



**MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE
SUSSEX LADY CAPTAINS & SECRETARIES GOLF ASSOCIATION
HELD AT THE CHARMANDEAN CENTRE, WORTHING
MONDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2021**

Present:	Mrs Brenda Clift	President
	Mrs Jane White	President Elect
	Mrs Rosemary Barford	Captain
	Mrs Brenda Gilbey	Vice Captain
	Mrs Joanna Greenstreet	Competition Secretary
	Mrs Nikki Terry	Treasurer
	Mrs Carol Hall	Admin Secretary
	Mrs Liz Street	Communications
	Mrs Lesley Talbot	Committee member

The meeting commenced at 12.05 and 38 members of the Association were in attendance.

The President Mrs Brenda Clift, opened the meeting and welcome everyone attending.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Sandra Ashman – East Sussex National, Susan McGavin, Liz Twyford – Sedlescombe, Jean Uden, Yvonne Carlson, Jane Harmer – Willingdon, Kirsten Hyland – Seaford, Fiona Walsh, Caroline Hawkes, Elaine Fell – Chichester, Carol Lee – Peacehaven, Janet Garbutt, Hester Gemmill, Wendy Melville, Janice Brooks – Haywards Heath, Mary Barnard, Bron Morley, Rosanne Rees – Pyecombe, Wendy Shergold – Worthing, Isabelle Marsh – Piltdown, Jan Cackett – Cooden Beach, Margaret Brown – Mannings Heath, Jo Maddams – Slinfold, Julia Dryden – Dyke, Jenny Milford Hollingbury.

2. MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 2 NOVEMBER 2020

The minutes of the 2020 AGM, having been circulated, were taken as read. The President, Brenda Clift asked for a proposer and seconder. Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Liz Street – Seaford and seconded by Brenda Gilbey – Sweetwoods.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brenda Clift, President, reported as follows:

Ladies thank you for attending our AGM. This year has been a mixture of two halves. Until July nothing could take place due to Covid therefore Spring Meeting was cancelled, President's Day and several events had to be rearranged.

The President's Competition with Sussex Golf Captain's took place on August 16th 2021 with 32 entries. Despite a very long day! And a hitch with the sandwiches at lunchtime, it was enjoyed by all.

President's Day at Crowborough Beacon had to be rearranged from June to September which caused a few problems. We had 60 entries, several people being unable to make the date change. It was a very successful day, even the weather behaved, with everyone having an enjoyable time, although I feel the course is not now on some people's favourite list! The cup was won by Janie Hartle, Janis Kinnear and Sandy Flynn from Copthorne.

Autumn Meeting took place at Royal Eastbourne. Again, a very enjoyable day which went without a hitch. Well, done to our competition secretary Joanna Greenstreet for her organisation of the day. The winners were Gill Maynard, Sue Sexton from Willingdon and Caroline Angella from Eastbourne Downs.

Several of our committee members will be leaving having completed their term of office.

Firstly, our Captain Rosemary who has led our committee expertly. All that re-planning and organising Rosemary achieved it impeccably. Thank you from all of us, enjoy your travelling without any worries.

To our Treasurer Nikki, what can we say!! Nikki was President of SLC & SGA in 2016 and has since been our treasurer for 5 years keeping our accounts in excellent order. It is no easy task dealing with the banks, collecting subscriptions, paying out expenses etc. etc. Thank you, Nikki, for your hard work and dedication to the association. Enjoy your well-earned retirement.

To Lesley Talbot an active member of the committee, all your support has been invaluable.

I have enjoyed my time as President of SLC & SGA and appreciate all the effort, support and dedication to seeing many of you by just turning up and playing in the events.

5. CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Rosemary Barford, Captain, report as follows:

Good morning, ladies, or to be politically correct should I just say good morning, everybody!

Welcome again to this year's SLCSGA AGM. I think that enough has already been said about the last two years, all I shall add is to say that things have been tough for a lot of people, and if all we have to worry about is some cancelled golf – well, that's not so bad.

Unfortunately, our first two matches had to be cancelled, in May. As one was to have been held at my home club, Cooden Beach, it was a shame for me. However, our season got under way at the end of June with our match against the Sussex Golf Captains, our male counterparts. This game is always held at Haywards Heath GC and was one of the most popular fixtures – my problem was not who to pick but who to leave out! One major change in this match was that the team is no longer simply picked by the Captain but applications asked for, so open to any member. We will draw a veil over the result.... Matches followed against Hampshire, Berkshire and in Kent.

