

North Regional Committee held on 4th February 2008

The first meeting of the North Regional Committee was held at Bewleys Hotel Leeds.

The morning meeting consisted of a presentation by staff from EWGA and EGU defining their roles.

Management Structure and Finance	Pauline Perla
Championships & Handicap Events	Emma Lowe
Performance and training	Linda Bayman
Golf Development	Richard Flint
Volunteering	Phil Beard
Safeguarding Children and Equality (Compliance)	Kirstie Jennings
Looking forward – your role	Pauline Perla

Pauline Perla said it was hoped that a greater understanding would result from the presentation.

In the afternoon the Regional Committee reconvened and discussed the following:

The Chairman said that all future correspondence, enquiries and requests to Head Office, were to be sent by the County Appointed Delegate via the Regional Administrator.

So as to give the correct assistance to counties that needed it, it was asked that all Counties be diplomatically asked to send in a copy of their latest accounts and details of their affiliation fees, to head office by March 10th. It had been noted that it was not just the large counties with money in the bank; a small county with very few members had over £30k in their bank account so would not necessarily be needing assistance. It was stated that the cost of CMW should not be greater than in the past.

Club Delegate names were gradually arriving in most Counties and a spreadsheet would be sent in to head office on completion.

Championships, Venues and Rules of Golf committee will be reviewing the conditions of competitions with the intentions of standardizing all events. We agreed that we wanted the Regional Competitions to still be run in the same format and that we would liaise with Marian Rae. We also felt that they needed to be co-coordinated, so that competitions did not clash. We would also have to recommend courses if Regional or EWGA events fall in Yorkshire. Cheshire and Durham were hosting 2008 regional events and it was asked that a simple income & expenditure report be sent to head office.

It was agreed that this year at CMW, all six Counties would contribute towards the overheads. Any other expenditure would be put on an income and expenditure

spreadsheet and sent in to EWGA for them to see how much it all cost. The pens for trolley pullers had been ordered, the wording on them would not be tied to one year, so they can be passed on.

It was noted that previously, expenses had been paid to some static referees at CMW. It was pointed out that if they let the counties know before what was required, there would be help from referees who would be staying, without having to pay traveling expenses. Also, County Secretaries had a list of names that may be willing to help. Ruth Whitehead mentioned two ladies from Crosland Heath, Yorkshire, who had completed the Rules seminar; I personally did not think that they should be approached, unless they were going to stay at CMW or they were prepared to travel F.O.C.

The Cocktail party at CMW and the other Northern events will still go ahead, but with a greatly reduced guest list, not all County Committee members will be invited to come, just the hierarchy.

The draw for CMW 2009 would take place at our last regional meeting on Monday 3 November.

We seem to be very well represented in the north, with the setting up of the new committees.

On the Management Board we have Chairman Sue Whittaker from Northumberland and Non Exec Directors, Jane Longhorn – County Durham and Carolyn Baker- Mersyde.

Operational Board – Chairman	Ruth Whitehead Cheshire
Championship Committee	Marian Rae - Yorkshire
Handicaps	Wendy Taylor- Cheshire
Selection	Ann Irvin – Lancashire, Cathy Bowerbank- Durham
Course rating	Joy Hunter Yorkshire, Hilary Green- Lancashire
Talent Assessor	Cathy Bowerbank- Durham, Christine Stokes- Lancashire

The rotation of the Regional Committee was discussed and it was agreed that the rotation should be decided by who was running CMW, i.e. so someone could shadow, run, then support. The decision was helped by the Cumbrian representative only wanting to stay for one year. The following was put forward to be ratified at the next meeting.

Durham & Cumbria	1year	2009
Northumberland & Lancashire	2 years	2010
Yorkshire & Cheshire	3 years	2011

The next meeting is to be held on the 28th April

Sue Milner
Regional Committee Representative