

Midland Veteran Ladies' Golf Association

MINUTES OF THE 56TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday, 9th November 2016

The Annual General Meeting was held at Kirby Muxloe Golf Club, Leicestershire at 1.00pm, following a 9 hole Am- Am competition held in the morning.

President Jean Johnson welcomed everyone and thanked them all for attending the meeting. At this point the prizes of huge value were presented to the winning team of the 9 hole Am-Am earlier to Andrea Stockdale, Sue Penfold and Caron Harrison. The President then called upon the Hon. Secretary to convene the meeting. 29 members attended.

1. APOLOGIES

14 apologies were received.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the 2014 AGM had been available on the website. The President asked members if it was their wish that she sign the Minutes as a true record. All were in agreement, proposed by Linda Richards and seconded by Chris Hopkins.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. CAPTAIN'S REPORT

A warm welcome to you all.

I would like to start by thanking the committee for their support during the year and for all their hard work organising and running the competitions. The reps keep providing us with challenging and well presented courses. Sadly not all the competitions had the benefit of good weather but let's hope for better things next year.

A big thank you to our lady president Jean for all her support and advice at the various competitions it has been in valuable and much appreciated. - living out on the extremities of the midlands Jean it has meant a lot of travelling and we all appreciate the time you have given us.

Thank you to my Vice Captain Gillian Curley for her support especially at the Jamboree and last and by no means least a very big thank you to my admin team, June for her commitment and dedication - she has endured a torrid time in her first year which I am sure she will enlarge on later and also to Birdie for her secretarial skills even I have been impressed how her computer skills have come on during the year - I did tell her the role didn't involve too much work but I think I misled her!

Thank you also to Dave Hopkins for all his continued work on keeping the website up and running, we appreciate your time very much. We have a small gift Dave as a token of our appreciation.

I thank Ann MacGregor for being the Leics rep be it only for a year you made a big impact thank you Ann and we will miss you but wish you well on your return to Scotland. We extend a warm welcome to Julie Windridge for kindly filling the position and look forward to working with you. Many thanks to Maggie Wylde who kindly stepped in to fill Heather McBains shoes when she resigned mid way through the year ably assisted by Andrea Stockdale.

I have attended all the competitions this year and have enjoyed meeting old friends and making new ones and thank all the members for their support. Golf is ever changing and we must change with the times and try and encourage new members to keep the association in a healthy position.

Well done to all our members both individual and team who have achieved notable successes this year which Andrea will enlarge on in her report.

In July we held our second match against the North and mid Wales which we played at Royal St David's - a stunning course and a real test of golf. 12 of us made the journey to Harlech, the match is predominately for those who aren't in the Jamboree team but single figure handicappers. The format bring 4BB match play off scratch - it was played in great spirit and all depended on the last two matches coming down the 18th which were both halved making the match an honorable draw. Next year we host the match at Trentham on 3rd July.

Jamboree

The 2016 MVLGA Jamboree was held at Panmure Golf Club from 1st to 4th August.

Day 1 Tuesday 2nd August Midlands v Scotland

We arrived at the club to find the wind had turned 180 degrees from the practice round and we were teeing off the first into a strong wind!

We had two rookies this year Debbie Warren and Sally Sketcher who both made their debut in the morning foursomes. The rest of the team being Julie Brown, Lindsey Shaw, Helen Lowe, Carol Wild, Mary Maclaren and Sue Spencer. All 3 matches were very tight as the players adapted to the course and the wind! With one match won and two halved we finished 2-1 up.

The team came out in the afternoon with all guns blazing and put in a terrific performance winning the afternoon session 5½ - ½ so 7½ - 1½ overall. North v South results was 4½ - 4½.

Day 2 Wednesday 3rd August South v Midlands.

The wind had turned round again 180 degrees and was just as strong! The conditions were not easy - the wind was cold and we experienced heavy rain showers. The team battled on and finished the morning 2-1 down. The team put up a tremendous battle in the afternoon session with 4 matches going to the 18th - 2 won, 2 lost and 2 halved! If only the putts had been kind to us and dropped. Result 5 -4 to the South but we had them scared! Scotland v North 6½ - 2½ to the North.

Day 3 Thursday 4th August Midlands v North

As typical of links golf the wind was now blowing across the course! Unfortunately due to injuries we were one man down! The team put up a gallant fight but we went into lunch 2 -1 down. All to play for in the afternoon. The team played their hearts out but the opposition were very strong and we went down 4½ - 1½ losing overall

6½ - 2½. Scotland v South 6 -3 to the South. Congratulations to the North for winning the Miller Stirling Salver.

