



SOMERSET COUNTY SENIOR LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

**Minutes of the Officers Meeting 13th February 2023 at 11 a.m.
at**

The Isle of Wedmore Golf Club

Present: Kay Lockett – (President), Carole Paterson (Past President), Jill Paul (Vice President), Sue Bamping (Captain), Christine Harris (Past Captain), Ros Chidgey (Vice Captain), Janet Handley (Competition Secretary), Jan Bishop (Treasurer), Kate Smith (Secretary), Fay Galley (Membership Secretary), Jane Harries (Committee Member)

1 No Apologies

2 To approve the minutes of the Meeting held 8th August 2022.

The meeting accepted these unanimously and were signed by the Past President Carole Paterson

3 **Matters arising** Carole reported that surplus trophies have been offered to the County Juniors

4 Presidents Report

Kay asked the committee to reflect with a minute's silence for the following members who are no longer with us –

Jean Sage Past Senior Ladies Captain

Sue Redding from Burnham & Berrow a great supporter of Somerset Senior Ladies Golf

Millie Parker from Landsdown Golf Club and

Ellie Harper A Past President of Somerset Ladies Golf.

Kay opened the meeting by offering a very warm welcome to the committee for the first meeting of 2023 with hope for good weather and success. She said that being able to contact everyone in person, by email and telephone most useful and helpful to discuss matters.

Kay reported that the lunch at Mendip Spring in January was a great success and thanked Carole for organising this event and hope it is repeated next year.

My thanks must go to Chris for all the hard work she has done regarding the website over the Winter months.

Janet has worked extremely hard finding venues for 2024 competitions and members will be able to download entry forms to enter competitions or use Intelligent Golf to book a tee time online, the latter being a new way of entering the competitions for our members.

Jill reported that on SW Vets a lot of hard work has already been done by Carole, Jill, Jan and myself to make sure this first year of running the Spring and Autumn Field Days is successful. A big thank you to Fay for producing the posters, they are very artistic and colourful.

I am sure this year will run smoothly; I hope the competitions will be well supported especially with the inclusion of another team event.

I wish Sue a very successful year as Captain, and I know she will receive a great support from Ros who has been working very hard finding venues for matches in 2024.

Finally, I would like to add the two following items to **AOB**.

- a Succession needs to be thought about for positions of Competition and Membership Secretaries
- b The Handbook needs updating as required

I look forward to working with you all this year.

5 Captain's Report

The sign-up sheets for the matches have been sent out to the Delegates and will, hopefully, be returned completed by the end of the month when I will be able to begin the selection process. I will then contact Chris and Ros to arrange a meeting to review the team selection. Quite a few clubs have been closed recently, due to ground conditions and, the response so far has been low, at least at Wheathill, now that conditions are improving, and clubs are opening there will be more volunteers. I was amazed when one delegate emailed me from Florida informing me of her choices, along with those of a fellow member! Nice to see such enthusiasm. I would like to thank Jill and Chris for their help arranging the Gloucester match. The Gloucester Captain has confirmed the match arrangements that had been made at Stinchcombe.

Friendly Matches

Gloucester Away 12th May at Stinchcombe
Hampshire Away 22nd August at Meon Valley
Captain v Vice Captain 1st August at Wheathill

It was initially suggested that the Capt v Vice Capt. be played in September, I found that this was not a good time to have a match as quite a few clubs carry out course maintenance during that month.

Shield Matches

Cornwall Away 22nd May at Carlyon Bay
Dorset Home 27th June at Wheathill
Devon Away 10th July at Honiton

I asked Cornwall Captain if she could approach the management of Carlyon Bay Hotel to see if we could get favourable rates at the hotel. The price for one room was £190 for bed and breakfast and £275 with dinner! She advised me that there were pubs and. Hotels in Charlestown, and that St. Austell is not that far away where there is a Premier Inn. The committee discussed contacting Carlyon Bay Hotel again for a group rate for accommodation.

6 Vice Captain's Report

January has been busy arranging dates for 2024 with Devon for Monday 8th July and Cornwall for Monday 20th May. I have also been contacting various golf clubs to enquire about costs and if they could accommodate the dates required. As can be appreciated the cost-of-living has risen rapidly and many clubs are dealing with the rise in energy prices and is reflected in the prices quoted for tee times and a two-course meal. Costs for Field & Match days are up but Match days are our priority. Generally, £35 is an all-round price for golf and food.

A discussion as to a one course meal rather than two courses. Ros to revisit clubs for prices.

Quoted prices per person from –

Enmore Tee time £15 two course meal £20

Long Sutton. Tee time £20 two course meal £15

Worlebury Tee time and two course meal £27
Minehead have agreed to match the other golf clubs.
I am waiting to hear from Tall Pines for a costing.
I have ordered 6 fleeces, 3 large and 3 medium sizes.