In Hampshire we played at Hockley GC which turned out to be a wonderful course, enjoyed by all the ladies who played there. Brenda Gilbey, our VC, and I had a really good match, it went to the very last putt on 18th; overall Sussex lost. We also lost our next home match at Seaford GC, against Berkshire. However, we were rewarded with glorious day, fantastic views up to Seaford Head and across the sea. So, the Berkshire ladies were happy. Our last match was in Kent, at Sittingbourne & Milton Regis GC. It felt as if autumn had arrived, a definite chill in the air; the previous day's rain had done some damage to the bunkers, none of which were GUR. Although none of the Sussex team had played the course before we ended this year's matches with an emphatic win.

I would now like to say a real thank you to all the members who put their names down to play in these matches. Sussex is a very big county and some of you were prepared to travel, sometimes on your own, for quite long distances to play. I really was grateful – and I know that you will give the same support to Brenda next year. What I did find was that once the team lists went out, people very rarely let me down, and only for very good reasons. As we have all been either the Lady Captain or Secretary of our own clubs, I think we all know what it is like organising a match. To those members who have never played, please – do apply. It will always be a long day, but very enjoyable. Give it a go! Your handicap doesn't matter, the format is Better Ball matchplay, with a higher handicap you will get more shots!

Finally, a quick mention of our inaugural mixed event, played in August at Ham Manor GC. They went the extra mile to look after us, the food was excellent and a great day for everybody. Including the men. Our association's logo had even been painted on the first tee. Our Events Secretary, Joanna Greenstreet, did a fantastic job that day. At one time we were contemplating having to cancel due to insufficient numbers, but hopefully the event will be established in our calendar for the future.

I would like to thank all the Sussex Golf Clubs who were prepared to host our events, as we can take up a lot of tee times. We obviously pay for the food but are not charged a full Green Fee., though we do make a donation to the host club.

Sadly, a couple of months ago, we learnt of the death of Lyn Turner, a member of Mannings Heath, she was Captain of our Society in 2009 – 2010. Our thoughts are with her family.

I think that's probably enough from me, I just have to present this gift to Lesley Talbot whose time on the Committee has come to an end. We can proceed to the next item on the agenda, which I believe is the Treasurer's Report.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Nikki Terry, Treasurer reported as follows:

I have pleasure in presenting the Income and Expenditure Account to 14th October 2021.

The accounts look a bit more 'normal' this year with the exception of the cancellation of our Spring Meeting and two of our early matches due to Coronavirus.

The Accounts show a surplus this year and this is mainly due to our event and match venues keeping the cost of catering at a sensible rate. Also, we had £625 of prize vouchers in hand from the cancelled Spring Meeting in 2020, which we have now used for prizes at Presidents Day.

Although we have increased our subscriptions by £1 this year, we are keeping the cost of events the same at £37.50. We hope you will continue your support of our events in 2022 and there are no more disruptions!

I am stepping down as Treasurer today after serving 6 years on the Committee first as President and then as Treasurer. I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of this committee and will miss our friendly but decisive committee meetings, which often include lunch.

I hope the Accounts meet with your approval.

Does anyone have any questions?

As there were no matters arising from the account, Brenda Clift, President, asked for a proposer and seconder for the accounts. The proposer was Nannette Meeten – Worthing, the seconder was Linda Brand – Crowborough Beacon. Brenda asked for a show of hands in agreement. The proposal was carried.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 14.10.21**INCOME**

	2019/20	2020/21
	£	£
Subscriptions	96.00	2618.00
New Members	138.00	147.00
Uniform	135.00	455.00
Captains Awayday	0.00	0.00
Spring Meeting	3487.50	1650.00
Match vs SGC	0.00	665.00
Presidents Comp with SGC	0.00	1146.15
President's Day	2787.50	2587.50
Autumn Meeting	2700.00	3160.00
Mixed Event	2212.50	2325.00
Matches	0.00	2310.00
		0.00
Gifts		90.00
Bank Interest	5.23	0.36
Badges	7.00	20.00
Bag Tags	30.00	38.00
	<u>11598.73</u>	<u>17212.01</u>
Surplus/Loss		
	<u>11598.73</u>	<u>17212.01</u>

BANK BALANCES**Opening Balance as at 15th October 2020**

Current Account	4941.99
Deposit Account	3515.51

Memo:

Clothing stock	2037.60
Bag Tags stock	156.60
Badges stock	36.00
Gift Bags stock	19.90

