



# English Golf Union Limited (Trading as England Golf) Company Number 05564018 (“the Company”)

Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 14 March 2019 at the National Golf Centre, The Broadway, Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, LN10 6PU

## Present

Nic Coward	Chairman
Nick Pink	Chief Executive Officer
Martha Brass	Senior Independent Director
Michael Pask	Independent Director
Carol Alford	Elected Director
Alistair Booth	Elected Director
Pat Crowson	Elected Director
Jill Dean	Elected Director
John Peters	Elected Director
Doug Poole	Elected Director
Ian Watkins	Elected Director
Les Wilson	Elected Director

## In Attendance

Emily Green	Company Secretary
Simon Wilson	Finance Director

## 11 December 2018

### 1. Declaration of Interest

The Chairman updated the Board on the situation with Doug Poole and was of the view that the matter should be put to Voting Members Representatives at the General Meeting in April.



## **2. Apologies for Absence**

None

## **3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the board meeting on 11 and 12 December 2018 were agreed as a true record of the meeting. **Action CS**

## **4. Update from Regional Meetings**

The feedback from the four regional meetings had been generally positive. There was a need to make sure that the language with respect to our intentions was clear, and that should be built on at the General Meeting.

## **5. Business Plan**

- a. The Chief Executive took the Board through the context of the business plan.
- b. Affiliation Fee and County Under 14 Funding  
The Board were clear the reasons why an affiliation fee of £9.50 was being sought, namely that the special projects fund from which the County under 14 programme had been funded would be exhausted by the end of 2019, and a contribution towards inflationary costs.
- c. Insurance  
The Board considered the paper prepared by the Head of Legal. The Board indicated that it supported working towards a position whereby clubs were required to ensure that all those participating in golf at their facility were adequately insured.

## **6. Strategic Report**

- a. The Board noted the latest position.

## **7. Business Report**

- a. The Finance Report was taken as read.
- b. The Board approved both the accounts of the Company and the accounts of WSGM2005 Ltd.
- c. The volatility in affiliation numbers for some counties had been noted.



## **8. Operational Report**

- a. The marketing update was taken as read.
- b. The Board was updated on the appointment of the Lead Safeguarding Officer and the Safeguarding Case Officer. The Company now had dedicated safeguarding resource again following the departure of the Lead Safeguarding Officer in December. An offer had also been made to a candidate to replace the Legal & Compliance Officer who had left the Company in January.
- c. The Chief Executive clarified that there were no plans to incorporate governance and finance into the CRM.
- d. The papers on the Captains Programme, Golf Club Member Value Proposition and Golf on Referral were taken as read, as was the look ahead to the 2019 golfing highlights. The Chief Executive asked the Board to note that they were welcome to attend England Golf events.
- e. The Board gave authority to the Finance Director to approve an underwrite to assist in the running of the World Deaf Golf Championships subject to appropriate limits and conditions.

## **9. Update from Committees**

- a. The minutes of the Audit & Finance Committee were noted.
- b. The minutes of the Governance Committee meeting were not yet available, but the Board noted that the Members Dispute Resolution procedure had been approved, and that the schedule of policies was being revised to make it more user-friendly.
- c. The Company Secretary updated the Board on the nominations for the 2 elected director positions, which had closed on 1 March. There were 5 candidates for 2 positions. The Board unanimously agreed that Michael Pask should be appointed as independent director for a further term, which would run for 3 years following ratification at the AGM.

## **10. Annual General Meeting / General Meeting**

The Chief Executive took the Board through the intended agenda and running order for the AGM and GM in April.

## **11. Any Other Business**

The next meeting would be rearranged to 3 July.



The Chief Executive presented Pat Crowson with a gift, and all present thanked her for her contribution to the Company

**12. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting**

3 July 2019 at the National Golf Centre, Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, LN10 6PU

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A".

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

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**Chairman**

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**Date**