7 Competition Secretary's Report

At all the clubs where competitions were held over the past 2 years it was someone's job to feed players names into their electronic system. This made my life extremely easy. Then one lady warned me it had taken five hours to complete the task. She suggested I approach Jackie MacDonald regarding getting my own access to the IG system so I could set up competitions myself. Jackie has been so helpful spending time making this task possible and now they are all set up and ready to go. Hopefully all will run smoothly on the day. Being a little nervous I contacted Long Sutton who use the IG system and could help if there are any hiccups. Some committee members thought it may be a step too far but as entry forms are also available it should be ok.

Chris has worked hard trying to produce a direct link from the posters to my inbox so I shall be interested to hear whether she has succeeded. She has also created a link between our website page to IG system. Electronic Entry for SCSLGA – IG County (App)
Members were asked to test the link between Senior Ladies Spring Meeting to the Union (SGU) competition page which proved successful.

I have created posters containing all the information about the County competitions, they have been forwarded to delegates to display on club notice boards. It was agreed that using individual plastic pockets to form 'flip chart' with Fays poster as a front cover which gives the dates and venues for competitions and would make an excellent front cover for the plastic pockets.

Trophies are still an issue although we have sold two more there are still a few remaining which have been offered to the County Juniors, but I have not heard if they want them. There are donation sites online but that would involve postage, however, there are two charities that accept donated trophies, Age UK and Cancer Research.

A discussion was held in regards as to how to award The Barber Shield and Carole suggested that we changed the point system and award 5, 3, and 1 point for the first, second and third places for teams with ladies from the same club.

Mixed teams may be in the prizes but cannot qualify for the Barber Shield
If the committee agree it would have to be written into the Constitution.

Having liaised with Jill, as next year's President, I have approached four clubs that we haven't used over the last two years and provisionally booked two of the competitions for 2024. Plus, a firm booking for the Spring 4BBB at Worlebury at £17 per tee time.
Both Wheathill are provisionally booked for the Bowmaker and Mendip Spring for the Waltzing Bowmaker both TBC.

8 Treasurers Report

Bank balances as of 12th February 2023 are –

Current Account £1,296.89

Deposit Account £4,598.77

Subscriptions

£1,115 received as at Friday 10th February. We are due a payment from Isle of Wedmore as Fay has received their list, but no funds sent yet.

Competitions

Nothing yet as electronic entry is not yet open.

Honorariums for Officers are due and will be paid this week after we have completed our discussions on both this and expenses and confirmed the policy going forward.

Honorariums are currently.

Secretary, Competition Secretary, Captain, £50 and
Vice-Captain, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, £30

These have been paid from the get-go as far as I can tell from the accounts and have increased over the years. I can't find anything that states the reasons for the payments to some and not others or the differing amounts.

Expenses

Some anomalies in who can claim what regarding matches, so this is for discussion.

Subsequent discussions on Honorariums concluded with a unanimous decision that they remain in place for the Officers mentioned except the President and Vice President and set at £50 each making a total of £300.

Regarding expenses, these have been clarified and the duties of Captain and Vice-Captain have been amended appropriately.

9 **Membership Secretary's Report**

Membership lists have been received from most clubs now. I have reminded those that have not. It's the same ones as last year, I seem to remember their delegates pop off to the sun each January. Jan Bishop and I have checked we have the same lists.

This year has been more difficult as the lists are now arriving in so many different formats. Some I've been able to download easily, some not. But it is the nature of the day as more and more ladies are using the iPad only to send things. Apple and Microsoft do not talk to each other.

The numbers are down from last year.

The "Duties of the Delegate" need to be updated. A discussion took place.

10 **Vice Presidents Report**

(SW Vets Report). Kay, Carole, and I had a useful meeting with the 2 ladies from Dorset at Lyme Regis Golf Club in November for the handover.

The 4 Counties of Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, and Somerset have now paid their affiliation fees by BACS and thanks to Jan for sorting that.

We'll be holding our first meeting with the Representatives of the 4 Counties on 13th March on Zoom. However, the feedback was that the ladies would like the AGM to be in person, so I have booked Teignmouth GC for 23rd October.

The Spring and Autumn Field Days are fixed for 8th May at Bowood and 21st September at Stover. Our charity is to be the Children's Hospice South West.

Thanks to Chris for putting this information on our website, also to Carole for booking the venues and receiving entries (which have started coming in) and Fay for designing the posters.

Kay has booked the following clubs in Dorset and Somerset to hold the Field Days -

- a Spring Field Day 2024 to be held at Yeovil Golf Club on 9th May, green fee £25
- b Autumn Field Day 2024 to be held at Weston-Super-Mare, green fee £20.

We hope Somerset ladies will support the Field Days.

A.O.B

- a Succession: further discussion needs to take place for positions of

Competition and Membership Secretaries. Jane Harries has volunteered to take on the role of Membership Secretary after the AGM in October. This has to be voted on at a later date.

- b The Handbook needs updating as required.

The meeting ended at 12.30.

Signed _____

Date _____

Dates of next meeting at Wedmore GC at 11.a.m.

Officers Monday 12th June 2023

Delegates Monday 3rd April 2023