NORFOLK VETERAN LADIES' GOLF SOCIETY

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Eaton Golf Club
on Friday 7 August 2026 at 10.00

Present:	President	Lynda Love
	Chair	Sue Fage
	Secretary	Catherine Jeffries
	Treasurer	Lynn Wykes
	Membership Secretary	Sue Ryan
	Match Captain	Anne Sibley
	Competition Secretary	Jill Bullimore
	Committee Member	Sue Olds

1. Apologies:
None received.

2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 10 April 2026
Approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising from Meeting 10 April:
Website – Michael Coulter has transferred ownership to NVLGS. **SF** will ask him for the invoice to cover all his work over the last four years.

4. Approval of Notes of Extra Meeting held on 19 June 2026 following the Reps' Meeting of 1 June:
Approved – they will now be posted on the website.

5 Matters Arising from Reps Meeting Notes:
Adoption of proposed changes to competitions and confirmation of when the changes are to take effect:
It was agreed that the changes will not take effect until 2027, though we hope to promote this year's remaining competitions more actively. **SR** will write a few lines for the website, Facebook and distribution to the reps.

Adoption of proposed changes to AGM:
the date of the AGM confirmed as Friday 26 February at 10.30 The room at Wensum Valley has been booked (charge - £300).
SR will book the speaker, Floss Andrews. She will speak on a golf theme of "staying positive" during your golf round. She will only charge for her expenses.
Members will be charged £5 for the AGM, coffee and talk only **or** £15.95 to include a finger buffet. Pre-booking and payment for both options will take place as usual.
LW will confirm the booking with Wensum Valley.
It is hoped that this format change will prove popular with members and will be reviewed after the event.

Poster advertising events: it was confirmed that a poster is already given out in the reps' pack but a PDF version will also be distributed in future

6. Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

7. Treasurer's Report

Bank - NatWest balance at 3rd August 2026 is £6,400.76

Income

Subscriptions received since last meeting = £35
Waltz entries = £900
Greensomes entries = £3,990

Expenses

Engraving = £79
Home match Team I v Cambs & Hunts 1 Jun = £400
Home match Team II v Lincs II 29 Jun = £600
Reps meeting at Dereham Golf Club = £78
Website Domain Name renewed = £7.68

Charity funds stand at £719.34 (plus raffle funds from Greensomes tbc)

4BBB Heacham Manor - Profit = £72.16

Waltz Mattishall - Profit = £473.34

Greensomes Bawburgh - Still to be reconciled with Jill Bullimore's cost's and 2 entry fee cheques. We may have a slight loss

Am Am Wensum Valley - One early entry received already – entry date 27 August!

Website hosting for 2022-25 We still have an accrual for the last 3 years of £630.00 in the accounts.

8. Membership Secretary's Report:

We now have a total of 409 members; 398 playing, 8 non-playing and 3 honorary. At the meeting in April we had 402 members. New members came from across different clubs so they could play in competitions.

For the purposes of our extra meeting in June, Lynn kindly put together a large spread sheet of all members to show data across the different subjects which may be helpful when analysing our membership data. This includes the basic member info, handicaps (updated to June 2026), attendance at past three AGMs, which Vets competitions they have played in and Vets matches played in.
SR confirmed when we have a new member, she will be adding them to her much smaller spread sheet for ease of use for herself and maybe any successor and to the larger file that Lynn has created so they are synchronised.
All files have been updated on Dropbox so are available to all of committee.

It was acknowledged that the spread sheet that LW has produced is extremely useful although rather large. It is sorted in various different ways and is useful for finding specific data. It was noted, however, that admin access should probably be limited so that data couldn't be lost if it was updated by people who aren't used to the complexities of Excel.
To keep it up-to-date, changes will be made as follows:

Membership and handicaps	**SR**
Competitions	**JB (via LW)**
County Matches	**AS**
AGM and meeting attendance	**LW**

SR offered to help anyone as she is an expert (not her words!) on Excel.

Action Points from extra meeting 19th June 2026 - SR
I was asked to setup a reps and committee WhatsApp group which I have done. It Is 'live'. This was received very positively by the reps. The only club not represented is Middleton Hall as their rep Truda does not use WhatsApp.

We just need to be a little careful about committee discussion posts in this group – we should use the committee only group for this.

I was asked to find a prize for the AGM 2027. Eaton Golf Club has generously donated a 4 ball. Myself, Catherine and Jill have an electronic copy of the voucher.