Signed.....
Nikki Terry Treasurer SLC&SGA

EXPENDITURE

	2019/20	2020/21
	£	£
Donation to SCLGA Girls & AGM	450.00	400.00
Honorariums	800.00	900.00
Uniform	144.10	20.00
Captains Awayday	0.00	13.05
Spring Meeting	3487.50	1650.00
Match vs SGC	0.00	671.25
Presidents Comp with SGC	0.00	1137.30
President's Day	2787.50	2010.50
Autumn Meeting	2700.00	3114.95
Mixed Event	2212.50	2268.00
Matches	0.00	2230.00
Insurance	425.62	438.37
Equipment	0.00	0.00
Printing, Post & Stationery	388.56	495.46
Travel Expenses	67.50	72.45
Gifts & Engraving	242.18	174.95
Website	180.00	180.00
Badges	0.00	0.00
Bag Tags	0.00	0.00
	<u>13885.46</u>	<u>15776.28</u>
	<u>-2286.73</u>	<u>1435.73</u>
	<u>11598.73</u>	<u>17212.01</u>

As at 14th October 2021

Current Account	6377.36
Deposit Account	3515.87

Clothing stock	1631.40
Bag Tags stock	120.69
Badges stock	19.00
Gift Bags stock - 76	15.12

I hereby certify that the above receipts and payments in the accounts are in accordance with the books and records of The Sussex Lady Captains & Secretaries Golf Association

Signed.....
Fiona Roberts FCA

7. INCOMING OFFICERS

Brenda Clift, President, introduced Jane White as incoming President, and presented her with the President's badge. Jane thanked Brenda for her work as President this year, and on behalf of the Association presented Brenda with a gift.

Jane White as new President, took over the chair. Jane mentioned that as her home club was unable to accommodate President's Day, I would be holding this at Cooden Beach.

Jane White introduces the President Elect Nannette Meeten proposed by Brenda Clift –and seconded by Jane White. Jane White presents Nannette with the President Elect badge.

Jane White asks Rosemary Barford to introduce the incoming Captain Brenda Gilbey. Rosemary presents Brenda with the Captain's badge. Jane thanked Rosemary for her work as Captain and presented her with a gift on behalf of the association.

Jane White asks Brenda Gilbey to let us know about our forthcoming plans for this coming year.

Brenda Gilbey, Captain, then reads her report as incoming Captain:

Firstly, thank you for coming today – it's good to have an AGM in person, although I believe it worked very well on Zoom last year.

It's a privilege to be asked to be Captain of the Association and I'm looking forward to next year. I hope it's going to be an easier one than Rosemary had this year! I'm pleased to be working alongside Jane White who will be President next year, as she of course completely missed out on the role as Captain due to the Covid situation. I'm also looking forward to working with the rest of the Committee, including three new members. They will be revealed later in the meeting.

Although the Covid figures are once again on the increase, we obviously hope that things will once again ease in the Springtime and that golf will be one of the sports that is less affected. For this reason, I hope that you will of course sign up for the matches as we have some lovely courses to play. We have Sweetwoods and Cowdray Park as home venues, whilst we have Kingshill, Burhill and Sand Martins for the away fixtures. I intend to continue along the same lines as before and let people know in advance, which matches they have been selected to play in. Even if you have been selected as a Reserve, I do hope that you will keep that date free in your diary as it's very likely you will be called upon.

One thing that is of concern to me is the future of the Association. I'm sure you are aware that there are several clubs in the County that are struggling to get Lady Captains – my own club, Sweetwoods being in that situation next year. This is of course going to impact on the future membership of the Association. We will be discussing this at our first Committee Meeting next year (please make a note for the Agenda Carol). One possible solution is to 'open up' the membership to other 'senior/important' positions within the ladies committee of clubs, as they are clearly taking on much more responsibility without taking on the role as Captain. Perhaps you might like to discuss this within your own club – we would love to receive your views and have your input, after all, it ultimately affects us all.

So, on that note, I look forward to seeing you at the matches and events next year, just let's hope we have a glorious summer to go with it!

I'd now like to introduce you to my Vice Captain Linda Brand, who I'm also really looking forward to working with. Brenda presented Linda with the Vice Captain's badge.

Jane White asks Nikki please could you introduce our new Treasurer Jo Fife. Nikki presents Jo with the Treasurer's badge.

Jane White, President. Nikki, I would like to thank you for all your hard work on the committee over several years. Since I joined the committee, you have been a part of it and have always been extremely helpful, I for one will miss you. Jane presents Nikki with a gift on behalf of the association.

8. A.O.B

Jane White, President, stated as we have had no notification of any other business. I will close the meeting.

9. DATE OF 2022 AGM

Jane White, President, announced that the date for next year's AGM will be Monday 7 November 2022 following SCLGA AGM at the Charmandean Centre, Worthing.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.35pm.

COMMITTEE FOR 2021 – 2022

President	Mrs Jane White
President Elect	Mrs Nannette Meeten
Captain	Mrs Brenda Gilbey
Vice Captain	Mrs Linda Brand
Competition Secretary	Mrs Joanna Greenstreet
Treasurer	Mrs Jo Fife
Admin Secretary	Mrs Carol Hall
Communications	Mrs Liz Street

Signed:

Date: