

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
Held at Burnham & Berrow Golf Club
Tuesday 8 February 2011 at 7:15pm

PRESENT

S.Butterfield	President	I.Pamplin	Vice President
N.Long	Chairman	J. Parker	Treasurer
D.Hughes	County Junior Organiser	A.King	Secretary
M.Rossiter	Elected member	G.Yates	Co-opted member
C.Nicholls	Elected member	T.Hoskings	Elected member
J.Cunning	Elected member	G.Gregg	Seniors Captain

1. INTRODUCTIONS and APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed the new members of the Executive committee. He said that he had been appointed as Chairman to take the load off the President but the President remains the Senior Officer of the Union. He had invited Graham Yates to remain on the committee as a co-opted member. He hoped everyone would enjoy their involvement with the Union and stated that everyone would have a role and he hoped that the responsibility would be grasped and carried through. Communication was stressed as being very important and he encouraged everyone to contribute to the meeting.

The Chairman went through the structure of the sub-committees and the constituent members of each were agreed. These would be published as a separate document.

Action Alan AP 1/2/11

Nigel outlined the fixtures for the coming season and invited everyone on the Executive to support them whenever they could. Some regional and national events are also being held in the County this year. The SWCGA Seniors Championship is being held at Clevedon as is the Junior Four Counties event. The English Open Strokeplay Championship, The Brabazon Trophy, is being held at Burnham & Berrow and the County have committed to providing some resource to help to run the championship. The Secretary will circulate details of the event to the new Executive committee. The Strokeplay qualifying competition for the British Boys Championship is being held at Enmore Park and Burnham & Berrow, the latter then hosting the matchplay stages.

Action Alan AP 2/2/11

Apologies have been received from J.Keight and B. Evans.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 11 were discussed and were agreed as a true record of that meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING (not covered in later minutes)

3.1 para 3.1 AP 1/2/10. The review of the Policy Document will be taken over by Nigel.

Action Nigel AP1/2/10

4. SECRETARY/CORRESPONDENCE (Alan King)

- 4.1 County card – The proof copy has been sent to the printer and I am awaiting a response. Now that the AGM has confirmed the issue of a card to every member the number to be printed can be determined. The printing company has been changed this year as a result of obtaining different quotes. The quote was some £400 cheaper (£900 compared to £1300). The back cover has been sold for advertising. This has been a late development and consequently our bargaining position has been weak. I have obtained £300 which is not huge but it will show other companies who may come across it that it is an opportunity. The position with the Ladies is still unclear. They had promised to try to get back to me before the AGM but at the time of writing nothing has been forthcoming. It may well be that this year we have to treat as a transition as some clubs with 1 January renewals have not included the £3 whilst others have. The range of options for determination of the financial arrangements between us and the ladies was considered and the Treasurer and Secretary will lead those discussions when it is clear what the ladies have decided.

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- 4.2 The transfer of files and records from Elizabeth has been completed and Jenny has been set up with the required equipment and has commenced her involvement. Some issues have been encountered surrounding the database but these have been largely overcome. The IT has been set up so that we can both work off the same set of files and this also provides an external hard drive to back up data.

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5. TREASURER'S REPORT (Graham Yates)

- 5.1 Affiliation fees have been coming in steadily from clubs. The projection is that there will have been a drop in membership over the year but our budget figure for fees will be met. Three clubs have included the £3 for a County card in their remittance. The final outturn for the expenditure on the Annual Dinner has been reconciled. This will be charged to this financial year and is within reasonable expectations. The air fares and hotel deposit for the Spain trip have been paid and the contribution from the players has been received.

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- 5.2 John Parker - John said that he intends to convene a meeting of the Finance committee on his return from leave in March. He wishes to be clear on the procedures for signing rights and the reporting structure. He anticipates the handover will be completed around that time; Graham will retain ownership of the role until John's return. John will also consider whether the current arrangements in respect of the audit process for our accounts are adequate given the size of the activity undertaken.

