



Somerset Ladies Past Captains Committee

Minutes of Meeting held at Clevedon on 9th July 2019

Present. Sandra Ford, Claire Biggs, Susie Gibbins, Sally Dymock, Theresa Munns, Linda Johnson and Di Yates.

1. Apologies. Gwen Cavill.

2. Minutes of meeting held at Clevedon on 15th March 2019.

Minutes approved and signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising. None

4. Chairman's Report. Sandra Ford. [Verbal Report]

- Di to send a card to Alysia Rees congratulating the 1st team on a magnificent performance at the Inter-Counties Week at Woodbury Park coming joint 1st with Gloucester. Gloucester won on count-back.

- SW Bowmaker – reminder that there are still places available

5. Treasurer's Report. Claire Biggs. [Verbal Report]

Claire issued one sheet on bank account as of today; and one that will be presented to the AGM comparing year-on-year financial situation.

Claire reported that our accounts are healthy; we made a wise decision to increase the membership fee to £5 and we are still heavily subsidising match fees.

It transpires that both Susie and Theresa are using a lot print cartridges in their various roles. They are entitled to claim for their print-cartridges and this will be incorporated into the accounts under Admin.

The bank informed Claire that as of 2020 "SLPCS" will no longer be accepted as the "Payee" on cheques. We will have to write "Somerset Ladies Past Captains Society" in full. No mistakes i.e. where members initial the mistakes will be accepted. All relevant forms with bank information on them will need to be updated (Theresa (Competitions), Susie (Team Event), Di (Membership Fees)).

6. Kit Report. Susie Gibbins. [Report previously circulated]

Susie reported that kit is selling very well and more kit has been ordered.

7. Match Organiser's Report. Gwen Cavill. [Report previously circulated]

Gwen's report had been previously circulated. Due to some problems experienced due to caterers changing, wrong times given to Gwen for arrival etc, it was agreed that for each "Captain of the day" any E:Mails concerning their match costings, food arrangements and timings will also be provided to each Match Captain. If they then

need to renegotiate they have all the information available to them. Also it was agreed match captains should communicate at least two months in advance of the match.

Sandra will E:Mail Lesley the 2020 Somerset County competition dates. The SLPCS website page needs to have our 2020 competitions and matches added to our page.

Although occasionally it cannot be helped, it was felt better to avoid matches on consecutive days.

8. Team Event 2019. Susie Gibbins. [Report previously circulated]

Positive comments received and the staff very welcoming and helpful. It was agreed to have another Committee meeting with management of Woodbury Park to make sure everything is in place as we did in 2018.

There have been suggestions that if we particularly like a venue, why restrict attendance to two years; make it three. Susie will talk to Woodbury Park about availability and costings.

Susie has checked out the Abbey at Redditch and it is not fit for purpose for 84 ladies. Elfordleigh has been looked into but unfortunately they do not have enough rooms.

(a) Team Event Survey

Sally presented a one page summary of the survey results with a brief outline of members' views. Overall the members are happy with the way the Team Event is run. The outcome is that next year we will no longer have a first come served basis approach to entrants. The notice will go on website, forms will have to be returned to Susie with a cheque by a certain date. Once the deadline has been achieved Susie will make a random draw. Those not in the team event will be informed by E:Mail. Sally to prepare a note to issue to Delegates on the new agreed process for Team Event.

Sandra will make an announcement at the AGM covering the above decision and Sally will make a short presentation concerning the survey results to the members in attendance.

Note: Whilst cheques are available currently to secure bookings, we must recognise that at some stage banks will dispense with them and that BACS is the way to go. When that happens members will be able to copy their BACS info via E:Mail to the relevant organiser.

It was also recognised that some members enter every event and try to play in matches; and some only enter the team event. Discussion took place about the merit of giving preference to those who actually support the Past Captains. No decision was made currently, but future committees may wish to look at this.

9. Competition Secretary's Report. Theresa Munns. [Report previously circulated]

Spring meeting was full and a very successful meeting.

Summer meeting is currently full, although one pair has just dropped out. Theresa is hopeful of getting a replacement pair.

Autumn meeting currently has only 34 pairs. Sandra will advertise the event at the AGM. Failing that a notice will go out to delegates reminding them of the event.

2020 venues agreed:

Spring: 24 April at Tall Pines

Summer: 23 July at Saltford

Autumn: 25 September at Long Sutton

10. Website Report. Sally Dymock.

The design of the website has been modified and it is much approved. Access to the SLPCS page much improved.

11. 25th Anniversary Lunch

Susie had procured a sample of the gift proposed for the 25th Anniversary lunch at a very reasonable cost. The proposal was to order 100 of these gifts. Some will be used for people who are unable to attend due to illness and some will be available to purchase at a reasonable cost after the event for those unable to attend.

Di to send a reminder about the Anniversary lunch to delegates in August.

12. AOB

Jane Pitcher is investigating where Intelligent Golf would be available for the SGU and Somerset Ladies. If SLCGA do use Intelligent Golf there may be the opportunity to consider whether it would benefit us. Once everything is installed and settled we can have a demo from Jane.

Only Gwen Cavill's period of time on the Committee is due to expire. Unfortunately there is no role currently available for her to fulfil. Sandra to discuss with Gwen.

Theresa Munns will no longer be the delegate for Mendip Spring; Di Yates will fulfil this role.

Susie announced that Pat Harding, a member of Clevedon, has passed away and she did a lot for the County. Claire announced that Ann Whittaker of Isle of Wedmore has also passed away. Di to write to Delegates in advance of AGM to make sure we have the names of those no longer with us, so we can mention them before the 2 mins silence.

Meeting closed at 12.45 p.m.

Date of next Meeting: 23 August 2019 at Isle of Wedmore