The Midlands ended up a very credible 3rd overall. The course and the weather were very testing and the team coped well and I thank them for their support and determination. A special thanks to Gillian Curley my Vice-Captain and Jean Johnson our Lady President for their advice and support. Colours were awarded to Debbie Warren and Sally Sketcher.

Thanks also to those that sent cards and messages of support and a very big thank you to the 7 ladies who travelled up to support and caddy (plus Tim!). It was a very long way and we really appreciated your support. Roll on next year at Frilford Heath!

5 COUNTY TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP AND SENIOR REPORT

Andrea Stockdale. rep for Notts and Derbyshire, gave the following reports.

Portuguese Senior ladies Jan 27th-29th Vilamoura

What a fantastic turn out from the Midland Vets in Vilamoura. To play in the Portuguese Seniors. Over 20.... We all played the betterball on the Victoria course and the stroke play on the Old Course. Day 1 Stroke and things were looking good for the MV with Lindsey Shaw Derby's taking the lead with a fantastic 76. Close behind was Sue Spencer Staffs with another good score 79. Play started at 7.30am. Day 2 similar conditions and the leaders found scoring difficult along with many others. Gill Snelson posted the best score of the Midland Vets with an 80. Lots of wine, sangria, lots of fun and good company.

Results

Div 1 2nd Gross Lindsey Shaw

Div 2 1st Gross Gill Snelson 2nd Gross Rosemary Whitehouse

Div 3 1st Net Chris Fisher 2nd Gross Sue Macmillan

Nations Cup

1st Ireland Mary Maclaren, Mary Madden, Sheena McIroy

2nd England Lindsey Shaw, Angela Jones, Linda Hunt

Better Ball

Div1 1st Net Jayne Fletcher/ Corrine Tooth

Div 2 1st Gross Mary Paterdon/ Deborah Pyrcell

Elaine James + a foreigner (not sure of position)

French Seniors Gol De Chantaco 4th-8th April 2016

The tournament has now grown in size and 2 competitions are offered to players. 0-5 The trophy and 6-13 the cup. In total 130 players took part. As usual the hospitality offered by the Lacoste family is fantastic, with cocktail parties and a dinner with Basque singers. The tournament is always well supported by the English and 5 MV took part.

Andrea Stockdale 8th Cup

Sue Pidgeon qualified

Sue Spencer 34th in the trophy

English seniors Closed Championships

Ross on Wye 13th-16th May 2016

A field of 100 players arrived to play in the English seniors closed championships at Ross on Wye. This was to be a changed format this year and didn't include a flight 2 match play, but instead a further 2 rounds of medal play. Day 2 was abandoned due to flooding and scores taken on 1 round only with no play off for 16th place. This meant our own Julie Brown, who was tied for 16th place along with 5 others missed out on qualification due to countback. The following MV qualified for Flight 1 but were knocked out in the first round.

Helen Lowe Scraftoft qualifying in 4th place

Debbie Warren Kings Norton 8th place

Carol Houghton The Nottinghamshire 14th

English Seniors Stroke Play Burnham Beeches 14th-16th June

Midland Vets performed well at Burnham Beeches in the English Women's Stroke play. Sue Spencer led the field for 2 days with steady golf and finished in 4th place. Several MV made the cut and an early start helped get the field round before the predicted thunderstorms. The other MV making the cut were Helen Lowe and Lindsey Shaw tied 7th, Julie Brown tied 16th and Andrea Stockdale 45th.

Midland Regional Sherwood Forest 9th-10th July

Carol Gibbs Wellingborough 1st Scratch

Sue Hatton Beau Desert 1st HCP

Mary Maclaren Wellingborough tied 3rd

Andrea Stockdale Sherwood Forest tied 3rd

British Seniors Caldy Golf Club 14th-16th September.

The following MV played in the British Seniors at Caldy Golf club

Julie Brown Trentham defending Champion

Helen Lowe Scraftoft

Sue Spencer Whittington Heath

Mary Maclaren Wellingborough

Caron Harrison Sherwood Forest

Lindsey Shaw Chevin

Julie made a brave defence of her title, reaching the turn in 36, one better than Laura Webb, the winner. A bogey at the 13th was followed by her best run of the final round with birdies at the 15th and short 17th – before a double cost her a sub par round. She equalled the best score of day 3 with 74 and finished in runner up place. Helen Lowe was the only other Midland qualifier and finished in 26th place.

