NORFOLK VETERAN LADIES' GOLF SOCIETY

Minutes of Committee Meeting
held on Friday 4th July 2025 at Eaton Golf Club

Present:-

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

1. **Apologies** – Sue Ryan

2. **Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 21st March**. All Agreed

3. **Matters Arising**

- Sue S. confirmed that 16 Society tops in various sizes from S to XXL had been purchased and taken to the first match. With unusually hot weather conditions they were not needed on the day, but the team appreciated having them for future matches.

- Felicity advised that as the negotiations etc. regarding the Society tops (both for match players and general members) was done outside of a committee meeting, by e-mail, it needed to be minuted that all the committee agreed to the purchase for match players, but a majority vote decided due to a low uptake by members not to go forward at this time. The correspondence would be filed with these minutes.

  Re the tops for general members, it was decided to put this in abeyance and maybe address it again in the future. However, in order to generate interest we could have one of the tops on show for the general members to view and see the quality.

- Update re Website. This was covered within the Membership Secretary's Report below, para. 5. This led to a general discussion as to the way forward. Since her term of office on committee finished, Helen has very kindly kept an eye on the website on our behalf which is very much appreciated. Things are running smoothly at the moment, but should the website malfunction, as it did last year, without having a host to fix the issue we would be left high and dry. The consensus amongst the committee was that the Website needed to be maintained by a committee member. Do we need to start from scratch again? Felicity in the first instance to speak to Sue Ryan.

- Felicity confirmed the Trophy Record Book had been handed to Jane Wheeler of Dunston Hall, who very kindly will update it.

4. **Secretary's Report** – Nothing to report

5. **Treasurer's Report**

NatWest balance at 4th July 2025 is £6,930.40 which includes £1,200 entry fees for Greensomes at Caldecott Hall. This leaves a surplus of £5,730.40 with match fees to pay for 2025 as the only liability.

Vouchers were paid for retiring committee members totalling £90 and Match Tops were purchased for £784.

4BBB competition at Gorleston made a profit of £112. Raffle proceeds totalled £287.60.

High Handicap Waltz competition at Dereham made a profit of £120. Raffle proceeds totalled £110.30.

The charity balance is now at £634.90

At last, the banking is going well after some teething problems with the hand over from Sue Fage! Thank you Sue for all your hard work with that! Lynn, Felicity and Sue Fage are now Account Leaders and Sue Ryan is a Payment Controller. This means all four of us can approve payments - although they must be approved by midnight on that day!

The main business address is still noted as Sue Fage's, should it be changed to my address? ***The committee agreed that it should.***

Website Fees - we still have an accrual for the last 2 years of £420.00 which presumably will now not be charged. Shall we write this back into funds? ***It was agreed not to do this for the time being until the issue with the website is clarified.***

Lynn asked for clarification regarding plants with the winners' vouchers and the purchase of said vouchers. Angie, Jill's predecessor, said that she thought the prize table would look empty with just prize envelopes and it would look better accompanied by a plant. Jill having issues with storage etc. preferred not to get involved with buying plants so Sue Fage volunteered to get the plants to Jill for the next fixture, to be reimbursed by the Treasurer. The Treasurer responsible for the purchase of all the vouchers.

6. **Membership Secretary's Report**

Sue's report had been circulated to the committee prior to the meeting. Since then it had been updated with Caldecott Hall now having 2 new members bringing the total to 418 members.

Apologies for my absence.

Membership - Since the last meeting in March we have had 7 new members. We have had no leavers. Eaton x 2, Royal Norwich x 1, Dereham x 1, Hunstanton x 1 and Caldecott Hall x 1. That gives us a total of 417members; 407 playing and 10 non-playing.

To confirm I now have full access to the bank account so can check fee payment myself rather than having to bother Lynn every time. Thanks Sue and Lynn for your support with this.

Website I tried very hard to get in touch with Helen – phone and email – but had no reply. I note the website is current and working well so have given up on this.

From AOB in March, re GDPR, the text 'Information is used for the purpose of the Society only' at the bottom of the paper application form for new members has been added to the online form.

Dropbox Account - I setup this up for NVLGS and all committee members were asked if they wish to have access. Myself, Lynn and Felicity replied positively, have been given access and I can see that files have been uploaded to here. I copy all the current NVLGS membership files here every month so confirm current copies are available from here as a backup if needed.

On a personal note I played in the Waltz in Dereham and we all had a really good day – thanks Jill and team you did a great job. Also looking forward to going to Caldecott Hall

7. **Competition Secretary's Report**

Jill reported the 4BBB at Gorleston had been a great success. Gorleston bent over backwards in providing help behind the scenes and the chef had produced a most enjoyable meal at the very reasonable cost of £14 p.p.

The 18 hole High Handicap Waltz at Dereham was well supported, 10 teams of 4 having entered but on the day reduced to 9. Tea and cake – the latter being overly catered, some of the members went home with 'doggy bags'. All in all those who played enjoyed 'their' competition and look forward to next year with the same format. Jill is negotiating with Mattishall, where she would be able to have 12 teams of 4.

Caldecott Hall for the greensomes has had a lot of work done and it is beginning to show on the course. The golf and bar/restaurant areas seem to be run separately so maybe this is a productive way forward? Slight issue with some salt water on the tees from a sluice gate mal function. Caldecott are being very helpful and appreciate that the Society has chosen it as one of its venues. The closing date is next Friday, 11th July. At the moment there are only 16 pairs entered as opposed to 45 pairs last year at Bawburgh. Thoughts were given as to why this might be. Jill said there were still enough entrants to make the fixture go ahead.

