NORFOLK VETERAN LADIES' GOLF SOCIETY

Minutes of Committee Meeting
held on Friday, 10 April 2026 at Eaton Golf Club

Present:-

President	Lynda Love
Chair	Sue Fage
Secretary	Catherine Jeffries
Treasurer	Lynn Wykes
Membership Secretary	Sue Ryan
Competition Secretary	Jill Bullimore

1. **Apologies** received from Susan Olds

   Sue Fage welcomed the two newcomers: Lynda Love as President and Catherine Jeffries as secretary.

2. **Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 23rd January 2026** - Duly approved and signed.

3. **Matters Arising**

   - Website: Sue F reported that there was little to report. The website has been tidied up by Lynn and Sue R. There is now a link to the Facebook page. The badge logo has been updated and the site has been generally slim-lined. We are still waiting for the Domain ownership to be transferred to us from Michael Coulter but he is quite unresponsive. We are also waiting for his final invoice.

   - Constitution: The updated constitution is on the website.

4. **Secretary's Report**

   Felicity had provided a very good handover. Catherine is able to access the Dropbox files and also to authorise bank payments.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

   NatWest balance at 10th April 2026 is £10,768.57
   Income:
   Subscriptions received since last meeting = £65
   4BBB entries so far = £3,990 plus any cheques with Jill
   Expenses:
   AGM Lunch fee paid to Wensum Valley = £1,580.70
   Postage of Fixtures cards and Posters to Thetford Golf Club Rep = £2.95
   Engraving – should be ready to collect towards the end of April.

We have approximately £4,000 in surplus funds.
Lynn suggested the following options:

Increase Prize Money = additional £5 on each prize would result in an extra £305 cost per year. This could use up the £4k over 13 years! – this was discussed but nothing confirmed.
Subsidise each competition by £5 per person = £1990 based on maximum numbers entering over one year – this was discussed – though Jill suggested subsidising the Championship so we could use a better course. Nothing was agreed.
Gift a box of 3 personalised balls to every competition entrant for 2026? Approximately £2,200 based on maximum entrants being 400 – this was not viewed as appropriate as everyone has their own ball preferences!
Purchase a new Trophy Tablecloth This was agreed – Sue Fage to liaise with Anne Sibley re getting it sorted.

AGM 2026:
AGM lunch broke even (-£ 0.70)
AGM Raffle profit was £183.85 and the auction of 4 ball voucher at Kings Lynn GC provided another £180. Charity funds stand at £369.85

AGM 2027: lunch has been booked for Monday 22 February at Wensum Valley.
The cost for this has been quoted as £25.95 per person – subject to clarification if this includes tea/coffee on arrival as well as tea/coffee after the meal. *(this was clarified after the meeting to include both).*
Liz Dann has declined to organise the AGM again, but Lynn is happy to do so with a little help from Sue Fage and Sue Olds if they are in agreement.

Lynn asked if the Trophies information be added to Dropbox. To be confirmed.

6. **Membership Secretary's Report**

Since the AGM we have an additional 12 new members. We now have a total of 402 members: 391 playing, 8 non-playing and 3 honorary.
The new members say they are joining so they can take part in the Vets competitions this year which is great.
We received the sad news from Sheringham Golf Club that member Sandy Spink died this month, quite suddenly after a short illness.

All files have been updated on Dropbox.

7. **Competition Secretary's Report**

Jill reported that there were 48 entries for the 4BBB at Heacham Manor on 28 April. There would be a three-tee start.

Jill needs starters and help with the check-in and raffle. She will ask the Heacham vets rep for volunteers.
Sue F offered to do the flowers.
Jill has bought chocolates for the helpers and for competitors as they check in.
The start sheet will go on the website and on Facebook.

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

9. **Correspondence**

From Royal Cromer GC (Gill Hodgson)would like to propose for 2027 that the Vets try to avoid the following dates for the Vets championship please as these are the dates set aside for a team of 4 low handicap Seniors to play at the Midlands Seniors Team Champs and represent Norfolk. 26/27/28th September 2027. The date clashes this year.

This was discussed but unfortunately it is difficult not to have clashes of dates with all the events that are on during the golfing year. The competition secretary has to use dates that are available at the proposed competition venue.

10. **Any Other Business**

- The future of the AGM lunch: Sue F stated that attendance at the lunch had been declining over the years down to just 66 this year (out of 402 members). There were 6 clubs with no-one there. There followed much discussion about various options including venue change/afternoon tea etc and it was decided to have a meeting for the club reps to get some feedback on all things to do with the NVLGS including the lunch/AGM.
  It was agreed to hold this event at Dereham GC. *(After the meeting Jill arranged for Dereham GC to provide coffee and cake on Monday 1 June for about 30 people. 24 reps plus committee)*
  Catherine will send out invitations.

- Sympathy process: Sue F had sent a card, on behalf of NVLGS, to the husband of Sandy Spink offering our condolences. It was agreed that this was a good thing to do as long as we were told within an appropriate time.

- Commiittee meetings: Sue R asked that reports be sent to the committee members before the meeting.

- Offers of help: Lynne offered help at competitions. There was a discussion about this and Jill would in future think about having a helper (committee-member ideally) going out early in the field to enable Jill to take part by going out later.

- Competitions with a handicap band i.e. the Waltz: it was comfirmed that it was the handicap index on the **date of entry** that counted and if the players WHI changed subsequently, they would play off the new handicap.

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

Friday, 7 August at 10.00 am.

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

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Chair

Date ……