

Somerset Golf Union

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
Held at Cannington Golf Club
Tuesday 2 June 2009 at 7:15pm

PRESENT

D.Longden	President & Comps Sec	A.Deakins	Elected Member
J.Perkins	Senior Vice President	D.Hanson	Treasurer
S.Butterfield	Junior Vice President	D.Compton	Elected Member
D.Hughes	Junior Organiser	A.King	Secretary
B.Evans	Elected Member	J.Cunning	Elected Member

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received from B.Whittock, G.Yates, M.Lazenby, S.Haines, J.Atkins and M.Curtis

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 May 2009 were discussed and agreed as a true record of that meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING (not covered in later minutes)

- 3.1 para 3.1 AP 1/2/08 Dennis has completed the assembly of the historical information and has passed it to the Secretary to deposit with the Somerset County Archive Service.

Discharged

- 3.2 para 4.8 AP 3/5/09 The Secretary had replied to Peter Cossins who had acknowledged receipt. The outstanding balance for the Desert Springs trip has now also been paid.

Discharged

- 3.3 para 4.9 The Secretary has written a procedure which has been issued to the Captain and Junior Organiser to inform the eligible players.

Discharged

- 3.4 para 6.4 Steve has spoken with the player concerned

Discharged

4. SECRETARY/CORRESPONDENCE (Alan King)

- 4.1 The May newsletter has been circulated to the Executive and is being distributed to everyone on our database.

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- 4.2 The procedure detailing the arrangements for Courtesies for members of clubs hosting SGU Championships has now been signed up to by 18 clubs. Only one has refused, Kingweston on the basis that visitors must be given access by a member. The proposal has been copied to the County Ladies Association for them to consider whether they wish to adopt it.

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- 4.3 A proposal has been received from a company in Spain asking for our cooperation in providing access to our clubs' members in order to give them discount when playing at the Company's courses in Spain. This appears to fit well with our County Card which could be expanded to include the Spanish courses. The Secretary was authorised to continue to correspond with the company with a view to including the Spanish courses on next year's card. The Secretary was urged to obtain an assurance that the rate offered to County card holders would be no worse than that available on other promotions by the Company. The discount should only be given on the production of a County card, not merely for membership of a club.

Action Alan AP 1/6/09

- 4.4 Accommodation has been booked for the Executive people attending SW week and the costings have been calculated to stay within budget. It is anticipated that each person will pay £190 if they are there for the full week, pro rata for those there for fewer nights. Bills will be sent out after the event when costs are known in detail and evening drinks can be apportioned. The President's dinner will be held at the Broadstone Golf Club on Thursday 11 June.

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- 4.5 A visit was made to Brean to carry out a course assessment. However it soon became clear that the changes being made to the course were not sufficiently advanced to allow a proper assessment to be made and the visit was abandoned.

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5. TREASURER'S REPORT (Derek Hanson)

- 5.1 The financial position is on track and going to budget. Entry fee income is up due to the number of Championships held in May. The cost of prize vouchers is now being debited when they are issued with a credit entry for the value of the vouchers yet to be redeemed. The Youth development expenditure is now brought out separately and includes the payment to Gordon Brand Jnr and the winter membership of the Channel Course.

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- 5.2 The method of showing the provision in the budget for Warm Weather Training was discussed. Derek Hughes contested that this allocation was always within his budget allocation originally and has only been shown separately for clarity. It was agreed that this expenditure is subject to the same authorisation process as all other sectors within the budget, namely that the component parts of the budget sub-heads need to be built up by the budget holder, justified to and then approved by the Finance Committee.

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- 5.3 The Treasurer confirmed that no payments had been made to David Haines for his winter coaching since 1 November.

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6. CAPTAIN'S REPORT (Steve Haines)

6.1 Review of activities

No matches since last meeting.

The majority of the squad performed well at the County Championships and as you will all be aware, the squad for SWW has been selected.

To confirm, the 11 players that have been selected to attend for the week are:

Craig Adams	(Farrington)	Laurie Canter	(Saltford)
Charlie Cossins	(Bath)	Curtis Edwards	(Saltford)
David Gregory	(Burnham & Berrow)	Alex Kippen	(Enmore Park)
Matt Kippen	(Enmore Park)	Justin Lane	(Burnham & Berrow)
Matt Lea	(Saltford)	Stuart Ponfield	(The Mendip)
Phil White	(Wells)		

Ellis Cook (Burnham & Berrow) will join the squad for the Tuesday Strokeplay. Ellis will also attend the Saturday Practice and has been asked to stay on for the latter half of the week in order to gain experience of the event.

Colin Edwards (Bath) was invited and entered, although unfortunately, due to a work commitment, Colin has now had to pull out. Trevor Reynolds has been informed.

All arrangements are in place. It was agreed that Elizabeth Sloman would be asked to take care of the on course supplies of water, fruit etc. Steve would need to specify exactly what his requirement is.

All clothing for SWW required has arrived and is in the process of being distributed to players.

Concern was expressed that the number of players had increased above the normal figure of 10 and there would clearly be budgetary implications. Adrian reassured the Committee that the forecast was that expenditure would remain within budget. Some issues had only been resolved at the last minute and it was agreed that there would be a comprehensive review of the whole of South West week activity at the July Executive meeting. It was clear that the Captain had taken on a large burden of administrative work associated with the week and that it needed to be considered whether this was appropriate for the Captain or whether it should be resourced differently.

