NORFOLK VETERAN LADIES' GOLF SOCIETY

Minutes of Committee Meeting
held on Friday 24th October 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
Committee Member	Susan Olds

1. **Apologies** received from Sue Saunders and Sue Fage

2. **Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 4th July 2025** Duly approved

3. **Matters Arising**

- **Update re Website.**
  Firstly, Susan Olds informed the committee that Sue F., Lynn and Sue R. had spent many hours trying to get the website sorted and thanked them on the committee's behalf. Eventually the password issues were sorted out on the change over from Helen and Sue Fage now has control of the website. The hiccup on the website crashing it was felt was due to the domain fee of $9.48 not having been paid by the host, Michael. He seemed to remedy this and the website was active but with limitations. Lynn read out an email she had sent to Michael on 17th October (Copy at the end of the minutes), but so far he has not responded and it was doubtful if he ever would. The registration of the domain name expires on 1st August 2026 so we need to get things sorted by then. Sue F. Lynn and Sue Ryan will liaise with each other on this matter and report back at the next committee meeting. It was thought that at the end of the day we would need to employ an outside agent to possibly set up a new domain/website from scratch but the name may have to be changed if Michael claims ownership of the present one. No update re Facebook.

- **Fixture venues** for next year having previously been circulated were agreed. Lynn and Jill would meet after the meeting to agree the cost for each fixture so that the entry forms can be updated for next season. Felicity to send out the current fixture list to reps so that they have the dates for next year.

- **Society's Liability** - It was agreed that a document would be sent out to all new members when they joined, together with information regarding each member being responsible for the safe keeping of trophies should they take them home. Felicity to prepare.

- **Subsidising events** for 2026 – not taken any further

4. **Secretary's Report**

On 24th August I sent an email out to all the reps to forward to their members explaining I would be retiring after the 2026 AGM. A few responded thanking me for all my efforts but no takers so far.

I would like to suggest that each officer provides the secretary with her report 2 weeks before the date of the meeting, so that it can get sent out with the agenda. I think this would be more efficient as it gives committee members time to digest and think beforehand. Any updating or questions can then be asked at the meeting. The Treasurer pointed out that her information would be current on the day when she gave her report.

The committee agreed to this procedure.

Felicity will send out another email to the reps for their members, looking for a volunteer to take over from her. Agreed to say that not wanting it to feel like blackmail but a volunteer really needs to come forward to help the Society to keep functioning. To help the job description Jill proposed that Susan Olds could take over the mantle of keeping track of the trophies and she very kindly has taken this job on board. Felicity to provide 'job description' for Susan.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

NatWest balance at 24th October 2025 is £4,819.87
Greensomes competition at Caldecott Hall made a LOSS of £168.94
Raffle proceeds totalled £88.90
1st team home match against Lincs 1st Team at Thetford cost £830
Am Am competition at King's Lynn made a profit of £675
Raffle proceeds totalled £420
King's Lynn Four Ball Voucher valid to 31st December 2026 (see Match Secretary's report re Am Am) I suggest we have an auction at the AGM in aid of our charity.
Championships competition at Dunston Hall made a LOSS of £62.20
Raffle proceeds totalled £137.50
The charity balance of £1,281.30 has been paid to N & N Hospitals Charity, specifically to the following appeal;

- *We are continuing to fundraise to be able to provide extra parent accommodation at the hospital – we are hoping to partner with the Sick Children's Trust for them to run the accommodation with us funding a building on the hospital site. We are waiting for a suitable location to be identified to know how much more we will need. We currently have £380k and expect it to cost at least £500k.*

The main business address on the bank account has been updated to my address as agreed at last meeting.
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? Discuss. On discussion if Michael doesn't respond to the email then it should be brought back into funds.
2nd Team away match food cancellation fee - £75 – shall I assume this will not be happening?
When does the membership run from and to? Same as the accounts? 1 Nov – 31 Oct or 1 Jan - 31 Dec – Can we ask for subscriptions after 1st November

so that any BACS payments will show in the bank account in the correct years accounts please? Sue Ryan confirmed membership notices would be sent out next year after the 1st November. Subs would then be in the 2026 financial year.