Action John P. AP 3/2/11

6. CAPTAIN'S REPORT

- 6.1 The Chairman explained the circumstances relating to the resignation of the Captain and the Vice Captain. A small group of officers had discussed the plan for the succession and had contacted a former captain who had declined the invitation. Discussions are ongoing with a senior player and the County Coach. The Executive authorised the Chairman to progress the issue with assistance from other officers as necessary. He will also consider the arrangements that need to be put in place for the 2nd team.

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7. COUNTY JUNIOR ORGANISER (Derek Hughes)

- 7.1 Winter coaching is continuing at Farrington and is going well with the boys appearing to buy into the program better this year. The party going to Spain has been increased by one to accommodate Myles Angell (Clevedon) who has worked hard during the winter.

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- 7.2 Tom Sloman (Taunton & Pickeridge) played for the South West against the England squad at Cumberwell Park recently and as a result has been invited to join the SW squad for a training weekend at Saunton

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8. COMPETITIONS SECRETARY (Alan King)

- 8.1 Quotes have been obtained for competition prizes as it is planned to present goods with the SGU logo on them in some of our competitions as opposed to giving vouchers. Bag towels, shoe bags, umbrellas, holdalls etc will be ordered and together with SGU balls will add up to the prize value as appropriate. It is anticipated that this will assist in achieving budget targets. The Chairman had agreed that the Secretary could proceed to order the goods.

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- 8.2 All the posters and entry forms were available for distribution at the AGM and the website has been updated with details of the competitions and the conditions.

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9. COACHING & DEVELOPMENT (Derek Hughes)

- 9.1 The thrust of this year's coaching was for the players to take responsibility for their development and to take ownership of their program. Vouchers had been allocated to the squad members. There were some issues that needed to be clarified with Adrian Deakins and Graham undertook to contact Adrian to do this and recover any equipment he is holding.

Action Graham AP 4/2/11

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- 9.2 The two familiarisation days for the squad at Saunton had been booked. The position on whether entry fees for the West of England at Saunton had been paid by the players and needed refunding is to be resolved also. Graham will pick this up in his discussion with Adrian.

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10 SOMERSET COUNTY GOLF PARTNERSHIP (Alan King)

- 10.1 Alan and Derek explained the background to the issue regarding the advertising of a County Development Officer (CDO) for the Partnership. The SGU delegates were unwilling to agree to the proposal from the partnership Chair to a 3 day per week post without consulting the Executive committee. Despite this the partnership Chair had proceeded to advertise for what she considered a compromise of £10,000pa for 18 hrs per week. There were many procedural issues that were of concern but the SGU partnership delegates considered that it was discourteous to proceed on such an important matter without allowing one of the partner organisations to consult its decision making body. Pressure had also been applied from the Development Department at England Golf. The AGM of the partnership is being held in February and when the formal notice of the meeting is received, a change to the rules will be proposed to ensure partner organisations are allowed sufficient time to consult their Executive committees before major decisions are taken.

Action Nigel AP 5/2/11

11. MARKETING & SPONSORSHIP (Ian Pamplin)

- 11.1 Nothing to report.

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12. EGU REPRESENTATIVE (Nigel Long)

- 12.1 No meeting has been held, the annual meeting is on 15/16 Feb.

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13 PRESIDENT'S REMARKS (Stephen Butterfield)

- 13.1 The President said he is looking forward to a successful 2 years. His involvement begins shortly with the Wiltshire and Dorset County Dinners on 4 and 11 March respectively.

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14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 14.1 Ian apologised to the meeting for his absence from the AGM.

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14.2 Graham reported on a meeting he had attended earlier in the day regarding the future of County Golf. A group had been established under the Chairmanship of Peter Mattson, EGU Director of Coaching, to examine the current arrangements and consider what action could be taken to strengthen and possibly integrate the inter-county competitions. This issue covered both the EGU County Qualifying and the various regional leagues. It was at a preliminary stage but some opportunities had been identified which may allow a greater focus on County Golf. Graham would report further as the debate developed.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.55 pm

NEXT MEETING Tuesday 22 March 7.15pm
Burnham & Berrow GC

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Nigel Long

Chairman
22 March 11