NORFOLK VETERAN LADIES' GOLF SOCIETY

Minutes of Committee Meeting
held on Friday 21st March 2025 at Eaton Golf Club

Present:-

President	Sue Hill
Chair	Angie Allsopp
Secretary	Felicity Leigh
Treasurer	Lynn Wykes
Membership Secretary	Sue Ryan
Competition Secretary	Jill Bullimore
Match Captain	Sue Saunders
Committee Member	Susan Olds
Committee Member	Sue Fage

1. **No apologies** – all present

   Angie welcomed all the new committee members to the meeting. We had all seen each other at the AGM, but Sue Saunders not being there introduced herself to the new ladies.

2. Sue Fage's co-option onto the committee was confirmed.

3. **Approval of Minutes** of previous meeting held on 17th January 2025. Duly approved and signed.

   At this juncture Angie thanked everyone for their input at the AGM and commented how well it had gone. Wensum was to be congratulated on their efficiency behind the scenes and catering for a well provided meal. Confirmation given that the venue was booked for next year's AGM on Monday, 23rd February 2026.

4. **Matters Arising**

   - Society Sweaters. Sue Saunders reported on behalf of herself and Ann Sibley that the most competitive price they had for a Society Sweater, complete with logo, was £49 through Eaton Pro Shop, but they would need a minimum order of 12. The normal price was in the £70-£75 range. The logo the committee decided upon was the lettering of NVLGS above a pair of crossed golf clubs. After the meeting Sue would go to the pro shop with Jill to see if an order could be pushed through in readiness for displaying at the 4BBB in Gorleston on 14th April. Jill could then take orders/sell at the same time. In the meantime an email to be sent to Club Reps advising them re this and could they report back if any of their members were interested. It was decided that the 1st order should be 1 x small, 5 x medium, 5 x large and 1 x XL

   - Website. Although an ongoing issue, it was reported by those who had the need to have Helen upload material onto the website, that this was happening without any issue. Sue Ryan's email reporting on her initial conversations with Helen together with Helen's response had been circulated to the committee on 7th March, along with the agenda for this meeting. It is obvious that the 'host' who set us up initially with the website is no longer interested in being the 'host' for us in sorting out any issues.

Sue very kindly volunteered to get in touch with Helen to ask if they could meet up to have a coffee and discuss a sensible way forward to suit everyone and to explore the possibilities of finding a new host, or Helen passing on some of her knowledge to Sue. Sue to report back. Item carried forward to the next meeting.

- Vouchers for retiring committee Members. Although discussed at the last meeting, Angie felt that the amounts decided were not a fair representation of the contribution some individuals made to the committee, which is dependent on their individual role. It was decided for all, on completion of a full term of office, the President would receive a voucher of her choice to the value of £15, the same amount for the Chair and general committee members. All others would receive £30 voucher of their choosing. Should a committee member 'roll over' to another position then both positions would be taken into account. When Felicity asked the previous secretary how this aspect was dealt with re moving from one position to another, she had no experience of this. Rather than act retrospectively, it would commence from when Felicity took over as secretary, which was AGM 2023. Felicity to arrange the following vouchers. Sue Hill £15, Angie Allsopp £30 (as competition secretary) and Sue Fage £30.00 (as treasurer).

  Annie Baker our previous Membership Secretary had been unable to fulfil her term of office, but it was decided to present her with a £15 voucher to thank her for streamlining the membership programme in readiness to hand over to the new secretary.

5. **Secretary's Report**

Not much to report, but will just confirm a couple of statistics from the AGM, the second of which is to be discussed under AOB. With the incentive of a £5 discount to attending Club Reps for the meal, 15 out of 25 reps took up this offer. 1 rep just attended for the AGM (Dot Wreford).

Trophy presentations – the attendance from recipients was pretty poor. Out of 10 trophies to be presented only 3 were physically presented on the day. Both winners for the 4BBB attended, 1 winner from 4 of the AmAm and 1 winner of 2 for the Greensomes. Some club members took the relevant trophies back to their winners who did not attend.

6. **Treasurer's Report** (given by Sue Fage as Lynn's mandate re access to bank account still being progressed through the system).

NatWest balance as at 19/03/2025 was £8,704.90 which includes £2,720.00 entry fees for Gorleston. This leaves a surplus of £5,327.90 at the moment, with match fees to pay for 2025 as the only liability.