Lynn having previously circulated different branches under the charity where the donations could be channelled, it was decided to keep our support with the money being raised to fund accommodation for parents of babies and young children staying overnight in hospital. Lynn suggested it would be a good idea if the Charity could provide advertising literature etc. to be displayed at our events which would give members more idea of how the raffle money was used and will contact the Charity accordingly to arrange. This would obviously need to be stored to bring out at each event so nothing bulky.

Referring to the Match Captain's report below where King's Lynn had donated a 4-ball voucher for a round of golf at K.L., after discussing the pros and cons of doing an auction at the AGM and Sue Hill having some reservations about that, Lynn volunteered to sort it on the day. To be discussed at the next meeting whether there should be a reserve and the process for carrying out the auction, having obtained the face value of the voucher.

Lynn raised the point about buggies at our fixtures and did Jill as organiser advise on this as part of her job description to ensure one was available should it be needed. It was felt that each individual member was responsible for her own particular needs and should be able to do this herself. As with the County, self certification is now the way forward.

Lynn asked the committee if they felt the society was doing the job it was meant to be doing - what is the purpose of us and are the members happy with what we do? Should we ask the members what they want? The Society has been in existence for over 60 years, our Diamond Jubilee being held at Eaton in 2022. During the last secretary's tenure a survey had gone out to each and every member asking them to answer various questions. Nothing definitive came through from it. On Felicity taking over as Secretary she thought it a good idea that before each meeting an email went out to all the reps asking if their members had anything they wished raised at the next meeting. Over the last 2.5 years several questions have been asked and in fact that is why a high handicap competition is now part of the fixture calendar.

6. **Membership Secretary's Report**

Membership

Since the last meeting on 4th July we have had 3 new members. We have had no leavers.
Bawburgh x1
Gt Yarmouth & Caister x1
King's Lynn x1
That gives us a total of 423 members; 410 playing, 10 non-playing and 3 honorary.
Subscriptions for 2026

I am pleased to confirm that a letter requesting payment of subscriptions for 2026 has been sent to every club rep together with a schedule of their current members. I have requested return of member information and payment be made no later than Friday 12th December 2025.

There was some discussion between myself, Felicity and Anne Sibley about asking reps to update members' handicaps. After discussion it was thought the wrong time of year to do this as by spring they will be out of date. It is also a considerable amount of work for some

reps. At some point it would be useful to have a discussion about the best way to keep handicaps up to-date for team selection.

Dropbox Account
This is working well with access to it made by committee members over the past month. Please remember to regularly upload all your relevant data.

7. **Competition Secretary's Report**

Championships Dunston Hall 1st October 2025

A better number of entries this year for our Championship. Moving the competition to the end of the season meant we had many more entries particularly from Division 1.
34 members in total took part at Dunston Hall 21 in the medal (Division 1) and 13 in the Stableford (Division 2). The weather was fine and Dunston Hall ladies were very welcoming and supportive by providing a starter and Hilary to run the raffle for me.

Congratulations to the winners. Sue Clarke from King's Lynn successfully defended her title winning both Scratch and Nett trophies scoring a fine 81 gross 73 nett. In second place was Anne Sibley from Wensum Valley with a creditable 86 gross. Over 65 Gwen Watts Salver was awarded to Ann Osborn from Bawburgh (later corrected to Anne Sibley).

In Division 2, the winner was Pip Martin from Dunston Hall with 35 points, in second place was Avril Carey from Eaton with 33 points and in third place was Julie Proctor from King's Lynn with 32 points. Pip Martin also won the Over 65 Bessie Turnbull Salver.

All in all a good end to the season.
Following on from the above Jill raised the point that it was a bit of a nightmare sorting out the prizes for winners at the championships and she felt that only one trophy should be won per person. This year 2 winners went away with 2 trophies each.

Jill felt that maybe all the competitions could be revisited and tweaked if necessary re trophies etc. and to this end Lynn, Susan O and Jill would form a Competition Review Team and put their heads together reporting back at the next meeting. Felicity would provide the names of the Sterling Silver trophies as they should not be put out to pasture so to speak. If a category of trophy is abandoned and isn't engraved maybe this trophy could go to the High Handicap Waltz.

Angie commented that she would prefer that all the trophies for both divisions were presented at the end of the competition rather than splitting them into 2 presentations as happened this year.

For next season Jill would like to be able to have the full competition results uploaded to the website, rather than just the winners' names.

