



**Minutes of Dyfed Junior Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 25th January 2024  
in Derllys Court Golf Club**

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Chris Lawrence (CL) Dyfed Junior Organiser Olivia Martin (OCM) Safeguarding Officer, Mark Creamer (Cilgwyn) Emry James (Cardigan) Mike Davies (Glyn Abbey) Huw Jones (Haverfordwest) Adam Reynolds (Milford Haven) Johnny Grey (Milford Haven) Jason Sanders (Milford Haven) Meurig Evans (Trefloyne) David Blackmore (Tenby)	
<b>1</b>	<b>Introduction and Welcome Chris Lawrence</b>	
	<p>Good evening and welcome. Thank you all for attending and thank you to everybody who has supported me and given me this opportunity to look after and direct the Dyfed Junior Boys players moving forward.</p> <p>My aim as County Organiser is to bring the best Junior players from the ages of 14 through to 18 together with the sole emphasis of Team and success on the course. So how do I see or envisage - we can achieve this. Numbers have fallen.</p> <p>Well it starts with you the clubs. I need you to carry on supporting, developing and challenging your Juniors to play at the highest level for them at their home venues. Encouraging improvement is the key with an aim if they want to of course of being selected at County (25 handicap and under).</p> <p>They need not be frightened or weary as to moving onto this level because the County Development and support team will be there along with the other boys who represent us. There will be a new approach build under a team ethos, and a mindset of inclusion.</p> <p>Coaching and development will be offered at County Level, with no Elite &amp; Standard groups as before - ALL players will practice, train and receive coaching together at the decided venues.</p> <p>The wheels are in motion to select and appoint a new coach moving forward for 2024 &amp; onwards - five coaching and development days are planned from March through to July so far. I have requested budgeting for this role and will hopefully be able to put this in place as soon as possible.</p> <p>I want to have a clear strategic approach to our season, so that all players and importantly their families and supporters know what is happening throughout the year well in advance. Also inter - liaison with you the organisers so you will also be able to promote and support players prior to events. Olivia has a spreadsheet / calendar which when completed will be shared with you all. Anyway back to the agenda and may I just say that anything is discussed is open and I welcome your help and comments on any matters notes or any other things we may talk about. Thank you</p>	

2	<p><b>Apologies:</b>          Henry Malloy (Cardigan) Elaine Rees (Garnant) Karen Bayliss (Cilgwyn) Chris Jones (Carmarthen) (DGU Chairman) Lyndsay Morgan (Cardigan) (DGU Vice Chairman) Jason Putt (Machynys) (DGU County Captain)</p>	
3	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2023 - April - Ashburnham Junior Open (OOM) was cancelled due to the rain.</li> <li>2. Cllgwyn - July - Winners - Osian Young (Cilgwyn), Dion Regan (Cilgwyn) Ellis Price (Carmarthen)</li> <li>3. Machynys - August - Winners - Tomas Evans (Ashburnham) Jack Pugsley (Machynys) Lucas Aldred (Milford Haven)</li> <li>4. Trefloyne - August - Tomas Evans (Ashburnham) Osian Young (Cilgwyn) Lucas Aldred (Milford Haven)</li> <li>5. Dyfed County Championships - Carmarthen - Tomas Evans (Ashburnham) Lucas Aldred (Milford Haven), Osian Young (Cilgwyn) Dyfed Champion - Lucas Aldred (Milford Haven) Inter-Club Winners - Cilgwyn</li> </ol>	
4	<p><b>Minutes of 2023 Junior AGM</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No official AGM took place during 2023 due to low numbers An informal chat with the representatives present:</li> <li>2. Dates of OOM events</li> <li>3. Dates for Junior Dinner at Cardigan confirmed by Henry</li> <li>4. Cost of Food and a possibility of an increase</li> <li>5. Sponsorship for junior kit</li> </ol>	
5	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CL stated no official hand over had taken place CL had not received required information from previous DGU Junior Organiser.</li> <li>2. CL has asked DGU Treasurer Jamie Thomas &amp; DGU Secretary Elaine Rees for a budget - 6 programmed Coaching Days March - July - all inclusive.</li> <li>3. Sponsorship - Additional sponsorship for a gilet or jacket for the boys</li> </ol>	CL  CL
5	<p><b>County Coach</b></p>	

