



BERKSHIRE COUNTY LADIES VETERANS GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting held at East Berks Golf **On Thursday 9th February 2012 at 11-00am**

The Ladies Captain Mrs Chris Carter opened the meeting and welcomed the past County President Jill Bowness and all the members to the meeting
100 Members signed the attendance book and 100 Ladies attended the lunch

Apologies for Absence

There were 16 apologies

The Minutes of the 2011 AGM

The minutes of the 2011 AGM had been circulated and were taken as read.
Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Mrs Pam Bedwell and seconded by Mrs Jan Fedrick, everyone agreed and the minutes were signed by the Captain Mrs Chris Carter as correct.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising .

Captains Report

The Captain thanked East Berks Golf Club for making us welcome and agreeing to let us play our fixtures for 2012 at the Club.

The Captain thanked all the ladies who played in the matches and especially those who stepped in at the last minute.

We did not shine too brightly in our matches but as we say it's the taking part and we should count our blessings that we are still able to play a sport we all enjoy.

Our first match was at Stoke Park against Buckingham Seniors and we lost 6-1 not only were they younger than us but they also fielded a team of mostly single figure golfers. To top the day off it rained.

The match against Wiltshire was at Goring and Streatley which we lost 5½-1½.

Next came the match against Oxfordshire Seniors played at Rye Hill GC which we also lost 5-2.

Our next Match was against Hampshire played at Goring and Streatley we won 4½ to 2½.

Our match against the Reading and District Men was played at Goring and Streatley but as the men refused to play of the white tees we had a little fun. Our Secretary agreed to go out whilst we were having lunch and move the yellow tees as far back as they would go without making it too obvious. We still lost 5-3.

Our Final match was against the Berkshire Ladies Captains at Goring and Streatley GC and we won by a narrow margin 4-3.

The Captain refereed the Gittins Trophy Final at Goring between Nancy Ovstedal and Doffi Parkinson. It was a lovely day and was played in a very friendly manner with Nancy winning on the last green. Judy Williams collected Doffi's voucher and Margaret Wootten collected the Trophy on behalf of Nancy.

The Captain thanked Goring and Streatley GC for all their generosity throughout her year as Captain and for giving us courtesy of the course for the matches and the Autumn Meeting. She thanked her committee for all their hard work throughout the year, a great team looking after our interests. She thanked Nan her Vice Captain for always being there to give her help and support when needed and she also thanked everyone for making her year a memorable one.

Hon Secretary's Report

The membership increased this year to 266 this included 58 new members, 4 Honorary members and 3 associate members.

The Secretary apologised for the problems with the calendar which was not through any fault of the Committee and said if anyone wanted an up to date calendar they could download one from the web site.

Competitions Secretary's Report

The Competitions Secretary said she had now completed her second year and was still enjoying it and had offered her services for another year.

There had been forty entries for the Gittins trophy which ran smoothly and to time, the semi finals being played at Royal Ascot and the final at Goring and Streatley.

There were thirty eight pairs played in the Spring Meeting with nobody being balloted out. The format for lunch had been changed from a two course to a one course lunch with sandwiches and cake at the end of play.

There were forty pairs played in the first Summer Meeting at the Downshire in July and many thanks to Audrey Turton for stepping in at the last minute. Four pairs were balloted out and if these same four pairs enter this year they will definitely be playing. This year we have arranged to go off two tees starting at 9-04am so it should not be so long a drawn out day.

There will again be a maximum of forty pairs playing.

The second Summer Meeting was held at Mapledurham the weather was appalling with pouring rain from start to finish whilst she felt sorry for the ladies who played there were some very good scores. There were 102 entries but some ladies who turned up decided not to play and some ladies dropped out after nine holes. Let's hope for better weather this year.

We had fifty four entries for the Autumn Meeting held at Goring and Streatley GC in September and that included the Competition Secretary. She said it was good to be playing in one of the competitions again and she hoped they would let her do it again this year. Thanks to the Committee Ladies who did all the work - she understood it ran very smoothly. The draw for the Gittins Trophy has been done and everyone should have received copies of the draw together with contact telephone numbers. The draw is also on the website but for security reasons the contact telephone numbers are not. The results will be entered on the web after each round. Jane asked everyone to let her know the results as soon as possible either by phone or e-mail, she apologised for not adding this to the bottom of the draw.

