

**Calabogie Highlands Members
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday April 30, 2019**

Executives/Management/Guest Speakers Present: David Luce, Anne Hutchinson, Leslie Coates, Peggy Keaney, Mary Cassidy, Tom Coates, Peter Winkler, Bob Lomas, Dennis Fodor, Marilyn Luce, Chris Fleming, Susan Veale and Heather Morlan.

Regrets: Sue Lanthier

Attendees: 61 people attended; See attached document

Documents: (website)

- Agenda for the Calabogie Highlands Annual General Meeting April 30, 2019
- Minutes from the Calabogie Highlands Annual General Meeting April 24, 2018
- Constitution and By-Laws April 30, 2019

Call to Order David Luce called the meeting to order at 18:27 PM. He welcomed everyone including new members John Cere, Barbara Provost and Peter Provost.

Approval of Agenda. Agenda amended. Val Trotter moved that the amended agenda be accepted, seconded by Marcel Benoit. **Approved and Carried.**

Introductions - Calabogie Highlands Members Association Executive

David Luce, Members Association President and Men's League President
Anne Hutchinson, Women's League President
Leslie Coates, Women's League Vice President
Peggy Keaney, Women's League Treasurer
Mary Cassidy, Handicap Chair
Tom Coates, Men's League Vice President
Peter Winkler, Men's League Treasurer
Bob Lomas, Men's League Captain
Dennis Fodor, Mixed President
Marilynn Luce, Recording Secretary

Additional Introductions

Chris Fleming, Calabogie Highlands General Manager
Susan Veale, Calabogie Highlands Club Captain
Heather Morlan, Monday Night Ladies Golf Convenor

Approval of Minutes

Marcel Benoit moved that the Minutes of the 2018 AGM meeting be accepted, seconded by John Watts. **Approved and Carried.**

Executive Reports

Member's Association President and Men's League President– David Luce

Welcome to the 2019 Members Association Annual General Meeting.

The turnout here suggests we have a dedicated membership and that you are looking forward to a fun and social golf season. Thank you for joining us tonight.



Your attendance should also indicate to the Highlands ownership that they have a core membership group that they can count on but not take for granted; we all want the club to succeed and continue to improve.

Everyone is looking forward to:

- The reopening of the old 18 hole layout
- Continuing our nine and dine functions that have been established over the past few years.
- Partnering with the Highlands in sponsoring some social evenings this season, please stay tuned for ongoing announcements.

There are a number of new executive on the women's and men's leagues this year and I would like to express my appreciation to these members for stepping forward and offering to serve on your executives. In addition to the current Members Association Executive there is also Sue Lomas, Women's Secretary, Bill Donnelly, Men's Assistant Captain and John Watts, Men's Secretary and Dave Abraham who is managing the Highlands website.

Without strong volunteers we would not have the golf atmosphere that we currently enjoy. We are always open to new volunteers to assist with ongoing events so please feel free to approach any member of your league executive to discuss how you can be involved. Also, please feel free to offer us your constructive feedback.

We will be asking the membership to approve some changes in the constitution this year. The Members Association Executive has decided to reduce the size of the executive from 11 members to 5; this will be dealt with later in the agenda.

We will continue to post pertinent information on the Highlands website members' area to ensure you are up to date on what is happening at the Highlands.

Women's President – Anne Hutchinson

The ladies of the Highlands are looking forward to an exciting season with an official new title **Calabogie Highlands Thursday Women's League**, some fresh faces on the Executive and a new Captain.

Val Trotter – Past President
Leslie Coates – Vice President
Peggy Keaney – Treasurer
Susan Lomas – Secretary
Sue Lanthier – Women's Captain

- **Schedule:** Match Play and Ryder Cup events are back for another season
Sue has added some new games.
- **Membership:** 46 members in the Women's League last year. Expecting the same number this year, including several new ones.
- **Mentorship Programme:** to introduce new members to the league and make them feel welcome by pairing them with an experienced member at the beginning of the season. Currently 20 ladies are confirmed to participate in the Programme as either a Mentor or a Mentee.
- **New Rules:** an informal information session this Thursday May 2nd at 11 a.m. lead by Susan Veale. This session is open to all league members. New golfers will be paired up with their Mentors. Weather permitting, tee times are reserved beginning at noon.



- **Opening Business Meeting**, luncheon, and optional golf are scheduled for Thursday May 9th. The first day of regular league play will be May 16th

Mixed League President – Dennis Fodor

The Mixed League Committee for this year is: Dennis Fodor, President; Marilyn Luce, Vice President; Peter Winkler, Treasurer and Marjorie Watts, Secretary. The dates for Mixed Events this year are as follows:

- **26 May 19 Mixed Opening:** 666 format - make your own mixed foursome or singles will be organized into foursomes by the committee.
- **23 Jun 19 Battle of the Sexes:** matches will be organized by team captains. Individuals will use their full handicaps.
- **28 Jul 19 Scramble:** Mixed Executive will organize foursomes.
- **22 Sep 19 Mixed Closing:** Stroke play.
For all events, participants will be asked to arrive at the course NLT 11:15 for a 12:00 o'clock shotgun start. Dinner to follow.

Men's League Captain – Bob Lomas

- Men's League will start up on May 1 is cancelled. Our official opening and dinner will be May 8.
- No changes to the format this year. We will continue to with the deuce pot and prizes for the weekly game as well as other competitions.
- It looks like we will have a larger group this year. I am aware of at least ten new members this year including two that are returning after a year or so away - and as I understand it – the main reason for returning is they like the format for the Men's League.
- Reintroducing the Ryder Cup event and Match Play.
- Larry Beaton has agreed to look after the Intersectional Teams.
- Last year Peter Winkler developed a program to help us quickly tabulate winners and we will continue to use that program.
- The Member guest will be July 10th and the closing will be September 25th. As the Ladies help us with our Member Guest, we will be looking for volunteers to help with theirs on July 11th.
- Sponsorship – the same as last year.

