

SOMERSET COUNTY SENIOR LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

**Minutes of the Officers Meeting at 11a.m. on 7th August 2023
at
The Isle of Wedmore Golf Club**

	Action
<p>Present: Kay Lockett, President (KL) Carole Paterson, Past President (CP) Jill Paul, Vice President (JP) Sue Bamping, Captain (SB) Christine Harris, Past Captain (CH) Ros Chidgey, Vice-Captain (RC) Janet Handley, Competition Secretary (JHan) Jan Bishop Treasurer (JB) Kate Smith Secretary (KS) Jane Harries, Comm.Member (JTH)</p>	
<p>1 Apologies: Janet Handley, Competition Secretary and Fay Galley, Membership Secretary</p>	
<p>2 Minutes of Meeting held on 12th June 2023 were approved and signed.</p>	
<p>3 Matters Arising - Membership booklet - CH has re modelled the Membership & Events booklet, this includes Officers telephone & email, also contact names for matches. Chris offered and KS agreed to take over the remodelling of the booklet. Advert for Situations Vacant - Several names were put forward but this is still being discussed.</p>	CH All
<p>4 Presidents Report One of our priorities before the AGM is to find a Vice Captain and Competitions Secretary, to date unfortunately we have had no success. Jane Harries has agreed to be Membership Secretary (subject to approval at AGM). Gill Magrath from Wells GC is happy to volunteer as a committee member, with a view to taking up a post in the future (subject to approval at AGM). After three meetings at Oake Manor GC, the amended Constitution and Officers Duties have been completed and have now been sent to committee members to view. Thank you to Jill and Janet for all their hard work. I would like to thank the retiring Officers Fay and Janet for the efficient way they have carried out their duties, Carole in her role as Past President who has always been there to give me advice when needed. This year the competitions have been well supported, a good sign that things are getting back to normal after the Covid years, I hope the entries will continue to improve in the future. We have a SW Vets Zoom meeting on September 4th when certain matters need to be discussed. Finally, I would just like to say thank you to you all for your support, you make a great team. In subsequent discussion Jane Harries says she will be away in February/March, but she has a possible candidate, for this position from Burnham & Berrow. Jane said she could help the candidate but the rule states that, apart from Officers, there is only space for one committee member.</p>	JTH

5 Captain's Report

Since the last meeting we have played two Shield matches and one Friendly. The first Shield match was on 27th June at Wheathill against Dorset. The day dawned bright and clear which is always encouraging. Unfortunately, the result was not so pleasing as we lost. Some of the matches were very close and were not decided until the last few holes. Comments were made by some of our ladies regarding the long distance the Dorset Ladies could hit a ball.

The conditions at Honiton in the Shield match against Devon were very different. The heavens opened and the ladies huddled under their brollies while waiting to tee off. Although we lost the match, some of the games again were very close, very much like Dorset. The highlight of the day was when Tricia Folland hit a hole in one. Claire Biggs, her playing partner, had difficulty in finding Tricia's ball on the green until she looked down the hole and saw it there against the flagpole!

The second Friendly was held last week. Although rain threatened not a drop fell. Ros maintained the winning tradition of the Vice Captain. There were a few players who had not played in any matches before. When chatting afterwards they expressed an interest in signing up next year for a Friendly match, so hopefully they will graduate to a Shield match the following year. Fingers crossed. Our last Friendly is against Hampshsire at Meon Valley and I am currently in the throes of sorting out a team.

The meals at all the matches have been excellent, especially the desserts. When you look at the day, a round of golf followed by a two-course meal for £20 or even £25 is excellent value. One of the teams we played were paying £35.

As in previous years, the biggest headache has been trying to find replacements for ladies who have withdrawn from a match. The composition of the teams is given to the Delegates early in the year, and reminders are sent to the individuals nearer the date. Broken limbs, torn tendons, and other medical emergencies of either the players or other members of the family, take their toll. There have also been one or two reasons given which have been hard to accept but you must shrug those off. I would like to express my appreciation to all ladies who have stepped up to the mark as replacements, sometimes at very short notice. I would also like to thank those who have given me ideas as to whom to approach. I'm sure Ros will have similar support next year.