Order of Merit

After her runner up spot Julie Brown now moves up to 4th place on the seniors Order of merit and gains automatic selection for the senior home internationals. Julie along with Helen were the 2 captain's picks at the recent European team championships where England took the bronze. Helen is in 9th place and has recently

got captains pick for the Home Internationals which was played in Alyth Scotland..England retained the trophy

Other notable success

Julie Brown County Champion Staffordshire
Caron Harrison County Champion Notts
Jayne Fletcher County Vets Champion Staffs
Sue Penfold County Vets Champion Notts
Sue Pidgeon County Vets Champion Shrops
Gillian Curley Kedleston Senior Salver
Rosemary Farrow Cambs/Hunts
Mary Maclaren Northants Vets Champion

Brenda King Foursomes Clevedon Golf club 27th-28th September 2016

Midland Vets do well at Brenda King Foursomes

On a very hilly and challenging course Mid vets did well. The 8th, overlooking the Bristol estuary, it was a spectacular hole with a 260 feet descent to the fairway. After day 1 Sue Spencer and Sally Sketcher from Staffordshire were joint leaders on + 4 tied with ex Mid Vet Pauline Bramley and Carol Simpson Derbyshire. Andrea Stockdale and Sue Penfold were tied joint 4th on +6. All to play for. With conditions improving and the course looking great, the final positions changed. Jo Shorrocks and Amanda Mayne from the south came in with a fantastic score of +2 and took the title.

Final results

Carol Simpson/Pauline Bramley 3rd gross
Andrea Stockdale /Sue Penfold 2nd nett
Sue Spencer / Sally Sketcher best gross Day 1

Report County Team Championships Wellingborough Golf Club 10th-12th October 2016

This year we had 14 teams taking part with 10 counties entering 2 teams.

Monday the start of the tournament a greensome stableford. Hilary Horton from Nottinghamshire celebrated her first ever hole in one on the par 3 3rd hole. A well struck 3 wood she told me. Some good scores were returned in what is quite a difficult format. Cindy Ireland/Pam Watson Lincs were the winners on count back from Gill Snelson/ Loraine Gilder Northants.

Tuesday Stroke Play. It is always a nervy format with 3 scores from 4 to count, no one wanting to let their team down. Players found the scoring quite difficult and CSS went up 3 to 78. Team scores were very close with Staffordshire taking a narrow lead by 2 shots from Northamptonshire. The individual best score was 80 from Carol Gibbs and Sue Spencer.

Tuesday evening and Hilary provided everyone with wine to celebrate her hole in one and this was well received. We all gathered for our customary Bingo. Our entertainment that followed proved an absolute knockout. Berni Mcbreen sang and played her guitar with everyone joining in to all the songs we know and love. I have to say at the start it was more like St Tinian's with paper planes and sugar cubes flying around the room. I did think for a minute that I was back at School! Bernis

true skill brought everyone round and when the instruments were handed out that was it, the whole room was rocking. What a night.

Wednesday and back to the golf. With a few sore heads off we went again for the final days play. The extra glasses of wine obviously made the difference as there were some fantastic scores returned with the best of the day going to Sue Spencer with a 1 under par 74 closely followed by Carol Gibbs with 75. The overall team standings were very close, Staffordshire taking the winners spot with 477 followed by Northamptonshire on 479.

Andrea Stockdale

6 SECRETARY'S REPORT

I would like to start by thanking the committee members for their help and support in organizing the competitions in their regions so efficiently and Andrea for her gentle reminders on what I should be doing! To Gillian for putting the results and reports on the website and Dave for his endless patience.

The total membership in 2016 was 448 an increase of 13 from the previous year. The new members success I have to say has a lot to do with our two reps Mrs Patricia Hale from Warwickshire closely followed by Chrissy Hopkins from Staffs. I think we feel though that there are a large number of golfers eligible to join the midland vets but don't know we exist as an organization. Communication in golf has always been a problem but if we could all try and promote the midland vets not only at our own clubs but other ones we play locally in our area we will continue to thrive.

I will now read the reports from our four competitions starting with the championship. I will only be giving the winners of the gross and the nett prizes but the full results are on the website and congratulations to all the winners.

Championship at Kings Norton Golf Club on Wednesday 18th May

Report Linda Richards

71 Ladies entered from 36 different clubs and 65 played on the day. The weather was mixed with rain showers and sunshine.

Everyone enjoyed the course and found the greens challenging which related in the scores and the SSS went up by one.

Ros Weston was referee for the day and Kings Norton Golf club. The staff and ladies including lady captain Pauline Perry were really helpful in the running of the day. Results are as follows,

In her first year in the MVLGA Debbie Warren from Kings Norton won best gross and the Dorothy Crooke salver with a 72 gross.