Monday Night Ladies Golf Convenor - Heather Morlan

- A wine and cheese registration on May 20th will start the season. Golf and dinner will commence on May 27th.

Handicap Chair - Mary Cassidy

- Nothing new this year. The handicap system will be changing in 2020 but it will be seamless for users.

Club Captain and OVGA Rep. - Susan Veale

- The official golf season in Ontario runs from April 15th to October 31st. This means that all games now played under the Rules of Golf must be entered into the computer. For those who wintered in the warm south and played golf, that season was active all year and therefore you should be entering your scores, again if played under the Rules of Golf.
- Club Captain responsibilities - update and administer the Calabogie Highlands roster with Golf Canada for the purpose of Handicapping, deliver to you information

about the Rules of Golf, course ratings and events that involve the membership at large.

- From OVGA/GO/Golf Canada -I attended the OVGA AGM on April 13th with our 2 League Captains, Sue Lanthier and Bob Lomas. This meeting is attended by captains from all clubs throughout the OVGA in Ontario and Quebec.
- As a Member Club of Golf Canada, our members are obligated to pay the Golf Canada fee of \$36.50. **Fees must be paid by June 15, 2019 for members and June 10th for non-members** or memberships become inactive by Golf Canada. Benefits include: insurance coverage, the only recognized Handicap system in Canada which will soon be part of the Worldwide Handicap System in 2020, and discounts on various products and services. To get more information on this, visit the Golf Canada website at www.golfcanada.ca
- Two free rules seminars coming up by the OVGA to members, one May 11th at Renfrew Golf Club from 1-2:30 pm and the other at Pakenham on May 25th from 10-12 pm. If you would like to attend one of these seminars, please let me know.
- Intersectional Play – Intersectionals are an OVGA tournament format which allows all clubs to participate as a team event. There are about 7000 playing throughout the OVGA in 4 tournaments over the season. Ways of verifying true handicaps were discussed with Alex Proulx who is the new Intersectional Chair.
- Course Rating- Plans are underway to have the course rated due to the change of layout. Once we have the rating, your handicaps will automatically be adjusted and don't be surprised to see them go up. This course will have a more difficult slope and rating as there are more elevation changes and longer distances.
- All GPS devices will all have to be updated by the members to get the new information.
- New Rules of Golf...effective January 1st. A Quick Reference guide is in your member's package and videos can be found on YouTube.
- Local Rules and Winter Rules will be posted. The difference is a Local rule supersedes the Golf Canada rule for just this course. Winter rules are created for abnormal ground conditions and will be removed as conditions improve.
- Water hazards are now known as red and yellow penalty areas. These areas do not have to contain water to be a penalty area. The pond on Hole #3 in front of the green is still yellow and Hole #4 behind the green, and the pond at 15 are red penalty areas. There is a slight difference for the choices between red and yellow, but you CAN ground your club in either. If the ball is certain or nearly certain that it is in the water and therefore considered a lost ball...then the lost ball rule is followed. We have a short video to highlight some of the rules that will most probably affect you the most which will play after the meeting
- Mixed Match Play will be returning this year. Handicaps are combined and strokes are given, and Match play rules are followed.
- Member's Birdie Club will start May 15th and run to Sept 15th. The board will be posted in the ProShop.
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Calabogie Highlands GM – Chris Fleming

- Chris welcomed everyone back and introduced the clubhouse staff: Joanne Fleming – clubhouse GM, Sandra – bar manger, Hanna and Michaela – servers and Chef Don McGregor.
- Restaurant opening May 15th. The new menu was distributed and will feature fresh locally sourced ingredients



- Annette Charbonneau will continue with catering until restaurant is established
- Theme nights planned
- ProShop staff are: Joanne, Zach and Jessica
- Club Pro is John Ollson. Available for lessons. Sharing with Pakenham.
- Susan Veale was acknowledged for her efforts to keep the club/course running well.
- Chris will contact Dave Luce to ask for volunteers to help transition to the new course in July.

Putter’s Group – Carole Mundy

- Returning again this year on Thursday mornings.
- Registration at 10:30 and putting starts at 10:45.
- The **Women’s Invitational** will be held again this year on August 20th with proceeds again going to Bernadette McCann House. Last year \$10,000.00 was raised. This year’s theme is “The History of Women and Golf”. Joyce Hatt and Chrissy Kennedy are co-conveners.

Club Championship Chair - Dennis Fodor

The annual Men’s and Women’s Club Championship dates for 2019 will be Wednesday August 28th and Thursday August 29th. A Committee will be formed to organize the week which will again have events on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

New Business

Changes to the Constitution

- I. A motion has been made and accepted by the executive to reduce the size of the MA Executive from 11 members to 5. The executive will now be comprised of the President of the Men’s, Women’s and Mixed Leagues as well as the Men’s and Women’s Captain. This change must be ratified by the overall membership.
- II. Change the name of the Women’s and Men’s “Club Captain” to “League Captain” – vote of acceptance by membership

MOTION by Val Trotter and seconded by Tom Coates to accept these changes to the Constitution. Carried D01

Other – No New Business.

Adjournment - MOTION by Susan Lomas to adjourn the meeting @ 7:35 PM **Carried.**

D#	Decisions Made AGM 2018	Date Closed
D01	Constitution Changes – Size of the Executive (Article VIII, Section A – Officers) Name of the Women’s and Men’s “Club Captain” to “League Captain”	30Apr2109