	CL has laised with Nick Daniels Machynys. The driving range is free of charge for DGU to use. Two coaches from Machynys have expressed interest. A decision will need to be made shortly - March. Three Coaching sessions have been planned at Machynys. CL has spoken to a National Coach - awaiting to hear back. Coaching plan - Coaching session morning, lunch then an opportunity for the boys to play golf in the afternoon	CL
<b>6</b>	<b>Order of Merit (Includes County Champs)</b>	
<b>a.</b>	<b>Dates for 2024 Events:</b>  The following clubs will host Junior Open Days - OOM  Cilgwyn (as they represented Dyfed in the Final), Glyn Abbey, Milford Haven and Trefloyne  County Championships - Cardigan Golf Club - Wednesday 28th August  Dates to be shared with CL & OCM to add to the fixture list.  South Wales Boys Event - Wednesday 27th March at Carmarthen Golf Club - Tee times - 9.30am - 12pm All entries to be sent to Chris Lawrence.	All Junior Organisers
<b>b.</b>	<b>Entry Fee</b>  Last year due to the cost of food the entry free was agreed £15.00 with a meal.  CL asked could clubs provide a healthy food choice - pasta dish, as there are lots of Junior events during the School Holidays.	
<b>C.</b>	<b>Safeguarding Forms:</b>  OCM noticed how parents were expected to complete a new Parental Consent Form for every Junior Event. OCM proposed that the DGU Safeguarding Form will be utilised for all Dyfed Junior Events, including Club Order of Merit Events. OCM to attend all Junior Events. All in agreement - DGU Safeguarding Form to be used for ALL Junior Events within the County.  OCM has created a database of completed Safeguarding Forms. 29 boys have completed the forms.  All Club Junior Organisers to share their tee times a week before the event - OCM to inform them who has completed DGU Safeguarding Forms. The West Wales Ladies Golfing Association Safeguarding Officer Mrs Andrea Martin will provide an overview sheet for girls - this overview sheet for the girls will be destroyed after each event.  OCM will email the Safeguarding Forms to all Club Junior Organisers.	

<b>d.</b>	<b>What's App Group</b>	
	OCM & CL asked all if they would be interested in being part of a Junior Organisers What's App Group - with the purpose of this group to promote Junior Events. All were happy to be part of a what's app group	<b>OCM to set up</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Junior Captain</b>	
	2024 Junior Captain - Guto Walters - Cardigan Golf Club  Vice Captain - Lucas Aldred - Milford Haven Golf Club	
<b>8</b>	<b>Champion of Champions Event</b>	
	Open to all Junior Club Champions from all clubs in the South Wales Region to be held at Neath Golf Club, The competition will take place over 18 holes medal format. Each club to send - Gross winner Girls and Boys. Opportunity to send Club Junior Nett winner. Once the date has been agreed it will be uploaded onto the Fixture List.	<b>CL</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Etiquette, Rules &amp; Competition understanding and support</b>	
	CL discussed the new DGU Junior Guidance. This is in line with the DGU Safeguarding Policy. All agreed with new guidance, CL asked could the guidance be shared with their Juniors before the start of the season. CL reminded clubs to use the lowest gross score for their "Club Junior Championships" or other prestigious events. The lowest gross winner should be the Club Champion , however a nett prize could also be awarded which is normal practice !! Ideally a stroke play (medal round) should be played for such events. This would also help young players prepare and perform under this format and also opens the doors for entry to other championship events"	<b>ALL</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
	Golf Sixes - Discussion took place - Cardigan and Milford Haven took part in 2022, nothing took place during 2023. Milford Haven had spoken to Wales Golf, they are hoping to reinstate Golf Sixes this year.  A question was asked a Junior who belongs to a Dyfed Club but can not play for the County. It was discussed and agreed that because this junior had joined a Glamorgan Club and played for that County. It states in the OOM rules (on DGU website) that he is unable to play for Dyfed. If he has played for another county. CL would ask if the Junior would like to play for Dyfed this year.  Speed of play - It was noted that one of the Order of Merit events last year, the juniors did not go out in Handicap Order and they was an issue with speed of play, with some rounds taking 6 hours. CL stated a reminder will be sent to all Junior Organisers via the what's app group reminding Clubs - juniors to go out in handicap order.	<b>ALL Junior Organisers</b>  <b>CL</b>

	<p>CL also reminded Junior Organisers - presentations to take place once the players are in e.g Boys Medal then another presentation for the younger players later on as it can be a long day for parents too.</p> <p>A question was asked - Do juniors change after golf for food? No agreement was decided and opinions differed in said - Clothing can be worn for golf at Club level by County players to promote and inspire other juniors. Also clothing is very expensive and sponsored so young players who grow so quickly should be able to get wear from it.</p> <p>Boys &amp; Girls discussion - integration in the form of the Coaching Days was mentioned by Competition events, funding, were to remain separate until directed otherwise. OCM &amp; CL to discuss it with DGU Officers at the Spring Meeting, also consider speaking to County Ladies (C&amp;P).</p> <p>CL &amp; OCM have discussed having a match between the girls &amp; boys.</p> <p>OCM - has spoken to Jason Putt (County Captain) about a match between the men &amp; juniors - CL &amp; JP to arrange perhaps for end of season or 2025?</p>	<b>OCM &amp; CL</b>
		<b>CL &amp; JP</b>

**Meeting finished at 8.10pm**