

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
Held at Burnham & Berrow Golf Club
Tuesday 21 June 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
C. Nicholls	Elected member	B.Evans	Elected member
M. Rossiter	Elected member	T.Hoskings	Elected member
D. Hughes	County Junior Organiser	G. Yates	Co-opted member
P. White	Captain		

1. Welcome and apologies
The Chairman welcomed the members of the Executive committee. Apologies had been received from J. Cunning and John Keight.
The Chairman congratulated Phil on his excellent performance at the French Amateur Championship where he finished 4th. John Whitcutt from Burnham & Berrow had also finished 4th in the French Seniors.
2. Minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 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 12 AP 4/4/11 The amendments to the CGP constitution are now with the Partnership Chair and will be put to the CGP AGM later in the year
Discharged
4. Captains report.
Phil reported on South West week where, after a disappointing start, the end of the week showed a marked improvement. The preparation had not been perfect with only one training day possible. Players had taken time to get used to the course which was perhaps why results improved as the week progressed. Some individuals did not perform well in the Strokeplay with the team finishing 19 shots behind the winners Wiltshire. The team spirit was good and the general arrangements for the week worked well. Notable performances were from Phil with 7 points, Shane Winstone and Ellis Cook both had 6.5 and Sam Day performed well throughout the week finishing 3rd in the Individual Championship. Phil thanked the Executive for their support at the event.
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5. South West week.

A thorough review had been carried out at a Coaching & Development meeting earlier in the evening. The outturn was closely in line with the budget, the only area of concern was the clothing where we perhaps need to augment the provision of kit to the team. The budget setting process for next year would need to consider this issue.

There had been an issue at Saunton, which had been brought to the attention of the County by the SWCGA Secretary. After a wide ranging discussion, it was agreed that the Chairman would write to the individuals involved asking for an assurance that the actions would not be repeated and warning them as to their future conduct. It was imperative that the County was seen to be above reproach and that it could advise SWCGA that the incident had been thoroughly investigated and the appropriate action taken.

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6. Forthcoming events.

The volunteer rota for the Brabazon was checked; Alan will be attending a briefing on 22 June and will advise the volunteers of anything specific. The dress code is sweater and shirt. The Seniors have their EGU County Finals qualifying competition at Clevedon on 4th/5th July and a match versus Gloucestershire on 28 June. The annual fixture versus the Somerset Captains is at Weston-super-Mare on 8 July.

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7. Competitions.

Both the County and Seniors Championships had been held since the last meeting with Sam Day and Bruce Chadwick being victorious. There had been 3 players who did not turn up to the County Championship; they had received letters requesting their entry fee. Their entry had been accepted in good faith with their promise to pay on the day. It was suggested that the penalty in the event of non appearance at an event should be covered in the Conditions of the Competition and that if any sanction imposed involved selection then the appropriate Team manager would be advised.

The Mid-Amateur Championship is the next competition but with very few entries having been received it is likely that the event will be cancelled.

Action Alan AP 1/6/11

8. Treasurer.

All affiliation fees have now been received and a summation of the membership returns shows a 5% drop in members across the County. Discussions have been held at a club which claimed an overpayment in previous years. The records at the club have not been entirely clear but a compromise figure proposed by the Treasurer was accepted. This was less than the club originally claimed and was considered to be a satisfactory outcome. The revised collection arrangements would prevent this being an issue in the future

although it is clear some clubs do not fully understand the process. The Secretary has been in correspondence with 3 clubs on the matter. Other clubs have remitted their fees in accordance with the new timetable.

An agreement has now been obtained with the SLCGA over the split of income from Ladies County Cards. Although we have compromised from our original position, the deal was considered to be satisfactory.

After earlier difficulties with the bank account in terms of the online access, things are now running smoothly.

The overall budget position was discussed, basically expenditure is on track and income will be improved when the revenue from the new affiliation fee collection scheme is received.

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9. Juniors.

A team of 6 U16 and 3 U14 boys represented Somerset in the SWCGA U16 / U14 Championship at Oake Manor Golf Club on Tuesday 31st May. The boys performed well winning the David King trophy for the team event with some very consistent scoring. In the U14 championship Will Warman (Bath) won on count back from Harry Hall (Cornwall) and Jamie Li (Bath). As he will not be 14 until July 2012 he will have the opportunity to defend his title next year.