A discussion took place, expense of travelling to different courses possibly affected lack of attendance to matches. It was agreed that matches needed more advertising, Delegates could display matches, or email all delegates about who is playing in which match, as too many ladies withdraw from them at the last minute. Perhaps this could encourage more commitment from players. Because of withdrawals from matches/competitions it was also discussed whether to reduce the size of the teams, but this was not an option. One problem was that one golf club wanted payment in advance for food.

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6 Vice Captain's Report

The last match for next year has been finalised, Shield match v Dorset at Bulbury Woods GC on 29th May, first tee time 11.am. All other fixtures have been confirmed by all the captains.

The search goes on for a vice-captain with Fay providing recommendations for members from different clubs, hopefully success will come soon.

Uniform sales continue, although white sleeveless jumpers are not as popular as green and have become difficult to source.

I would like to thank all the members on the committee for their ongoing help.

<p>MATCHES FOR SOMERSET COUNTY SENIOR LADIES for 2024</p> <p>Wednesday 1st May 2024 - 11.0 am - Friendly Match v Gloucester @ Wells Golf Club Monday 20th May 2024 - 11.0 am - Shield Match v Cornwall @ Enmore Golf Club</p> <p>Wednesday 29th May 2024 - 11.0 am - Shield Match v Dorset @ Bulbury Woods Golf Club Monday 8th July 2024 - tbc - Shield Match v Devon @ Worlebury Golf Club Thursday 1st August 2024 - tbc - Friendly Match Capt. v Vice Capt. @ Minehead Monday 19th August 2024 - 12 noon - Friendly Match v Hampshire @ Long Sutton Golf Club</p>	
<p>7 Competition Secretary's Report</p> <p>Apologies</p> <p>Little to report. We have 20 teams now for the Waltzing Bowmaker which I'm really pleased about. The delegates responded well, and four more teams appeared after a request was sent out. Jill and Kay will tell you they have found some of my emails going into Junk rather than Inbox which is why it is important to send some kind of response when emails are sent out to let the sender know that it's been received.</p> <p>The original copy of the Delegates Duties has been updated on my copy to include Jan's amendments for item 2 (iii) and 2(iv). I will send everyone a final copy once all amendments have been added. More might arise at the meeting. See Annexe attached.</p> <p>I will be pressurisingng for more attendees at the AGM after the Waltzing Bowmaker.</p> <p>If the Situation Vacant is not filled, then Carole has offered to be the 'Post Box' for the entries for 2024 Competitions.</p>	<p>CP</p>
<p>8 Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Bank Balances as 5th August 2023 are.</p> <p>Current Account £2,380.67 Deposit Account £4,800.61</p> <p>Subscriptions</p> <p>£1,600 received to date.</p> <p>Competitions</p> <p>We have now had 3 competitions completed.</p> <p>44 Ladies entered the pairs at Long Sutton (22 teams of 2) 57 Ladies entered the Bowmaker at Cricket St Thomas (19 teams of 3) 60 Ladies have entered the Waltzing Bowmaker at Taunton & Pickeridge (20 teams of 3) 4 teams so far for the pre-AGM 9-hole Bowmaker at Minehead.</p> <p>So, the September competition that has been previously cancelled due to lack of support has the highest entry so I think we can safely say that it is not the time of year but that the individual Stableford was not a favoured format.</p> <p>As has been stated previously, the intention is to cover costs for competitions with surplus after deduction of green fee funding prizes.</p>	

