# NORFOLK VETERAN LADIES' GOLF SOCIETY

Minutes of Committee Meeting
held on Friday, 23rd January 2026 at Eaton Golf Club

Present:-

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| President | Sue Hill |
| Chair | Angie Allsopp |
| Secretary | Felicity Leigh |
| Treasurer | Lynn Wykes |
| Membership Secretary | Sue Ryan |
| Competition Secretary | Jill Bullimore |
| Committee Member | Sue Fage |

In Angie's absence Sue Hill took the chair and started the meeting.

1. **Apologies** received from Sue Saunders and Susan Olds

   (Message was received from Eaton to say that Angie was caught up in traffic and would be late to the meeting)

2. **Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 24th October 2025** - Duly approved and signed.

3. **Matters Arising**

- Sue Fage, on behalf of the Website sub-committee which includes Sue Ryan and Lynn Wykes. reported we are now in control of the website hosting and are able to upload and update all our information. The cost for this will be due again in November 2027 at approx. £220 for the year. There are still a couple of loose ends which Sue has to tie up with Michael, the current domain holder, the main one being transferring the domain ownership from his name to the Society's; given his health issues this may be a protracted affair. The fee for the domain name, which is roughly £10 p.a., will become payable on 1st Aug 2026. Hopefully Michael will then submit his final bill, money having been ring fenced for this. Sue Fage will be the main point of contact re the website.

- The vacancy of Secretary had been filled by Catherine Jeffries from Eaton Golf Club. She was thanked for taking on this role.

- Constitution Update – Society's Liability Clause. Felicity reported that Sue Henderson, the Norfolk County Ladies' President, had reported yesterday to the Dunston Hall Ladies AGM that the county are going through the process of becoming a limited company, mainly to safeguard themselves against any public liability claim which could arise against individual officers. This safeguards any officer of the NLCGA being sued in her own name. The Vets' Society had been insured up until 2024 when the insurance company cancelled our insurance and the companies they offered in their place basically were not interested; hence this new Clause 18 to the Constitution. The welcome letter from the Society sent by Sue Ryan to new members includes this clause and all will be aware of it by virtue of the fact that each member will receive the AGM Agenda with this as a proposal.

- Competition Review Team Report. Jill on behalf of the team, which includes Lynn Wykes and Susan Olds, reported that they had had a meeting with the following being put to the committee.

  Regarding the Championships, both Divisions 1 and 2, it was proposed that one member could only win one trophy, thereby opening up the field to more members winning.

  Given that the pensionable age for ladies had been raised to 67 it was proposed that the over 65s category in the Championships be changed to the over 70s.

  Both these proposals were put to a vote, which was unanimous. Jill to include this in her report to the AGM.

  There was no spare trophy from the cache the society held to be used for the High Handicap Waltz. Jill happy to accept the trophy Felicity had donated. The brass label will obviously need to be changed but Susan Olds could look after this when all the trophies went for engraving.

4. **Secretary's Report**

All the entry forms for this year's fixture have been updated and ready for uploading onto the website after the AGM. Jill/Anne – historically it has been the handicap index being asked for – do you want the CDH number instead? They were both happy as long as each individual's handicap index is on the form.

The AGM notice went out on time and at the moment no questions/proposals have been received. The final date for submission is 30th January. The Agenda will be sent out on Monday 2nd February. An update from Liz Dann on Tuesday to the effect that she has received 50 menu forms. A reminder went out to the reps last week. The closing date for AGM Lunch is 31st January.

Officers' reports for the AGM. I have Sue Ryan's, which if I haven't heard from her before 14th February with any amendments will stand. Sue Saunders has submitted her Annual Match Report and I have forwarded to Jill her AmAm report for the AGM.

Thank you to Catherine for stepping up to the plate to take on my role on retirement. I am leaving you in good hands. Full handover notes have been done for Catherine.

Give me time to have the AGM minutes typed up etc. and uploaded to the website/Drop Box, but then my access to the Drop Box will need to be removed and also as a signatory to the bank account, although I only remember being called upon once to verify a payment, so maybe a signatory too many?

5. **Treasurer's Report**

Peter Sturman has verified the accounts for the end of October 2025
which will be presented at the AGM and he has been given a voucher.

**BANK**
NatWest balance at 6th January 2026 is £7,153.22
Income

Subscriptions received since last meeting = £1,908.00
AGM lunch income so far = £825 plus cheques
About 50 members lunching so far – 78 last year
Expenses
Printing of the Fixtures Leaflets = £170
Website hosting for Nov25-Nov26 = £215.65
Voucher for Accounts examiner = £30
Bank charges remain at zero so I will not be looking to change the bank account at the moment!

Over and above the treasurer's report, Lynn updated/sought clarification regarding the under noted items.

*At this point Angie arrived having been caught up in horrendous traffic conditions.*

We still need to discuss ways in which we can use our substantial funds.
Perhaps to subsidise events?
Is it worth looking at ways to subsidise those members who do not have the privilege to play in the matches which are subsidised?
Eg. Better competition venues, increase prize money?
We will discuss further at next meeting.
I will calculate for the next committee meeting the approximate surplus amount we are looking at.

**AGM**
As noted on the AGM poster, we will hold an auction for the 4 ball voucher we received from King's Lynn Golf Club. We need to decide what the reserve price will be for this bearing in mind that I spoke with Iain Yule, King's Lynn GC Secretary who advised that 4 green fees at the height of the season would be £400. Sue Fage advised that with County Cards we would be able to play a 4 ball for £200 therefore we will not have a reserve price.
We also need to decide the process for carrying out the auction at the AGM. I am still happy to run the auction on the day and have no preference for when it is scheduled into the proceedings. **(It was subsequently decided at the meeting that the auction would take place after the meeting had closed, with Sue Hill passing the mike over to Lynn to officiate).**

NB: Sue Saunders has already advised me that she would like to start bidding at £100 as she will not be able to attend the AGM.