The rest of the fixtures for 2026 are a work in progress. 4BBB at Heacham still waiting for a reply, so Angie volunteered to go in person to have a word with them. Championship hopefully at Thetford. The AM-AM at Wensum Valley and it is hoped to secure Bawburgh or Cromer (if they can do a green fee of say £50 or maybe County Card Rates) for the Greensomes or alternatively Barnham Broom could be approached. Felicity will enquire re the latter. High Handicap Waltz at Mattishall.

So as not to have a clash of dates with the county, Sue Hill recommended Jill have a word with the County Competition Organiser, Christine Frazer.

8. **Match Captains' Report**

Glenmuir Tops

Bit of a nightmare to organise, particularly for our secretary, but I would like to thank the committee for allowing the purchase of 16 Glenmuir midlayer tops for the team. Obviously, we won't be needing them due to global warming.

Match v Cambs & Hunts last Thursday.

Report sent to Helen to put on website but not showing as of today; (it may be that Helen is away), but just to say we had 2 new faces in the team, which was lovely to see, and it was a great day out and enjoyed by all. Unfortunately, we lost 2 ½ - 1 ½.

Match v Lincolnshire B at Spalding.

We were due to play our handicap match against Lincolnshire at Spalding on Monday this week but unfortunately, we had to call it off due to the heatwave. This was called off on the Friday. Great call because it was extremely hot. Since the cancellation Anne Sibley had received an email from the Lincolnshire Captain asking if we would contribute to the cost of the aborted match tea. A bartered down price by her had been agreed at £150, for us to pay 50%. The committee greed to this and arrangements to be made for an invoice to be sent to Lynn in the sum of £75.

Because Lincolnshire always give this match to their vice-captain to manage, I did the same and therefore my vice-captain, Anne Sibley was in charge. This match will be rearranged later in the year, probably September.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

In the year before I was due to take over as Captain of the Society I was told to organise the matches for the next year. I hadn't been to a committee meeting, didn't really know that I should liaise with the competitions organiser and really wasn't ready. I thought it was a bit tupid really and consequently I have told my vice, Anne Sibley that I will organise next year's fixtures for her and then in her second year she will organise the fixtures for her successor. I will obviously arrange these with her knowledge.

Sue S. asked the question of the Committee as to why the Match Captain arranged the AM-AM as she felt her job was full on as it was, without an added extra. Sue H. confirmed that for as long as she had been a Vet this had always been the case. A discussion took place generally about how extra help could be given both to the Competition Secretary and the Match Captain's AM-AM, which usually is held at her home club, as it was in 2024, but that only accounted for one AM-AM in her 2 year tenure of office. Next year's Captain would obviously hold it at her home course and Sue F. and Susan O. are happy to help, but Anne Sibley to be sounded out first on this point. Where a fixture is held at a club it is hoped that the vets' rep for that club would help the organiser, as it was doubtful she would pay to play her own course. Added help could be from committee members and if they were playing in the event, their tee time could reflect this. Jill had also found that some clubs are more than willing to offer their own staff on the day.

The AM-AM this year is at King's Lynn on 4th September, 17th July being the date entry opens. This will be a very popular venue. Sue had already received applications and money paid into the bank despite all entry forms having the words ***Please do not send entry***

form before the above date *in red.* This is unfair for members who abide by the rules, some of whom do get up at midnight to email their applications off. Sue reported that if it was an email request she emailed back to say please could they adhere to the rules as with 4 in a team somebody could sort it out. Those who had already sent their form and paid, their applications would be kept aside until the end of the first day of entry and if there was space they would be accepted.

9. **Correspondence –** None

10. **A.O.B.**

- Amend Constitution re Committee's Legal Responsibilities (see Sue Ryan's comments under A.O.B. in Minutes of 21st March). Felicity to Google and maybe AI would be helpful!!
- Tenure of Office re Existing Committee Members. Sue Hill retires after the AGM 2026. Sue Hill asked Sue Fage if she would take over, Sue F. having a lot of knowledge regarding the Vets' Society. Sue agreed and she would be formally proposed and seconded at the AGM by Sue H. and Angie respectively.
- Felicity also retires after the 2026 AGM. Email to go out to all the reps in the hope that someone steps up to the plate.
- Fixture List 2026 – discussed above under Competition Secretary's Report.
- Sue S. would liked to invite Anne Sibley to the next committee meeting – this was agreed.
- Lynn requested clarification regarding travel expenses. Both Jill and Sue S. were eligible for this at the rate of 40p per mile. Sue S. had not submitted any request re organising King's Lynn but she should do. Lynn to purchase winners' vouchers for AM-AM.
- Sue F. reported that she had set up a Facebook page on behalf of the Society and was looking to see if this would be suitable/work as the face of the Society instead of the website. She would report back. Sue also asked if match players were provided with tea/coffee on arrival. Sue S. confirmed if it was built into the meal price yes, but if not she paid out of her own pocket. It was confirmed that in the future the Society would pay for this, with Sue S. being reimbursed.
- Angie asked if after a fixture Jill wrote to the club in question as a thank you. Jill confirmed she did.
- The committee was conscious of the fact that Society funds were very healthy and possibly we should look to a way of maybe subsidising some events. This topic to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

11. **<u>Date of Next Meeting</u>**

This concluded the meeting at 11.35am. Angie thanked the committee for all their efforts.

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Angie Allsopp
Chair
October 2025