**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING: MIDDLESEX GOLF**

**Location:** Stanmore GC

**Date:** Tuesday 14th July 2026

**Time:** 7:00 pm

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## 1. ATTENDANCE

- **David Niccol (DN)** – Chair
- **Hasmukh Pattni** – Finance.
- **Di Rowlands (DR)** – President
- **Anne Koychev (AK)** Welfare Officer
- **Ruth Holmes (RH)** Development
- **Robbie Martin (RM)** Chief Referee
- **Lee Patterson (LP) –** Secretary
- **Des Cassidy (DC)** – Assistant Secretary
- **John Godwin –** Co-opted

1. **Threat to London Golf Briefing –** Graham Jones (Sudbury GC) attended to offer a 'Threat to London Golf' briefing. Illustrating the current London Plan that contains huge implications for the future of golf clubs across Middlesex. Middlesex and it's affiliated clubs need to be on the front foot whilst the London Plan is under consideration. Lord Popat (Stanmore GC) and others to be consulted and recruited to consult.

**2. Apologies – None**

**3. MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING**

Minutes approved, the Board congratulated the County Secretary on his recent Marriage.

**4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

DN - There are concerns re the fluctuations in entry numbers, some competitions are struggling RM indicated that dates may have something to do with this and would consult with LP re next year's fixture dates. Action LP & RM.

**5. FINANCE REPORT**

**HP** - provided a draft executive summary of county finances to date which will be the format presented going forward, the board approved the accounts as satisfactory. RH asked that a summary of our England Golf grant allocations be clearly illustrated on future editions, HP agreed this would take place going forward – Action LP & HP

**6. PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION**

DR - approached Ray Andrews about the position of Middlesex Vice President, Ray indicated he was receptive to the opportunity. Di recommends this appointment to the Board of Directors, which unanimously approved and ratified. As a next step, Di will contact Ray to invite him to the next Board meeting. – Action DR

**7. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The secretary's report (previously shared) was found to be satisfactory and were approved by all present. A new version of the website is in the wings and will not be released until it is fully tested by a panel of Middlesex users.

**8. TOURNAMENT & RULES –** Action LP & DC

RM- A Preferred Lies (Winter Rules, Pick & Place) memo prepared by LP had been shared with all golf club secretaries and club officers. Middlesex discourages golfers from picking their balls up at any time and invoked Rule 1 - Play the Ball as it Lies.

**9. ENGLAND GOLF**

DR - EG have announce a new Senior Women's championship but no further information has been forthcoming. EG will raise their affiliation fee the £12.75 in 2028 and £13.00 in 2029, currently £12.50. To be voted on in September 2026. LP Middlesex will review our affiliation fees a the next Board meeting (12th October). AK asked if a written report can be circulated on the activities of the Tournament Committee as all other departments provide such and each committee is responsible to the Board. Action – Board of Directors

**10. DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

RH - shared a full written report on Development steering Group activities. The Mental Health awareness project is proving a great success and will continue expand with a second awareness course in the autumn. The 6th Women in Golf Forum is set for 15th October at Brent Valley GC, 6pm start. Grim's Dyke GC are hosting a Community Golf Instructor course, Middlesex top promote attendance through our newsletter – Action LP & DC

**11. AOB**

Nothing raised

Dates for diary

Board meetings –12th October 11am, 18th January 11am. Venue Stanmore Golf Club.

Delegates Meeting – 29th October 7pm at Sudbury Golf Club TBC