I have given Felicity a copy of the Charity Donation Certificate and letter from N&N Hospitals Charity to be placed on the tables at the AGM
This will also be added to the website.

How many copies of the Accounts Balance Sheet should be made available for the AGM? 2 per table plus 1 for each committee member.

**CHARITY 2026**
Charity funds already stand at £6.00 (There were two overpayments of subscriptions and after communications, refunds were refused. Therefore,

the overpayments have been allocated to the Charity!)
N & N Hospitals Charity – Current appeals
The following is the appeal we have chosen to support over the last few years and I would like to recommend we propose this as our chosen charity again at the AGM.

*"N&N state they 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 curren*tly have £380k and expect it to cost at least £500k".

I emailed the N&N Hospitals Charity on 27th October regarding publicity literature that we might be able to use at our events. Unfortunately, I have heard nothing back from them.

**COMPETITION REVIEW TEAM**
We had a couple of meetings, the outcomes of which will be presented by Jill, our Competition Secretary.

**WEBSITE**
Sue Fage will be presenting the progress we have made regarding the website. We have an accrual for the last 3 years of £630.00 in the accounts but we are waiting for Michael to invoice us in order to bring us up to date.
The website team will review the Competition rules appearing on the there.

**DROP BOX ACCOUNT**
As this seems to be working really well, is it worth considering adding the Competition Secretary and Match Captain to this so documentation is readily available? (**At the meeting Jill decided she would not need access, but Anne would like to be added).**
Matches will be added but not competitions for now.
Website will also be added as a folder on drop box.
Can the Trophies information also be added to this?

**MATCH BADGES**
I omitted to report at the last meeting that we do in fact have the new match badges as ordered by Sue Saunders last August. There was a mix up with delivery address being our previous treasurer's previous address!!! I have since updated the delivery address on our account with Thomas Frattorini Ltd (supplier) to mine!
The cost of the 10 badges was £239.59.
I have since given the badges to Anne Sibley, our new Match Captain.
A photo will be taken of one of the badges to update our website logo.

6. **Membership Secretary's Report**

Sue reported that all the fees for 2026 had been received. It was a relatively straight forward job. The reps were very helpful and supportive so thanks goes to them.

At our last meeting in October we had a total of 423 members; 410 playing, 10 non-playing and 3 honorary. After collecting the fees for 2026 we now have a total of 391 members; 380 playing, 8 non-playing and 3 honorary. This gives us a shortfall of 32 members overall. I imagine we expect something like this each year at time of renewal.

The only significant figure I noted was Swaffham who went down from 13 to only 3 members for 2026. I spoke to the rep there who said it was because the membership is very elderly!
All files have been updated on Dropbox.

7. **Competition Secretary's Report**

Jill reported that all was in order for this year's fixture. At the end of her report at the AGM she is going to advise that she would be needing a replacement for the following year. Ideally Jill thought that 2 should do this job so that the organiser could at least play in the competitions; at a previous meeting it had already been mooted that committee members who were not playing in a particular competition could help and also the rep and some of her members from the club where the fixture was being held could make themselves available. Jill will monitor it this coming year and see if there is a better way forward.

Sue thanked Jill for all her efforts in running another successful year of fixtures for the society.

8. **Match Captain's Report** – Nothing to Report

9. **Correspondence**

Felicity reported she had received an email from a Debbie Watson to the effect that…..*Can I just check but my ladies say 24th September AmAm clashes with the Eaton Open. This is a problem for us, is it an issue for the vets?*

It turns out that this lady is not from Eaton but is the Royal Norwich Rep.

Felicity to reply to say that it is inevitable that fixtures clash but we will be leaving our AmAm date as already advertised.

10. **Any Other Business**

- Sue Fage reported that the FACEBOOK site was progressing well and that it would be run in conjunction with information found on our website. It is ready to be accessed now. Felicity to advise members in her report at the AGM to this effect. It was appreciated that a lot of our members would not be on Facebook. Anne Sibley was happy to be the main point of contact on Facebook duties. The link to be provided to Felicity.

- Angie would provide plants for the 2 retiring reps, Liz Dann in appreciation of her organising the lunch and the plants for each table. Felicity once she hears from Liz will provide Angie with the number she will need. Angie also volunteered to run the raffle.

- Susan Olds, on her absence on holiday, had asked Felicity if she could liaise with the clubs to get the trophies back for the AGM. Only 4 clubs being involved this was quite straight forward and already in hand. Sue Ryan handed to Jill at the meeting the 2 autumn bowls.

- A committee table along the far wall, microphone and a table for those who are only attending the AGM to be organised for the day.

- Felicity reported that on handover from Lynda Love she had fallen heir to 4 lever arch files of paperwork which she hadn't really looked at until last month. It was all quite messy and went back about 15 years nothing really being relevant to today. It was decided to destroy it. Sue Ryan also commented she had out of date paperwork and she will do the same.

- There are various minute books and lever arch files going back to 1961 to date and these should be kept as they are a true record of the history of the society.

- Diary note for both Jill and Anne to give to Sue Hill around September of this year dates of all the fixtures for 2027 so that they are available to the County to try and avoid fixture dates clashing.

- Photos to be taken of the new committee members at the AGM and their details uploaded onto the website.

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

Friday, 10th April 10.00am

Sue closed the meeting at 11.10am, thanking everyone for their reports/input.

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Chair

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