Could everyone entering the meetings please ensure their entries were sent within the application date she did not like having to tell people they were too late.
The Autumn Meeting date was the Tuesday 25th September this differs from the calendar but is correct on the entry form. All competition start sheets will be posted on the BCLVGA website. Congratulations to all our winners in 2011 and many thanks to the Captain and the Committee for all their help throughout the year.

The Treasurer's Report

This was given by the Captain elect Nan Robertson in the absence of The Treasurer Alison Goudge.

The Treasurer sent her apologies for being absent at her first AGM as Treasurer but due to circumstances beyond her control her holiday dates had been changed.

The 2010 figures as shown in the accounts for this year and last year differed, although the final balances were consistent, some of the income and expenditure had been moved to facilitate comparisons with 2011.

Our most significant loss occurred at the Spring Meeting as no allowance had been made for prizes in the entry fee to play at Sunningdale Ladies GC. The fee for 2012 has been increased to cover this contingency and with a full day's golf, meals and prizes it is still good value.

However we have to guarantee a minimum number and continued support is needed.

Overall we did make a profit of £400 due largely by Goring and Streatley GC giving courtesy of the course for our Autumn Meeting. With so many club fixtures and the current recession it is getting harder to obtain courtesy of courses and East Berks, the venue for the forthcoming home matches and the Autumn Meeting, is no exception and charges will be incurred.

The Committee will try and subsidise some events to spread the costs fairly and I must congratulate the Captain Chris Carter on her expertise in finding bargains for prizes.

Other fixtures generally balanced out and funds therefore remain healthy. The Treasurer said if there were any queries on the accounts for the year ending 30th November 2011 that could not be answered at the AGM she would answer them personally when she returned.

Adoption of the accounts for year ending 30th November 2011

Proposed by Irene Bidwell

Seconded by Judy Jones

Everyone voted in favour and the accounts were adopted.

Proposals

There were no proposals.

Election of Officers

Captain	Nan Robertson (East Berks GC)	Proposed By Chris Carter Seconded by Alison Goudge
Vice Captain	Judy Williams (Reading GC)	Proposed by Nan Robertson Seconded by Barbara Gratton

The Secretary Barbara Gratton, The Treasurer Alison Goudge and the Competitions Secretary Jane Adamson all continue for another year. Chris Carter will sit on the Committee for one year as Past Captain. Pat Price retires from the Committee.

The vote in favour was unanimous and the proposals were passed.

The Captain Chris Carter Passed the badge to Nan Robertson and wished her good luck in her year as Captain of the BCLVGA.

The incoming Captains Report

The Captain welcomed everyone to East Berks GC It was good to see so many people attending.

She thanked Chris for inviting her to be her Vice Captain last year. It is an honour to be the Captain for 2012 and would do her best to ensure the traditions of our Association are carried out as smoothly as possible.

The Captain thanked East Berks GC for allowing BCLVGA to host today's AGM meeting at the golf club. She hoped everyone would enjoy playing on the course.

BCLVGA has a full fixture list for 2012, which follows the programme of previous years. The only changes are to the Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Senior Matches. The Captains of both these teams have agreed to play 4BBB off handicap instead of off scratch which hopefully will mean these games will be more enjoyable. The Captain had received many match applications and had done her best to ensure that everyone gets at least one game or is reserve. The team selections would be given out after the meeting to a member of each club who would be responsible for passing them to their members.

The Captain said she was delighted that Judith Williams of Reading Golf Club had agreed to be her Vice Captain in 2012 and would be a great asset and support to our association in this capacity.

Finally she thanked Chris for a really great year of golf, hospitality and friendship and asked her to accept a gift as a token of appreciation for her time and dedication.

AOB

There was none

There being no further business the Captain Nan Robertson closed the meeting at 11-34am.

Olive Tomlinson gave a vote of thanks to the Committee for all their hard work.

The next AGM would be at Reading Golf Club – date to be announced.