



SOMERSET COUNTY SENIOR LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Officers Meeting 12th June 2023 at 11a.m.

At

Isle of Wedmore Golf Club

Present: Kay Luckett President, Carole Paterson Past President, Jill Paul Vice President, Sue Bamping Captain, Christine Harries Past Captain, Ros Chidgey Vice Captain, Janet Handley Competition Secretary, Kate Smith Secretary, Jane Harries Committee Member.

- 1 Apologies** Jan Bishop Treasurer, Fay Galley Membership Secretary
- 2 Minutes of Meeting** held on 13th February were approved and signed.
- 3 Matters Arising** a discussion on the difficulty of using the IG golf system for competition entry –
- 4 Action** - CH has offered to investigate producing a Word/PDF format (not electronic) for members to be able to download or scan then fill in manually and send in their entries.
- 5 Minutes signed.**
- 6 President's Report**

A warm welcome to everyone, I hope you are all enjoying your golf in this lovely weather that we are experiencing.

The first competition of the season the Four Ball Better Ball played at Long Sutton Golf Club was again, enjoyed in fine weather, a big thank you to Wheathill and Taunton & Pickeridge two Clubs who supported the event in numbers. Thank you to Janet for all her hard work in the organising of the event, the help provided by the Club Pro, Manager and Lady Captain of Long Sutton ensured that the day ran very smoothly.

We do now need to advertise for the following positions on the Officer's Committee for next year.

A. Membership Secretary

B. Competition Secretary

These items to be discussed under AOB

Thank you to Fay as Membership Secretary and Janet as Competition Secretary for all their hard work over the years.

Finally thank you to all of you for the support and advice you have given me over the last few months.

- 7 Captain's Report**

We are now in the throes of both Friendly and Shield Matches. The opposite of friendly is usually unfriendly but the atmosphere at the Shield matches has been very friendly. The Friendly at Stinchcombe was a baptism of fire when it came to team selection as six people dropped out at various times for a multitude of reasons the last one being two days before the match! As it was a Friendly match the handicaps of the Stinchcombe team covered quite a range with a predominance of high handicappers. One Somerset pair was successful which prevented a complete whitewash.

The food was excellent and the Course challenging. The Cotswold Way crossed the Course so dogwalkers were a hazard!

The run up to our first Shield match against Cornwall at Carlyon Bay on the 22nd May was much less stressful with no one withdrawing. The weather was lovely and the views stunning. Unfortunately for us, most of the Cornwall team had played the Course before so we were at a disadvantage and lost 6½ to ½. Sarah Blake from Taunton & Pickeridge won a bottle of wine on the last hole because she got nearest the pin in the Somerset team. It is rather a long way to go for a practice round!

Our next match is against Dorset on the 27th June at Wheathill. Quite a few of the team are familiar with the Course, so fingers are firmly crossed for a more encouraging result.

8 Vice Captain's Report

I have, at last, after some discussions with Kay and Jan regarding the cost, managed to book the last of the courses for the matches next year. They are as follows: -

Wednesday 1st May 2024 first tee time 11am against Gloucester at Wells Golf Club at £25 per person includes 1 course meal.

Monday 20th May 2024 first tee time 11 am against Cornwall at Enmore Golf Club at £28.50 per person includes 1 course meal.

Monday 8th July 2024 first tee time tbc against Devon at Worlebury Golf Club at £27 per person includes 2 course meal.

Thursday 1st August 2024 first tee time tbc Captain v Vice Captain at Minehead Golf Club at £25 per person includes 1 course meal.

Monday 19th August 2024 first tee time 12 noon against Hampshire at Long Sutton Golf Club at £30 per person includes 1 course meal.

Negotiations have been difficult as many clubs are struggling with cost of living rises.

On a plus side the sale of uniforms is going reasonably well, and I would like to thank Sue and Carol for all their help in obtaining further supplies. I am struggling to source sleeveless jumpers if anyone has any ideas it would be appreciated.

Lastly, I have enjoyed going along to the matches so far and meeting the ladies taking part for Somerset, there has been a great atmosphere, I look forward to the remaining matches.

