ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Of the NORFOLK VETERAN LADIES GOLF SOCIETY
Held at WENSUM VALLEY GOLF CLUB
On MONDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2022

Present	President	Pippa Holliday
	Chairman	Sue Hill
	Honorary Secretary	Lynda Love
	Honorary Treasurer	Sue Fage
	Competition Secretary	Angie Allsopp
	Match Captain	Ann Whittington
	Committee Members	Felicity Leigh
		Jane Watson
	And 73 members	

The President, Pippa Holliday welcome all to the meeting, especially new members. She informed the meeting that a letter had been received from the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals Charity thanking the society for their donation of £567, Pippa thanked everybody for contributing to this worthy cause.
Pippa asked for a minute's silence in respect of the death of Janet Starkings a member from Sheringham who had passed away recently.
Pippa opened the meeting.

1 **Apologies** received from Peggy Gower, Christine Gilham, Jill Bullimore, Chrissie Owens, Christine Joy, Ann Williamson, Chris Bailey, Bet Howson, Kari Joyce, Julie Duthoit, Avril Carey, Deidre Cave, Sharon Brooks-Clark, Debbie Stevens, Elaine Richards, Alex Cowey, Chris Fernihough.

2 **Approval of previous minutes (March 8th 2021) by email**
Previously circulated and taken as read, proposed by Jane Watson, and seconded by Sue Hill, agreed by all.

3 **Honorary Secretary's Report**
Lynda thanked all for attending and trying to get back to a bit of normality and also thanked Wensum Valley Golf Club for hosting the AGM and lunch.
She thanked the committee who had agreed to continue for an extra year in view of Covid, most meetings had been held by zoom.
It had been decided not to produce a booklet this year but a poster had been produced and reps were asked to place this on their notice boards. Entry forms would be produced prior to competitions which would be sent to reps and also be available on the website.
The committee were recommending a few changes to the committee, reducing the number and not have a Match Vice Captain, the Match Captain would be in post for two years and would be responsible also for arranging the Am Am. The Constitution would have to be changed and this would be discussed later in the meeting.
Lynda thanked Helen Ayres for all her hard work in producing the website with the host, a definite improvement.
Lynda also thanked the reps, there had been a lot of messages to pass to members and this meant that the society could continue working.
She hoped everybody enjoys their lunch and the coming golf season.

4 **Honorary Membership Secretary's Report**

Unfortunately Helen was unable to attend due to illness, also because of the high winds she had lost all heating and broadband which meant she was unable to send a copy of her report. She had passed on information to Lynda, who would give a short version of Helen's report and when she had internet connection she would forward a copy to all reps.

Figures for 2021 – 435 playing members, 3 non playing members and 1 Honorary member

At the end of the year 63 members decided not to renew, 6 transferred from playing to non playing and sadly as already mentioned Janet Starkings from Sheringham had passed away.

However, from 1st January 2022 60 new members had joined which gave the following totals 428 playing members, 8 non playing members, 1 Honorary member, giving a total of 437 members. Helen still had one or two queries which may mean more members.

Helen thanked the reps for all they do for her. Two are retiring this year – Ann Williamson from Sheringham and Rosemary Bowyer from Royal Norwich. Plants were presented to both ladies Amanda Rodwell had taken over as Sheringham rep and Helen hoped that she would have a new rep from Royal Norwich soon.

Helen apologised for the problems with the website over the past year, partly due to herself, the host and Covid, however, she hoped everything had now been sorted and the website was working well. The total fee from the host to set up the website came at a cost of £1100 and an ongoing fee of around £200. Up to the present we had not paid anything for the website.

Helen apologised for not attending, wished everybody well and sent her love to all.

5 **Honorary Treasurer's Report**

Sue Fage presented her report. The report covered the year's financial activity up to and including 31st December 2021, the comparisons against 2020 finances were irrelevant due to two completely different years of events.

(a) Subscriptions and raffle – The committee decided to reduce the membership fee to £1 due to lack of activity in 2020 and the uncertainty of what would happen in 2021.
3 raffles were held during the year and were well supported. She thanked Angie and Chrissie for organising prizes and local representatives for their help on the day. The total raised was £567.

(b) Events – three events were held – the Championship, the AmAm and the Greensomes.
The Championship at Swaffham was our first golf event since October 2019 (20 months) which coincided with the first day restrictions were lifted.
Second event Diamond celebration AmAm held at Eaton. Everyone enjoyed tea and cake after their meal which meant that with decorations and other items we made a loss of £470.
The last event – Greensomes at Wensum Valley ended up being a wash out, start delayed and no buggies on the day. This had a big impact on numbers as several pairs could not play and small loss was made.
Considering the restrictions all our events were well supported but a loss over all three events totalled £730.80

(c) Matches – all were played at cost of £603. The society supports the two home matches played each year. There were no matches in 2020.

(d) Expenses – One exceptional cost was our website development of £1,100, this cost dated back to 2019 when we moved to a new platform and includes the three years of web hosting bringing the cost up to date. The ongoing cost will be £200 per year.
Our main costs were insurance £116.40 and county badges £179.42. The insurance company suspended our cover during the pandemic and we renewed again on 1st June 2021 in time for the Swaffham event with no increase in premium. County badges are purchased every 5 years or so and are held by our match captain to award accordingly.