AGM Lunch was well supported we made a small loss of £71.10. Truda Foster from Middleton Hall, has donated lunch fee to NVLGS. As a suggestion maybe we do nearest the pin on 2 holes at Gorleston*. Laura Ginesi cancelled, I emailed her on 2/2/2025 for bank details and received no reply. At the moment I have put this into our charity fund.

The charity balance is £237.00.

Mandate changes - these have all been approved now, and we can therefore make progress on getting Lynn and Felicity as Administrators and Sue Ryan as a signatory.

Website Fees - we have an accrual for the last 2 years of £420.00 which presumably will now not be charged.

*Jill preferred not to do nearest the pins. Maybe the donation could be used towards the subsidy of the Championships.

7. **Membership Secretary's Report**

Since the AGM we have had 11 new members making a total of 411.
Sheringham x1
Hunstanton x6
Links Country Park x1
Royal Norwich x1
Dereham x2

We have had no leavers.

The online application form on the website has been updated to include the methods of payment at the top of the form to make it clear to new members.

8. **Competition Secretary's Report**

Jill reported that she had recently visited Gorleston to finalise arrangements for the fixture. She found them willing to bend over backwards for us, thanking a Norfolk Society to come and play in Suffolk. Stuart from Gorleston very happy to do all the set up for the event, including making the facility available so that players put in their own scores, providing starters etc.

Entry opened on Monday and already 41 entries have been received. Jill will have a cut off at 50 pairs. Tee times from 9am to 12.12 pm. 85% handicap allowance

One member had a playing partner fairly new to golf who has a handicap, but not too many cards put in for handicapping purposes. Will this be an issue? The answer was no as we are a society.

The menu on the day will be Cod/Chips and Peas or Mediterranean Tart with a tomato and basil dressing.

9. **Match Captain's Report**

Nothing to report

10. **Correspondence –** None

11. **Any Other Business**

- Following on from the 2nd point in the Secretary's Report, it was decided for the coming year not to do a trophy presentation at the AGM. All trophies to be handed out after each fixture and a photo of the winner(s) complete with trophy to be posted on the website. All trophies need to be handed back to the Secretary before the AGM

or at the AGM, when they will be engraved in readiness for being presented in the following year. The trophies could be labelled and displayed on a side table at the AGM.

- Trophy Record Book. Felicity reported she had only recently come across it having gone through a box of files etc. at handover. It was decided that rather than just have the information portrayed on the website, we should carry on with the custom of updating the book. Felicity had gone back through the archives and got all the relevant information. Jane Wheeler at Dunston had updated it in the past and Felicity will ask if she could carry on. £15 voucher to be given by way of thanks.

- Sue Ryan asked a few questions about her role as a committee member for the Vets, including if there is any personal liability to being a committee member eg relating to loss of money, unlawful actions of a committee members, injury to members at a fixture etc. Chair and committee replied and confirmed that as a society there is no legal liability on Sue and other committee individuals.

  Sue also raised a concern that as such she had not been 'vetted' in order to take over the role of membership secretary, given how much personal information she held on the society's behalf, both Jill and Sue Saunders having similar information.

  It was agreed that a more formal approach needs to be taken along the lines of the committee members having no responsibility. This to be done more formally and agreed as an addition to our constitution at the next AGM.

  Sue's second concern was should anything happen to her or her laptop at home, nobody would be able to access the membership information. She suggested that 'in case of an emergency' situation all the information be uploaded securely onto the cloud by way of Dropbox. Selected committee members would be given access to this via a link. Each committee member can then copy their own files from home so that the society can continue to function without disruption if needed. Setting up Dropbox is a straightforward procedure. The committee appreciated the thought process behind this and thought it was a good idea. Sue to implement.

  Re GDPR on the paper application form new members download it says 'Information is used for the purpose of the Society only' at the bottom - this is not on the online form – Sue to ask Helen to add. It was agreed that those members who are filed as having left the society, their details should be deleted from the membership files after the AGM.

Angie thanked Sue for her insight regarding the above matters.

12. **Date of Next Meeting – 10am 4th July 2025 at Eaton Golf Club.**

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 11.30 am with Angie thanking all the committee for their input.