Best Nett Div 1 Sally Sketcher Nett 71

Best Nett Div 2 Pat Rose Nett 75

Am-Am at Trentham Golf Club on Monday 20th June

Report Chris Hopkins.

Oh, what a day!!! The day started wet and it got wetter and wetter and wetter.

We had to delay the start 1½ hours in the end, the decision was made by head green keeper Ed Stant and captain Cindy to reduce the competition to 14 holes. After an hour of play heavy rain fell again flooding many of the greens on the back 9 so the competition was reduced to 9 holes.

We originally had 136 entries but this was reduced to 108 ladies who actually braved the wintery conditions in June!

The Caterer put on a reduced menu for the day and ladies were able to order after their rounds. I feel a lot of ladies prefer this system.

I hope the next event I am responsible for gives me better weather.

The winners were:-

Julie Windridge our new rep for Leicestershire, Susanne Pretty, Helen Lowe and Janet Goode.

4BBB at Kettering Golf Club on Monday 18th July

Report Janet Halliday.

There were 90 players on the day, 45 entries from 36 clubs. With tee times from 10am to 1.40pm.

Everyone played their part and the day went extremely well. Special thanks must go to Pam Sayles from Kettering GC and Di Saunderson from my own club whose help was invaluable.

Initially it was pleasantly warm and sunny, but as the day progressed the heat became more intense and extra bottles of water were ferried to the half way house for competitors. Fortunately we only had one lady return to the club house suffering from the heat.

The caterers provided five choices of main meal, and competitors ordered and paid for these before playing.

The course was in excellent condition, although some found the greens somewhat tricky as we had very little rain during the run up to the competition, and the course was dry.

Results were:

Best Gross	Jules Heath	
	Bev Hensley	74
Best Nett	Geraldine Muir	
	Sue Rose	69

Report MVLGA Autumn meeting Erewash Valley Wednesday 14th September

Report Andrea Stockdale

This year for the first time we introduced a club team event into the stableford. This was in a bid to try and increase the numbers taking part in this event. We have discussed over the years why the entry is always lower for the stableford than other competitions that we run, but haven't really come up with a solution.

We had 53 players entered and 52 played on the day.

I took over the running of the competition due to the resignation of the rep Heather McBain part way through the season and with the help of Maggie Wylde we organized the competition.

The club were particularly helpful prior to the event in organizing helpers and also a starter for the day .

The weather was fantastic and players in the morning were glad of a slight mist cover. Those in the afternoon sweltered in the heat of a late Indian summer. I have to say we all found the course quite tough and in places quite wet and almost like playing winter golf. This meant the scores generally weren't good, although the winner of the Presidents plate did put in a good score of 35 pts. We all found the course played long and the greens were quite tricky.

A big thank you should go to Maggie Wylde who stayed all day to help on the desk and with the input of scores

Winners

Presidents Plate: Pat Hale 35 pts

Div 1 Pauline Heggarty 33 pts

Div 2 Doreen Brown 34 pts

This concludes my report but before doing so a big thank you to June our Treasurer and Cindy our captain girl for keeping me in some degree of order. This has never come naturally!

7 TREASURER'S REPORT

It falls to me to deliver the Treasurer's report for the first time since taking over from Caron at last year's AGM. I would like to put on record my thanks to her for the orderly way in which she transferred the financial information and the books of the Association to me, and for all her help as I settled into my new role.

Members should have in front of them copies of the Income and Expenditure accounts for the year ended 31st October 2016, also the Balance sheet for the association, which is shown at the bottom of the accounts page.

I am pleased to report that, despite both income and expenditure being below that of 2015, the Association is able to report a surplus of £1464.11 for 2016, an increase of £893.37 on last year. The significant reduction in both income and expenditure is entirely due to the accounting for the team championships. In 2014 the decision was taken to change the Association's year end in 2015 from September to October in order to incorporate the Team Championships which are held in October. As a result the 2015 Accounts have both income and expenditure for the Team Championships in both 2014 and 2015 whereas the 2016 accounts, now only cover this year.

Membership income, at £3562, represents a paying membership of 444 members. In addition, we also have 4 Honorary members, making the total membership of the Association at 31st October 448 an increase over last years figure of 13. During the year 93 new members joined the association, however 54 resignations and 26 non-payers, making a net loss of 80 members account for the net gain of 13.

You may remember that last year in an effort to try to recruit new members the Committee decided to waive the joining fee. However, with no penalty for leaving and no cost to rejoin the Association, it may be that some members have simply not rejoined this year because the location of the competitions meant that they would not participate because of the travel implications, and with different locations in

2017, which may be more accessible, they may rejoin. With this in mind, your Committee have decided to waive the joining fee again in 2017.

