

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
Held at Burnham & Berrow Golf Club  
Tuesday 10 May 2011 at 7:15pm

PRESENT

S.Butterfield	President	N.Long	Chairman
J.Parker	Treasurer	A.King	Secretary
I.Pamplin	Vice President	G.Gregg	Seniors Captain
J.Keight	Elected member	B.Evans	Elected member
J.Cunning	Elected member	T.Hoskings	Elected member
K.Purdy	Vice-County Junior Organiser		

1. Welcome and apologies  
The Chairman welcomed the members of the Executive committee. Apologies had been received from G. Yates, M. Rossiter, C. Nicholls and P. White.
2. Minutes  
The minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 11 were agreed.
3. Matters arising (not covered in later minutes)
  - 3.1 para 3.1 AP 1/2/10. The draft revision of the Policy Document will be presented to the Executive committee prior to the next meeting  
**Action Nigel AP 1/2/10**
  - 3.2 para 6 AP 1/4/11 The Secretary had written to the Secretaries of the Counties in the SW Group. A meeting is being held during South West week which will also be attended by the EGU Director of Coaching Peter Mattsson who is exploring the issues of County Golf at National level. Alan will report back at the next meeting.  
**Action Alan AP 1/4/11**
  - 3.3 para 12 AP 4/4/11 Discussions concerning the revision of the CGP Constitution are ongoing.  
**Action Nigel AP 4/4/11**
4. Captains report.  
In the absence of the Captain, the Chairman gave an update on the result of the match versus Cornwall which was a victory for Somerset and puts us at the top of the Channel League table. Four of the team had been successful at the Brabazon Southern Qualifying and will now compete at Burnham & Berrow in the main event in June. The voucher system for coaching is being controlled by Adrian Bishop in his role as Team Manager and is on track with the budget.  
**Information**
5. South West week.  
Preparations are ongoing and the team will be finalised and announced at the conclusion of the County Championship on Sunday. With the exception of Laurie Canter who has

recently turned professional, the remainder of the squad is available for the week with only one player being absent on Friday to compete in the British Amateur Championship. The Secretary will be visiting Saunton next week to check out all the arrangements. The Chairman invited everyone on the Executive who was not staying at the event to visit for at least one day to support the team. The budget for the event had been examined at a recent Coaching & Development meeting and the Team Manager was made aware of the limits.

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6. Forthcoming events.

The Chairman identified the forthcoming events. The Juniors have the SWCGA Under 14/Under 16 championships at Oake Manor on 31 May and the Under 16s have a match versus Wiltshire at Frome during the same week whilst the Under 18 team travel to Newquay to take on Cornwall. Again the Chairman encouraged Executive members to support the teams on these days.

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7. Competitions.

The period since the last meeting had been a busy time with 6 competitions being held. The number of entries for the County Foursomes had been disappointing though the forthcoming County Championship is oversubscribed. The Under 14s and Junior Championships had been successful and played in good spirit. The Chairman thanked Alan and Jenny for their work in organising all the events. He added that it was good to see a new referee to the County involved in the Junior Championship at Tall Pines.

The West of England Seniors Open held at Burnham & Berrow had more entries than in previous years but has still not yet really taken off. The timing of the event in relation to other Seniors Opens of that status needs to be examined and Alan and Graham Gregg will review the options for 2012.

**Action Alan AP 1/5/11**

8. Treasurer.

Affiliation fees have now been received from all clubs The Treasurer is still in discussion with one club on the issue of an adjustment for previous overpayments. It was noted that a generous donation of £500 had been received towards Junior funds and the Chairman had written thanking the donor. There had been problems with the bank in obtaining access to the online facility but this has recently been resolved. The general position is satisfactory.

**Action John /Graham AP 3/4/11.**

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### 9. Juniors.

Kevan reported on recent events. The team had come 2<sup>nd</sup> in both the strokeplay and matchplay at the Junior Four Counties. The Under 14s had started their season with a victory over Gloucestershire on the Channel Course at Burnham & Berrow and in the same week the Under 16 boys had halved with the same County at Brean. All the age group squads had competed in the Junior Championship. He congratulated Jamie Clare on winning the championship but special mention should be made of Joe Fear for his second round 67 which forced a play-off. Despite there being a tricky wind for the second round, Kevan felt that the play of some players did not match their handicap and we needed to examine further their mental approach. Considerable time and resource had been invested yet the performances still fell short and the Junior management team would need to consider how to address this issue.

#### **Information**

### 10. Seniors.

The first fixture against Devon resulted in an unexpected victory as Devon are traditionally strong and we have not beaten them for some time. The Chairman congratulated Graham on that performance. However, the match versus Gwent had not proved to be so successful with a 9-6 loss. Four County players have gained entry into the England Seniors Championship in Northamptonshire.

#### **Information**

### 11. Somerset Golf Partnership

Alan asked for feedback from the Executive members on the South West golf week and how it had impacted at their club. In general the results had been disappointing with very low numbers of people attending the taster sessions although the response had been better for Juniors than Adults. It was evident that in some clubs, there had been a lack of publicity and this would need to be addressed in advance of the next event which is in the week following the Open Championship and Alan undertook to feed this back at the next partnership meeting.

#### **Action Alan AP 2/5/11**

### 12. Marketing.

John Keight will shortly be arranging a meeting. John listed several ideas he has been considering and these now need to be presented to the Marketing sub-committee for further analysis and development. He asked all Executive members to identify any individuals they know who have PR or Marketing skills who could assist us, possibly by being co-opted to the sub-committee

#### **Action John AP 3/5/11**

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13. President.

The President had attended various events, including County dinners, and with the Vice President had covered the County fixtures. He will be attending the Presidents and Guests event at Woodhall Spa at the end of the month.

**Information**

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.50 pm  
NEXT MEETING Tuesday 21 June 7.15pm – Burnham & Berrow GC

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Chairman                      Nigel Long                      21 June 11