mayne reported that no applications had been received for the post of Assistant County Competitions Secretary and so Jane Pitcher would have no one to help her next year. The County will therefore be asking the delegates to organise more help from their clubs when a competition is held there.

Clubs will be asked to provide ladies to man the registration desk, plus starters, plus one lady to be available all day to help Jane on the day. They will also be asked to write out the cards or print labels to put on the cards and to sort out local rules, GUR, placing etc.

A query had been received about the trophies and vouchers awarded at the Bronze Meeting. Amanda explained that County policy is that a competitor can win multiple trophies but only one voucher. However, the Barlow Cup and the Dickinson Cup are separate competitions, for which entrants have to qualify through their clubs. It is therefore possible for an entrant to win both the Barlow Cup and the Bronze Meeting, or the Dickinson Cup and the Silver Meeting. In these circumstances, two vouchers can be won by the same person.

(vi) SS Assessor read by Lesley Matthews

- a. Six courses have been rated this year. Course measurement certificates now have to be dated within the last ten years, so awaiting measurement certificates from two of these courses. Two more courses to be assessed before winter, leaving the remaining nine to be completed next year.
- b. Training session for the team was held on 20th July. Several team members are working to improve their knowledge of Data Collection Forms.

(vi) Handicap Advisor

- a. This summer has meant some interesting handicap reductions. Janet explained that under the new World Wide Handicap system, handicaps will be based on the best eight scores of the last twenty cards submitted.
- b. Spring workshops were not very well attended. Autumn workshops will be held on 30/10, 6/11 and 8/11. Handicap secretaries have been informed.
- c. New rules come into force in January 2019 and will hopefully speed up play.

(vii) Hon Secretary

Sandra Ford and Stephanie Moorfoot have been approved by the Executive Committee as South West Regional Representative and Hon Treasurer, respectively. Applications are still being sought for County Junior Organiser and Assistant Competitions Secretary.

6.	Correspondence None
7.	News from the Clubs <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Fiona Hodge of Burnham & Berrow reported that there had been a fire on the course, but it was recovering. Coach Nicola Stroud is organising a love.golf experience on 23rd September.b. Stephanie Moorfoot of Bath reported that the club had enjoyed hosting a successful Finals Day on 2nd September.

Signed

Date

The meeting closed at 11.45am. The next General Meeting will be the AGM to be held at Isle of Wedmore GC at 11am on Monday, 12th November 2018