9 Competition Secretary's Report

The Competition at Long Sutton went well, and everyone was very happy with the course and the staff were helpful and supportive throughout. Although the IG system has its pluses there appeared to be quite a few drawbacks. I am sure this will be the way forward eventually, but I wouldn't have been asking to use the system next year. The first drawback was putting in the results at the end of the Competition. Lady Captain and I had to feed in the results as the laptop didn't link up with the screen where the data can be fed into the system by the players themselves. Second drawback, even though the old entry forms were available on the website, as the IG site didn't have the Autumn and AGM events appearing, many ladies did not enter as early as they might have done. This might have meant that it wasn't put into their diaries at the start of the season and was then forgotten about.

Trophies are now gone you will be relieved to hear. A decision is required for the new event regarding trophies. Are we responsible for engraving the trophies that are still in use? Barber Shield, Wattman trophies and putting trophies. Are the players who receive them responsible for engraving?

After a discussion regarding the cost of engraving trophies, it was agreed that the Senior Ladies Committee will pay for the engraving of the Barber Shield, but the cost of insurance cover is pending.

There is a good field for the 3 Ball Bowmaker at Cricket St. Thomas. Will be chivvying players to enter the Autumn Comp and encouraging more attendees for the AGM once the 3 Ball Bowmaker has been played.

Quite a lot of changes to be made to the Constitution. It was suggested that the statement should be kept as general as possible to leave the room for any changes that may be required in the future. These are my suggestions:

Constitution:

There will be four competitions during the year, dates, and venues to be arranged by the Competitions Secretary as follows:

Spring: Pairs Better Ball. The winners receive the Wattman Trophies. 1st, 2nd and 3rd receiving vouchers the value dependent on number of entrants.

Summer: 3 Ball Bowmaker The winners receive the Lumley-Frank trophies. 1st, 2nd and 3rd receiving vouchers the value dependent on number of entrants.

Autumn: 3 Ball Waltzing Bowmaker - The winners receiving the Waltzing Bowmaker trophies. 1st, 2nd and 3rd receiving vouchers the value dependent on number of entrants.

The Barber Shield - shall be awarded to the Club with the best results from all the above competitions. All ladies must be from the same club in the team competitions to count for the points.

1st = 5 pts, 2nd = 3 pts, 3rd = 1 pt. In the event of a tie, it will go to the 4th place to get an outright winner.

October: 9 Hole 3 Ball Bowmaker & Putting Competition followed by the AGM

Prizes chosen by the President according to number of entries.

The Wilson Cup, The Fear Hill Trophy and Vice-President's Globe will be presented to the Division 1, Division 2, and Division 3 winners of the putting competition respectively. Details of the Golf Meetings shall be published in the Events Calendar.

Trophies for all the above competitions will be presented immediately following the AGM.

Delegates of trophy winners to be asked to return trophies at the September Delegates Meeting.

Duties of Competitions Secretary

(Would it be a good idea to have numbered bullet points for easy reference?)

Point 5: "along with instruction letter"?

Point 6: Good idea to check with venue whether their system is set up for 8 min or 10 min tee times. Also ask what the starting time for the competition is.

Point 7: Payments to be made by BACs. Details on entry form/website.

Treasurer and Competitions need to inform each other of new entries and their club, and the Competition booked.

Point 9: I usually inform one of the players by email sending them the starting times + a copy to the venue so they are aware.

Point 12: Arrives at least 1 hour before first tee time with cards already written/ printed labels to put on.

Point 15: Ask venue for their BACs details and to emails an invoice for green fees and tab to treasurer's email address.

10 Treasurer's Report

Bank Balances as of 2nd June 2023 are.

Current Account £3,311.42

Deposit Account £4,646.47

Subscriptions

£1,575 received as at end of May.

Competitions

Entry fees now total £2,505

Long Sutton mostly covered costs with a small loss of £17.70 after expenses including mileage.

But this is covered by the ball draw which made £68 so overall a good day.

More fees coming in for T&P; 12 teams now I believe and it's not until September so plenty of time yet. Personally, I think we should proceed with this whatever the entry otherwise we will struggle even more next year to generate any interest.