8. **Match Captain's Report**

Last Vets meeting was 4th July and since then we have played Lincolnshire at Thetford.
The report is on our website. Briefly it was an enjoyable match played mainly in the rain and a good result with NVLGS winning 4 matches to 2.

Unfortunately, our last match of the season against Suffolk at Felixstowe Ferry on the

15th September had to be cancelled due to extremely high winds. It was so unfortunate especially as we had to cancel the 'B' team match against Lincolnshire due to extreme heat. They were both away matches and neither Lincolnshire nor Suffolk were able to rearrange.

On that note we, that's myself and Anne Sibley, have found it very difficult to contact Lincolnshire's new Captain and it was a huge relief when I received a letter saying that she has resigned.

Thanks go to Anne Sibley for her help in trying to organise the 'B' team match and helping with next years fixtures. Due to my illness Anne has been liaising with Suffolk, and it has been agreed that because the away fixture was cancelled this year, they will come up with a venue in Suffolk for 2026. This has not been sorted yet.

Outstanding at this moment is the order for the enamel badges that we present when you have played 3 matches for the team. Delivery lead time is about 8-10 working weeks. I put the order in on 5th August. (Since been delivered and bill paid).

AM AM KING'S LYNN
A side note or two to the Am Am, the report of which is also on the website.
Very kindly the King's Lynn secretary looked after the cards and provided me with a list of winners, and I duly presented the prizes. The 5th place winners however, had already gone home so they couldn't be presented. Iain came back to me and said that he had unfortunately made an error with the count backs for 5th place and a different team had come in 5th. When I approached them with the good news they told me they couldn't accept the prize as one of their players, who had been brought in last minute, wasn't a Vet. So, I have 4 x 5th place prizes to give back. On top of that the King's Lynn secretary, feeling really bad about giving me duff information, then gave me a voucher for a free round of golf at King's Lynn for 4 players. I immediately handed this over to Lynn, Treasurer, and we need to consider how to use it. See para 4 of Treasurer's Report re decision made.

9. **Correspondence**

Truda Foster the Rep from Middleton Hall had asked that more fixtures are arranged north and west of Norwich to save some travelling time. Heacham Manor is one of the venues for next year so that will help but under the umbrella of the Competition Review Team mentioned above all golf courses will be looked at regarding suitability.

10. **Any Other Business**

Constitution Clause 7b to be amended to read "The Competition Secretary and Match Captain will be reimbursed for expenses incurred in organising competitions – to be reviewed by the Committee annually in March"

Constitution Clause 17 to be amended to read "Competitions will be held each year, details of which will be found on the entry forms for each event".

AGM Meal – Lynn advised that she and Liz Dann would be organising. Felicity asked that Biscuits and Cheese be given as a choice as there are quite a few members who prefer that to a dessert. As last year, Club Representatives to be given a discount of £5.

Fixture List / Wensum Print. All fixtures have been agreed apart from the away Match in Suffolk. Sue Fage to be asked if she will deal with this as in previous years. Wensum has all the details so it is a case of just updating dates and venues. Print number for Sue to confirm. Poster also to be done. Felicity has asked Sue Saunders if she has a photo of the AmAm winners for this poster. Be aware of the website address on the reverse as this may need updated.

Caddies at Competitions would be allowed, but they would need to pay for their own meal. They are allowed to give advice but no participation on the green, which seems to be a Norfolk trait. The player must also ask their playing partners if they are happy with her having a caddy. She can get this information from the start sheet.

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

Friday, 9th January 2026, 10.00am

Angie closed the meeting at 12 noon, thanking everyone for their input and wishing us all a Merry Christmas, until we meet in January.

Copy of email referred to in 1st topic under Matters Arising.

Hello Michael,

I have been passed your details by Helen Ayres who you have dealt with for a number of years regarding the website.

We have been having problems accessing the site and Helen has stepped down from committee a few years ago, so we would like to have ownership amd management of this site.

Thank you for renewing the annual domain fee of $9.48 which expires 1/8/2026. We would like to take ownership of the domain, and if so how much would you charge for this?

We would like to manage the hosting and the maintenance in-house rather than through a third party provider. We would like to keep the current website as all our members are familiar with the site and it contains a lot of history of our organisation.

If you could please respond as soon as possible, so that we can discuss at our next committee meeting in November.

We will of course pay any monies due for the last 2 years.

Kind regards
Sue Fage