On the 1st June the U18 team travelled to Newquay to play Cornwall U18 and unfortunately lost a closely contested match 8.5 to 6.5. A couple of our lowest handicap U18 team were unavailable due to a clash of events with the South West Schools in Hampshire. The consolation was one of the players Jamie Clare (Burnham & Berrow) won the South West Schools event.

The U16 team entertained Wiltshire U16s at Frome Golf Club on 3rd June and came away with a very comprehensive victory by 11 games to 4.

July is a busy month for the boys with our best U16 players playing in the McGregor Trophy at Southmoor and our best U18 boys playing in the Carris at Broadstone. At the end of July we play our boys EGU qualifier at Ferndown.

Jamie Clare (Burnham & Berrow), Ryan Cardwell (Burnham & Berrow) and Callum Taylor (Burnham & Berrow) played in the Sir Henry Cooper Young Masters at Nizels Golf Club last week. This is now a major tournament in the junior calendar with GB&I selectors in attendance and the individual countries sending their potential European Boys teams to compete. Ryan unfortunately had the worst of the weather on the Saturday with play being suspended for 1.5 hours due to heavy rain and missed the cut by 3 shots. Callum also missed the cut but just by 1 shot after a very good level par on the Saturday. Jamie was 1 shot off the lead after round one and eventually finished 24th a couple of visits to the water which unfortunately cost him a total of 8 shots. It was however a creditable performance by all three.

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10. Seniors.

The Seniors are now top of the Channel League after winning away against Wiltshire at High Post. A strong team has been selected for the forthcoming match versus Gloucestershire and the Seniors Captain is confident of continuing the teams good run. The SWCGA Seniors at Clevedon is also an opportunity for the team to challenge for the title. The Chairman congratulated Graham and wished the team luck in the next few weeks of important matches.

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11. Somerset Golf Partnership

There is a lot of activity happening across the County with Town Centre days and various shows. The lessons learnt from the Golf Week in August will be applied to the publicity for the week immediately following the Open Championship. Opportunities for advertising are being explored with local radio being considered. The impact report, which is a national summary of initiatives has been received and will be circulated.

Action Alan AP 2/6/11

12. Marketing.

The notes of a recent Marketing committee meeting had been circulated. The SGU Bowmaker will continue this year. The prize fund will be reconsidered and the value will not be published in advance. Some additional prizes from donations may be available. The committee will look to sell the advertising space on the County Card to a major company. The idea to include fixtures and club opens within the County card booklet had been suggested by the Marketing committee and was discussed further. The future for the County card and whether it migrated to a 'credit card' style issue could mean that any initiative to expand the information within the booklet may be short lived. The issue needs to be investigated further to establish any additional printing costs and whether clubs would see any value in the booklet. There would also be a resource implication in terms of compiling the data.

Action John K. AP 3/6/11

13. Secretary correspondence

The Secretary read a letter from the EGU President thanking the President and the County for the gift of County cuff links.

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14. President.

The President had attended the Presidents and Guests event at Woodhall Spa. It had been a good meeting of Presidents with the proposed merger being one of the main points of debate. He thanked the Executive members who had attended South West week for their support and also the volunteers for the Brabazon rota.

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15. Any other business

The Chairman had circulated a paper which will be discussed at the Voting Members meeting. He was mandated to support the proposition to raise the EGU affiliation fee by £1 in each of the following 2 years to be set aside against any contingency. This would not be used as part of the normal budget income stream.

The Secretary reported that he had attended a meeting of the SW County Secretaries to discuss the future of County Golf. It is hoped to have some reserved dates for County matches in 2013 which national events would avoid. There may also be an end of season tournament for golfers nominated by their County which would be monitored by the selectors in determining their winter training squads.

Graham updated the meeting on the current position in respect of the merger. The proposal document has been finalised and is expected to be distributed during July with a decision taken at the November Voting Members meeting. A series of briefings will be held and he asked the committee to consider whether it wished to hold one and if so whether clubs would be invited to attend.

The AGM of the SWCGA had included a vote on the future of the match versus the Midlands. The vote had been tied and further discussion will take place at the November meeting.

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There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.15 pm
NEXT MEETING Tuesday 2 August 7.15pm – Burnham & Berrow GC

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Chairman Nigel Long 2 August 11