Matches

Please ask ladies to submit match fees in the week prior to the match. That way we won't need to issue refunds if anyone must drop out and it will be straightforward to allocate funds to the correct match. Some ladies have had issues with BACS payments –

Sue can the match sheet include the business account full name which is -

Somerset County Senior Ladies Golf Assoc

As some banks can be a bit pedantic about account names

Finally, a point for discussion

With increasing costs for everything, Wedmore now charges £2.50 a head for tea/coffee and an additional £2.50 a head for cake. This is regardless of the type and variety of cake so it can be 10 gluten free, 5 dairy free and 10 normal and it's still £2.50 a head. The cake we had last time for delegates was huge and a lot of people either didn't want any or only a small bit, so we had some left over. There is also an additional cost if we refresh as by the end of the meeting the coffee/tea is a bit second hand. The payment to Wedmore was £100 for the last delegates meeting.

Just wondering if we should have tea/coffee on arrival and then let ladies stay on and maybe have lunch as some did that last time or are we happy to leave things as they are.

After discussing the costs, the committee then agreed that tea, coffee, and a selection of biscuits at a cost of £2.50 per head would be more acceptable.

11 Membership Secretary's Report – No Report

12 Secretary's Report –

13 SW Vets Report

South West Vets Spring Field Day was held on 1st June, Somerset Senior Ladies hosted this event at Bowood Golf & Country Club north Cornwall.

A field of 36 took part in the event on a course in excellent condition, with the added bonus of glorious weather. The Club Pro and Staff at Bowood were very helpful before and on the day in the organisation of the event.

A big thank you to Carole for acting as Post box for the entries, with a date change involved for the competition organising the entries was not easy. Thank you to Jan our Treasurer for liaising with Carole for payment of entries,(BACS is not used by everyone!). And to Janet and Jill for their help before and on the day.

Our chosen charity is South West Children's Hospice, the Ball Draw raised £60.

We now look forward to September, and the Autumn Field Day at Stover, where we have a field of 88.

- 14 South West Vets Subgroup** Although Stover has a field of 88 it will allow 100 ladies to play at the above event. Unfortunately, there are only 2 entries from Somerset. Stover has offered to do the cards and set up the welcome table as it is a very early start at 8.45. Kay said what a pleasure it is always to meet and greet all the competitors taking part in the competitions.

AOB

An advert is to be posted on the website for the following positions.

- A Membership Secretary
- B Competition Secretary

Other matters discussed at the meeting –

The President will ask Fay to consider producing her posters for competitions so clubs can put them on their notice boards. Chris Harris to redesign the diary and put it on the website. Details of delegates need not to be any more than their name & club.

Cricket St Thomas – Must give out information on changes to their course they have changed certain holes on their course and some GPS systems couldn't cope, the food also proved disappointing at one of our matches there.

Constitution and Delegates Duties Some of this document is out of date and after discussion it was decided that the subject needed more detail and either 'bullet point' or number certain clauses. A sub-committee, consisting of Kay Lockett, Jill Paul and Janet Handley to deal with it and bring it up to date and in line with 2023 golfing matters. Jane Harries will attend to discuss Membership Duties. The aim is to send out the new version of the constitution prior to the Officers meeting in August. As printing is becoming an issue, financially, the document will eventually be on the website so ladies could print it off if they wanted to.

Handicaps

Priority is given for Shield Matches, for lower handicaps to ensure a strong team.

Div 1, 0 to 21.4 and Div 2, 21.5 to 32.4

only 2 players from the **host club (home club)** are to play but not together.

Handicaps for friendly matches should be maximum of 36 and can be decided with the opposing Captain.

Friendly matches are an experience to be enjoyed and many different ladies from many different clubs.

Vice President – Jill Paul was disappointed to report that negotiations for the AGM at her home club, on 17th October 2023 for 9 holes & putting competition and food, were difficult, especially as she had been a long-standing member there. The costs for green fee & food £27.50. On writing to the Chairman of T&P his reply was that he thought she had been offered a good deal.

Jill proposed an alternative to pay £150 for room hire at T&P which allows ladies to order food from the Bar menu rather than having to pay £12.50 for a set meal in addition to the £15 green fee.

Jill discussed this with Jan Bishop, the SCSLGA treasurer, who agrees it would be a possibility.

After discussions the Committee agreed that the SCSLGA would fund this.

Jill thanked the committee and will confirm with the T&P Manager.

Approval of Christine Harris as Vice President for 2024. The Committee agreed.

The meeting ended at 12.30.

Signed

Dated