<p>Matches</p> <p>Just one match left which is the Friendly at Meon Valley. Of the 3 Shield matches one was home and two away.</p> <p>We will still have made a loss on matches this year, currently £178 plus any outstanding expenses. The 2022 loss with 2 home shield matches was £896.25.</p> <p>Ros has provided costs for next year's matches which are between £25 and £30 per person.</p> <p>Match and Competition Entry Fees To discuss –</p> <p>These will need to increase for 2024.</p> <p>Suggest Match Fee £25</p> <p>Competition Fee - I understand the dates have been set so depending on green fee costs negotiated.</p> <p>Jan suggested and The Committee agreed on -</p> <p>increase in match fee to £25, possibly to raise to £30 in 2025.</p> <p>Subscriptions stay at £5.</p> <p>Competition fees for Internal Competitions (Spring BB, Summer B'Maker, Autumn Waltz B'maker) to remain at £20</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>JB</p>
<p>9 Membership Secretary's Report – No Report</p>	
<p>10 Secretary's Report</p> <p>Kate asked for and it was agreed to amendments to Secretary's Duties</p> <p>See Annexe A attached</p>	<p>KS</p>
<p>11 SW Vets sub-Committee Report</p> <p>All is in hand for the Autumn Field Day at Stover on Thursday 21st September. There is a large Field of around 98, very different from Bowood, though I have to say with only an entry of 39 was very successful and played in glorious weather, let's hope it is the same at Stover. Carole acting as post box has done excellent work compiling the entries, Jan as treasurer receiving the entry money, they have made a very good team.</p> <p>We are now looking forward to 2024, with the Spring Day at Yeovil on May 9th. Fay has kindly said she will do the posters, and Carole has said she will act as post box for the entries, a big thank you to you both. I hope you will encourage your club members through your Delegates to support the Spring field Day at Yeovil, it is a great course and has good facilities. The sub-committee members are now looking forward to a long but successful day at Stover.</p> <p>Carole asked if there could be more support from Somerset members next year for this event.</p>	
<p>12 Constitution & Officers Duties Sub-Group</p> <p>The Committee of the subgroup emphasised that the amount of work has been quite onerous. They discussed the Constitution & Duties of Officers at length and several amendments were suggested see attached.</p> <p>a. Past Presidents and Past Captains - are there for Support and Advice</p> <p>b. Buggies can be used for 80yrs +</p> <p>See Annexe Attached B</p>	<p>JP</p> <p>KL</p> <p>JH</p>

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Changing at Matches - Carole Patterson asked if it was necessary for ladies to change clothes after matches and after discussions it was agreed that changing should be optional and it was agreed it can be put on Match Sheets.

The 9-hole competition pre-AGM is always played at the Presidents Home Club.

Chris Harris requested, and it was agreed, that a final copy of the Delegates minutes could be put on the website, although Delegates do receive two copies (one after their meeting and one prior to the next meeting) of the minutes along with an agenda from their meetings.

Chris has asked that a Membership List also be on the website which is password protected and only accessed by the Treasurer, the Membership Secretary, and the Website Organiser. Data Protection would have to be approved by members and should be discussed at the next Delegates meeting.

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10 Annexe A

Duties of Officers or Delegates

Secretary Duties

- 1 Preps agenda and minutes with Chair of meeting
- 2 Send out agenda, minutes and any information to Officers/Delegates
- 3 Arranges venues and dates for meetings for committee approval.
- 4 Prepares information and dates for SCSLGA Membership & Events Booklet and sends to Officers & Delegates and asks Delegates to forward to their members by email.
- 5 Keeps list of Honorary Members, sends a Christmas Card, minutes of delegates meetings and the AGM.
- 6 Notifies SLCGA Secretary of dates, matches and AGM.
- 7 Claims all postage & printing expenses.
- 8 Purchases leaving gifts for retiring Officers to be presented at the AGM.

12 Annexe B

Constitution & Officers Duties Sub-Group Amendments

Constitution

Page 1 Para 2. - SCSLGA committee is not an Executive Committee

Page 1 No. 1 - replace Executive with Officers

Page 2 Secretary - amended dates on calendar. Re arranged whole list of Secretary Duties (see below)

Page 3 Comp. Sec. replace Webmaster with Website Organiser, replace tee time with start sheet.

Page 4 Senior Delegates - 2 (iv) replace done with sent and when a new person joins and pays her sub, then the entry to BACS could use the Ref: SUB and the club's name.

Page 5 Match Instructions - 2, replace Seniors Captain with SCSLGA Ladies' Captain.

The section on Buggies needs to be clearer.

The meeting ended at 12.45.

Signed _____

Dated _____

Dates of next meetings

Delegates 18th September at Wedmore GC

AGM Thursday 19th October Minehead GC