Action Alan to include on July agenda AP 2/6/09

6.2 Other Business

A copy of the voucher claim system and form created by Alan King is in the process of being distributed to members of the squad. Steve has designed a form for claiming of travelling expenses by players. The concept of paying a higher rate of mileage where passengers were taken was accepted and it was agreed that Steve could use the form if he chooses.

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7. COUNTY JUNIOR ORGANISER (Derek Hughes)

7.1 The U14 and U16 teams entertained Cornwall at Windwhistle Golf Club in an eight a side match. The U14s found the going difficult in the morning foursomes losing 4 – 0. However in the afternoon they recovered to win the singles 5.5 to 2.5 unfortunately just not enough to win the match. Match result **Somerset U14 5.5 Cornwall U14 6.5**. The U16s in the morning foursomes fared better halving at 2 all. In the afternoon they won the singles 5 – 3 to give an overall result of **Somerset U16 7 Cornwall U16 5**.

The U18s continued with their Junior Channel League campaign with a match against Wiltshire at Kingsdown. The morning foursomes were something of a disappointment where at one time on the 14th tee it looked a possible 4 games to 1 for Somerset only to end up 3.5 – 1.5 to Wiltshire. In the afternoon singles there was something of a similar story ending in losing the singles 5.5 to 4.5 to give an overall result of **Wiltshire U18 9 Somerset U18 6**. Although the overall results for the U18 have been disappointing , they cannot be faulted for their effort and are performing as best as they are able.

At the South West schools at Wells Matt Kippen kept the flag flying for Somerset coming fifth thus qualifying for the national finals which he won last year.

The South West U16 / U14 championship was held at Taunton Vale on Friday last and the Somerset boys put up a creditable performance with Lewis Casserley (Kingweston) 2nd in the U16 category and Tom Sloman (Taunton & Pickeridge) 2nd in the U14s. The combined team also came 2nd losing to Devon by two shots, an encouraging result.

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7.2 Brian Whaites from Minehead has agreed to assist in the development of some of our Junior Players.

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8. COMPETITIONS SECRETARY (Dennis Longden)

8.1 May was the busiest month in our calendar with the Junior Championship, Seniors Championship, County Championship and Junior Champion Club as well as the West of England Seniors Scratch Open.

I am pleased to report that all competitions seemed to go without any hitches and all the results have been published to HowDidiDo and also appear on our web site.

The winners were as follows:-

Junior Championship	Ellis Cook	Burnham & Berrow GC
Seniors Championship	John Smith	Burnham & Berrow GC
County Championship	Curtis Edwards	Saltford GC
Junior Champion Club	Saltford GC	
West of England Seniors Open	Bill McIntyre	Harpenden GC

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9. COACHING & DEVELOPMENT (Adrian Deakins)

- 9.1 Adrian had updated the Coaching Grant application for submission to EGU. He reported that the current thinking is that this will be the last year that a grant will be awarded to Counties in this way and in future funding will be directed through the County Golf Partnership and the Club and Coach Fund. The Executive approved the submission and the Secretary was asked to ensure it was submitted by the due date of 12 June.

Action Alan AP 3/6/09

- 9.2 There was a wide ranging discussion on the integration of Club and Coach Fund activity and Golf Union Coaching & Development. The process needs to be seamless so that there is an easy progression into County squads and the 'elite' coaching program given to members of the County squads. Clarification is still awaited on the allocation of funding for Counties from the recently announced Sport England award of £12.8 million over 4 years. This is expected to be made known in July.

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10. SOMERSET COUNTY GOLF PARTNERSHIP (Alan King)

- 10.1 Nothing specific to report, normal activity is continuing with Farrington having their last inspection for GolfMark the following day. As above, news on funding is awaited.

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11. MARKETING & SPONSORSHIP (Matt Lazenby)

- 11.1 A meeting had been held to identify opportunities to generate funding and to improve the visibility of the SGU in clubs. Minutes of the meeting had been circulated to the Committee. The arrangements for the Am Am were discussed and the decision taken at the March meeting that the responsibility for selling the tee times at the event should be with the Marketing committee was restated. The Secretary undertook to contact clubs to try to obtain a voucher for a 4 ball to be auctioned at the Am Am.

Action Marketing Committee to sell tee times AP 4/6/09

Action Alan to contact clubs AP 5/6/09

- 11.2 The arrangements for the Annual Dinner had been considered by the Marketing group. It was resolved that we would change to a Friday and the Secretary was asked to identify some Fridays that are available in 2010. It was resolved that we would retain the current format at this time

Action Alan AP 6/6/09

- 11.3 The trousers purchased for South West week had not been obtained from Stuart Wylie who had sponsored us, as he was unable to supply the blue variety we required.

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12. EGU REPRESENTATIVE (Dennis Longden)

12.1 Nothing to report

13 PRESIDENT'S REMARKS (Dennis Longden)

13.1 Nothing to report

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 Derek Hanson wished the team good luck for South West week, this sentiment was endorsed enthusiastically by the whole meeting.

14.2 The experiment of taking the Executive meeting to a club and preceding it with a game of golf against representatives from the club was deemed to be a success and something which should be repeated. It was a very effective way of making SGU more visible to people in clubs

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.20pm

NEXT MEETING Tuesday 14 July 7.15pm

Burnham & Berrow GC

Dates for further meetings for 2009 are as follows: - 18 Aug, 22 Sep, 3 Nov, 8 Dec.

Approved

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Dennis Longden President