The current balance stands at £1,330.08 as at 31st December 2021 and the NS&I account balance £1426.11 which included 14p interest for the year 2021. The Accounts had been checked and verified by Mr P Sturman on 31st January 2022.
Although the account balance had been reduced during the year due to some exceptional costs and losses, over the last two years we had all the subscriptions in 2020 with few costs and low subscriptions in 2021 with additional costs. Sue was confident that we could build up the balance again over the next few years. We will always make a loss at the Championship which is why we have decided to make Division 2 a stableford to encourage more members to play.
She also asked for approval for Mr Sturman to examine the accounts for 2022. She asked the floor for approval of the accounts and also the examination of the accounts. This was passed unanimously.

7. **Competition Secretary's Report**

Report from Angie Allsopp - Unfortunately 2020 proved to be a very bad year for all, no golf due to pandemic. Unfortunately as things were still uncertain at the beginning of 2021 our first Society event, the 4BBB was cancelled. However, we did manage to start playing in time for the Championship to be held at Swaffham, 48 ladies played, representing 18 clubs. Mary Wilson of King's Lynn and Chris Rayfield from the Links, West Runton are our Silver and Bronze Champions respectively.
The Greensomes was well supported but unfortunately the weather was terrible and play was delayed, the course being so wet buggies were unable to be used, which unfortunately meant some ladies had to withdraw. The overall winners were Maria Grayston and Susan Boast from Wensum Valley.
At all our events a raffle was held and the proceeds went to the Norwich and Norfolk Hospitals Charity.
Angie thanked Pippa for her help at the Championship and the Swaffham rep who acted as starter, also to Sue Fage who helped on the Greensome Day and to helpers at Wensum Valley who acted as starters and ran the raffle.
Angie was aware that she did not get the handicaps correct this year but assured all that things would be right this year.
Chrissie Owen reported on the Diamond Anniversary Am Am at Eaton. 30 teams of 4 entered but Eaton could only accommodate 26 so a ballot had to be held. Judith Mackinnon kindly donated a trophy for this event and would be presented annually to the winners. The society is very grateful to Judith for her generosity. Eaton produced a cake celebrating the Society's 60th anniversary. Thanks to Eaton members who helped on the day. A raffle was held which raised £360.
The winners were Sharon Yenson and Barbara Fielding from Dunston Hall and Carol Schoenherr and Gill Gibbs from Caldecott Hall.
Trophies were presented to prize winners. A list of winners is attached to minutes.

8. **Match Captain's Report**

Ann Whittington presented her report. She became captain in 2020 but the year was written off with Covid so she carried on through 2021. Unfortunately the first match in May 2021 was cancelled due to Covid restrictions.
In our County Matches 2021 we were represented by 9 golf clubs. 4 Counties were played, the first one a bright, sunny day on June 3rd at Newmarket v Cambs and Hunts, sadly we lost 4/1, 1 match down.
Our second match on June 28th at Royal Cromer v Bedfordshire was played in very disappointing weather. The course proved too challenging for the visiting team and Norfolk won 5/1. All square

Our third fixture in August hosted at Sheringham v Lincolnshire again saw disappointing weather, however, the rain stayed at sea. The views were spectacular and the visitors were not fazed by the punishing rough and won 5/3. One down

Finally our fourth match was held in September at Diss v Suffolk, this fixture had been rearranged from May and was under pressure from the fuel crisis, however, all players turned up and Norfolk won 3/2. All square.

Although waterproofs were donned in three matches, the team spirits were not dampened. Ann thanked all players for supporting her during the year, it had been a pleasure captaining the team and hoped that the matches would continue. She wished her successor Chrissie Owens good luck for the next two years. Chrissie had arranged the four matches and would be in touch with players soon.

This year four County Vets Badges were awarded – Two presented at our last match v Suffolk – Sue Saunders (Thetford) and Ali Rix (Sheringham). Two to be presented at meeting – Elaine Richards – Sheringham and Jackie Leutchford (Cromer).

The President presented Ann with a voucher in thanks for her hard work over the past couple of years.

9 **Election of Officers and Committee for 2022/23**

The committee would be as follows:

President – Pippa Holliday, Chairman – Sue Hill, Honorary Secretary – Lynda Love, Honorary Membership Secretary – Helen Ayres, Honorary Treasurer – Sue Fage, Competition Secretary – Angie Allsopp, Match Captain – Chrissie Owens, Committee – Felicity Leigh and Deidre Cave.

However, one committee member Jane Watson had come to the end of her tenure and was presented with a voucher. The President thanked Jane for all her hard work over the past 3/4 years.

10. **Fixtures for 2022**

27th April – 4BBB at Bawburgh
30th June – Championship at King's Lynn
21st September – AmAm at Dunston Hall
17th October – Greensomes at Swaffham.

11. **Constitution**

In view of the recommendations with the committee it would be necessary to alter the Constitution. Lynda went through the changes.

It was recommended to change Chairman to Chairperson.

The wording about CONGU handicaps would be changed to take into account the changes to the handicapping system.

The elimination of Vice Match Captain on list of officers.

A sentence giving the committee the right to change terms in exceptional circumstances.

A note regarding the quorum for meetings

Change of note regarding the nomination of one committee member instead of 4 members.

These changes were agreed by all and Lynda would circulate a copy of the updated Constitution to Reps.

12 A proposal had been made to increase subscriptions from £3 to £5 from 2023. This was agreed by all.

13 **AOB –** there was no AOB

The meeting closed at 12.23 and Pippa thanked all for attending.