9. Competition Secretary's Report
Since the last meeting in April I have run two competitions, the High Handicap Waltz at Mattishall where it was disappointing to have a small entry and also criticism about the format. Perhaps we could have looked at the numbers we were trying to include and the offer. It was felt by some that a meal after like the other competitions should be included.
The second competition was the Greensomes held at Bawburgh. This was very successful with 88 taking part. The venue, course and food were really appreciated.
Since then I have been in contact with clubs for the 2027 season namely Swaffham for 4BBB and although they are willing there is a complication.
Ryston are willing and have given dates for the High Handicap Waltz offering a shotgun start.
I have also been in touch with Great Yarmouth and Caister for the Greensomes this is going to be discussed at their next committee meeting and have not heard from Thetford for the Championship / Seasons Finale.
I have also emailed Angie Allsopp who had someone in mind to take over from me but have heard nothing. I think we need to start putting out that we do need someone to take over Competitions to give us as much time as possible.

A discussion followed. JB said that Swaffham would be good for the 4BBB but they are planning work on the course and one hole (17th) would be out of action. It was decided to go ahead with Swaffham anyway. It was noted that the 4BBB this year at Heacham Manor was very successful although the rounds took 5hrs 20mins.

Regarding the Handicap Waltz, the committee had a thorough discussion about this competition. The conclusion was that, having tried it in various formats over the past three years, the number of entries was still very poor. It has proved extremely difficult to create a meeting that can compete financially with the club Opens and it was decided to remove the competition from the vets' calendar for 2027.

SF thinks that she knows someone who will take over from JB and will follow up.

10. Match Captain's Report
Monday 1 June v Cambs and Hunts at Swaffham.
This was our first match of 2026 and my first as match captain.
We won the match 2.5 to 1.5 – a great start to our 2026 season and huge thanks go to all the players.
The jumpers were worn for the photo but not for the match as it was too hot.

Monday 22 June v Suffolk Seniors at Rookery Park.

Despite the amber heat warning there was a cooling breeze, the matches were close but Suffolk were too strong for us on the day and we lost the match 4-0.

Monday 29 June - there was a second team match v Lincs II at Swaffham. We lost 5-1.

The last match was due to be played on 20 July v Lincs but 12 people are needed and, with a squad of 32, only eight were available. Lincs were not prepared to play under the circumstances.

AS explained that there isn't a specific league for vets societies so matches tend to be against other county teams either second or senior.

11. Correspondence

From Claire Carney – Richmond Park GC
Is there any demand for or capacity to have a 'Class' for over 36 handicap players within the Championships (Seasonal Finale)?
What is the reasoning for holding the Handicap Waltz at a nine-hole club? is it intentional to limit the number of entries and if so, why? An 18-hole course would be far preferable and allow for more entries.

This was covered under item 9 and the following response was sent:

A very small percentage (less than 10%) of our membership has a handicap index of over 36.0 so it is thought a special "Class" is not needed at the Championships/Season Finale.
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I hope you will understand.

From Felicity Leigh;
Re the committee meeting, I understand that the thought process is to change the High Handicap Waltz to Handicap Waltz with a h'cap range of 24 to 54, still keeping the fixture to a 9-hole course. Handicap Waltz seems a strange name given that all the fixtures have a handicap.
A 24 to 36 handicapper I am sure would prefer to play on an 18-hole course and could the committee please consider that an 18 hole course be used for this fixture. Maybe the spectrum from 24 to 54 is too wide?

A similar response was sent to Felicity.

12. Any Other Business

Membership fee for 2027 – after discussion it was decided to leave the membership fee at £5.

Change of name from NVLGS to NV Womens' GS – from SR:
England Golf is very keen that we update our language used in golf including changing the word ladies to women. This is in line with womens football, womens rugby, tennis etc. Being part of the academy team at Eaton, promoting golf to women, I have read all the documentation about this and now when clubs sign up to the England Golf Women's Charter we have to agree that we are committed to use more modern and inclusive language.
At their EGM, the county association voted to change its name to Norfolk Women's County Golf Association.
I would like to propose we discuss this to follow England Golfs lead and if in agreement, put changing our name forward to our membership.

SF explained that we are only a society which holds four events and a few matches. A change would cause an awful lot of unnecessary admin and changes. The consensus was to leave the name as it is.

Lynn Wykes announced her retirement from her role as treasurer – she will continue until a replacement can be found.

Tablecloth – this requires much attention (fringe, holes, badge position). AS is looking at options.

AmAm – AS requested help. **LL** and **JB** can run the raffle. **SF** and **SO** will do the flowers.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Friday, 6 November at 10.00.

Sue closed the meeting at 11.30, thanking everyone for their input.

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Chair

Date ……..