Membership and competitions continue to be the main source of income for the Association, with the surplus from our competitions this year being marginally up on 2015, at £2883.05 against £2728.22 . Competition Income, at £7716.05 shows an increase of £562.53, whereas Competition expenditure has only increased by £407.70

There is no doubt that the venues chosen for our competitions have a significant effect on the Association's finances. Where there is a smaller entry for a particular competition, the organisers try to manage the prize fund expenditure to more realistically match the income, with the result that we have been able, once more, to run all the Association's Competitions this year at a profit, the most successful being the AM-AM at Trentham, which, despite the dreadful weather, made a surplus of £1212.55.

A significant amount of the Association's expenditure goes towards the Jamboree, and you have already heard Cindy's Report on this year's Jamboree at Panmure. Once again, the location plays a significant part in the costs, but this year our expenditure was £836.01 less than in 2015, where we actually hosted the event.

Other significant reportable items were the Welsh Match this year, a new addition to the calendar in 2015, which was self-financing. However, I should draw attention to one item of Sundries Income – which this year has a figure of £325 against it. This relates to a protracted battle with Barclays Bank regarding their lack of administrative competence during the handover of our bank account from Caron to myself – a 6-month obstacle course which resulted in 3 separate awards of compensation from the Bank to the Association totalling £325.00. For the sake of future treasurers, I hope that this will be a one-off experience not to be repeated!

To conclude, therefore, our finances are in good order, and the Association has steadily built up a solid reserve over the years, which now totals £11042.17. This is reflected in our current account balance at the Bank of £11058.17 on 31st October, with liabilities carried forward of £16.00. Thanks to the efforts of previous Treasurers, and in keeping with the aims of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, we have continued to "maintain the roof" while the sun shines, and make provision for any rainy day which might come along, and I hope that this year's results which I have reported will continue that tradition.

I would like to finish simply by thanking Cindy, Jean, Birdie, Andrea, the County Reps and the for their support and help, to Caron for her patience in answering some of the early queries, to Dave Hopkins for all his work on the website, and finally to Pam Watson, one of our members, who has audited our books of account and provided the independent Examiners Statement at the conclusion of our balance sheet, in her capacity as D&R Accountancy Services of Ancaster.

8 Adoption of Reports

Proposed by Mrs Mary Maclaren
Seconded by Mrs Linda Richards
All in favour.

9 Election of Officers

The following nominations have been approved by the Committee:

PRESIDENT Mrs Liz Moverley

Proposed by Mrs Jean Johnson and seconded by Mrs Pat Hale

Jean was delighted to propose Liz Moverly from Copt Heath as the incoming President.

Liz started her golf in Lincolnshire and moved to Lancashire in 1997 where she played for the Vets, during this time she was also a member of the Northern Vets. Having moved to Warwickshire she played for the Warwickshire Vets and was their Champion in 2014 and 2015 - In 2007 she was Midland Vets Golfer of the year. She has also been on the England Senior Ladies Golf Association Committee and has served as a County Representative on our own Committee.

I am confident Liz will be a most able president and I wish her an enjoyable two years.

Seconded by Mrs Patricia Hale.

I have known Liz for a few years as our Warwickshire rep. She did a great job of encouraging ladies to join and to take part in the competitions.

I can't imagine many ladies more committed to the Midland Vets and know how much she loves any involvement with it.

I know she will have been so pleased to have been asked and that she will make a wonderfully supportive President.

I am delighted to second the proposal that Liz be our next President.

CAPTAIN	Mrs Cindy Ireland	2nd YEAR
VICE CAPTAIN	Mrs Gillian Curley	2nd Year
HON. SECRETARY	Mrs Birdie Dawson	2nd Year
HON. TREASURER	Mrs June Miller	2nd Year

All nominations were accepted.

10 COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS FOR 2017

Birdie read out the list of events for 2017 and advised that all the dates would be on the website and would be circulated by the reps.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

President Jean then said I have had two very happy years as President meeting many of you. I would like to congratulate the two Captains Andrea and Cindy, the

Committee and everyone else who has worked so diligently for the Association making it the success it is, we are very grateful for everything you all do. Cindy then presented Jean with a bouquet of flowers in recognition of all her efforts during her term of presidency and thanked her again on our behalf.

12 DATE AND VENUE OF THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The date of the next AGM will be Wednesday 8th November 2017 at 1.30pm, at Kirby Muxloe Golf Club, Leicestershire

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.50pm