



Somerset Ladies Past Captains

Committee

Minutes of Meeting held at Isle of Wedmore on 10th December 2019

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

1. Apologies. Gwen Cavill.

2. Minutes of meeting held at Isle of Wedmore on 23rd August 2019

Minutes approved and signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising.

25TH Anniversary Celebrations went well. Sandra read a 'Thank You' card received from Fay Galley. Lesley Organ left her gift behind on the day; we will make sure she receives a towel at the Spring meeting.

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

Sandra reported on England Golf's communication problems. At present there is no means of electronic information being presented; only if you attend meetings can you receive important information.

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

Claire reported that we continue to be in a healthy financial position with funds currently £8k+. Claire advised those present that we should continue with subsidising matches. Claire distributed "Draft" accounts; this confirms we are in a good position and have a good working capital available.

6. Kit Report. Susie Gibbins. [Verbal Report]

Susie reported that the kit is fully stocked. 25th Anniversary towels were a great success and will be available for members to purchase. We have a number of retractable pencils which will be included in the Nearest the Pin competitions for 2020.

7. Match Organiser's Report. Linda Johnson. [Linda's Match Report – Attachment 1].

The 2020 match captains were agreed as follows:

Cornwall – 20th April – Home at Enmore Park: Claire Biggs

Dorset – 17th June – Away to Knighton Heath: Theresa Munns

Gwent – 18th June – Home at Mendip Spring: Di Yates

Devon – 6th July - Away to Wrangaton: Sally Dymock

Hampshire – 13th July – Away to Hockley: Gwen Cavill

Wiltshire – 3rd August – Home at Clevedon: Linda Johnson

Past Captains: 1st September – Away to Wells: Sandra Ford

Gloucester: 22nd September – Away to Long Ashton: Susie Gibbins

Di to issue match availability letter to Delegates. Members need to respond to Linda Johnson by 1st February. (Action: Di to E:Mail electronic version of Delegate list to Linda Johnson.)

Discussion then took place about possible venues for our 2021 matches:

Dorset: Orchardleigh or Long Sutton
Devon: Minehead, Long Sutton or T&P
Hampshire: Wheathill or Long Sutton
Past Captains: Sandra to discuss with fellow organiser
Gloucester: Stockwood Vale, Isle of Wedmore

Sandra thanked Gwen on a smooth handover to Linda.

8. Team Event 2020. Susie Gibbins. [Verbal]

The hard work will commence in the New Year. To-date no one has withdrawn. If a team member did withdraw, the committee agreed, it would be that Team Captain's responsibility to find a replacement. Some discussion took place about how ladies could indicate they would be willing to stand as a possible replacement if they were unsuccessful in gaining entry into the event. A tick-box sentence on the entry form to be considered.

Susie mentioned a comment had been made about the ballot; once she had explained the situation that member seemed to understand our position better. Last year's winners are disappointed that they did not get in to defend their position.

Discussion then took place about possible venues for 16th/17th May 2021. At the AGM members indicated they would prefer a change of venue, however the Committee did agree that financial costings should be taken into account too. Therefore Susie will obtain quotes from the following venues:

Woodbury Park; Tracy Park; Vale of Glamorgan; Tewkesbury Park; Puckrup Hall; Bowood (Wiltshire); Donnington Valley and Bryn Meadows.

9. Competition Secretary's Report. Theresa Munns. [Verbal Report]

The Autumn meeting went well. Theresa expressed concerns about the One4All cards and explained that you need to tell the vendor how much is on the card. If you don't know then you are unable to use the card. It was agreed to go back to either M&S cards or John Lewis for 2020.

The costings for 2020 were agreed:

Spring Meeting: 24th April at Tall Pines £18 per person
Summer Meeting: 23rd July at Saltford £18 per person
Autumn Meeting: 25th September at Long Sutton: £34 per person

Di to inform Delegates of the dates so members will hopefully have plenty of time to prepare who they will play with.

Theresa will update entry forms to include the following sentence: "You will be notified if you are on the reserve list for this event."

10. Website Report. Sally Dymock.

Congratulations to Sally for a brilliant the job. We can now find things on the website!

Di to send a letter to Delegates asking that they encourage members to use the website (include a link).

Sally reported that the flash player will no longer be supported after 2020 and so some changes can be expected.

Sally reported that Lesley Organ is updating our historic archives.

11. AOB

None.

Meeting closed at 12.05 p.m.

The first two meeting dates for 2021 were agreed and the Christmas Lunch booked:

Monday 24th February 2020 10 a.m. at Isle of Wedmore

Monday 4th May 2020 10 a.m. at Isle of Wedmore

Tuesday 1st December 2020: 10 a.m. Committee meeting following by 12.30 p.m. lunch.
(Di to E:Mail past committee members)

Match Organiser Report

I must start by thanking Gwen for all her hard work in arranging the match venues for next year.

You should all have received the match summary so that we can choose the match captains for the coming season during this meeting. After the meeting I shall send each captain a summary sheet for their match and I would ask you to please send an email to your opposing captain introducing yourself.

I have prepared a letter for delegates and a match request sheet which will be sent out in early January. I have decided to remove the option to enter contact details. All contact details will be taken from our master spreadsheet which will, hopefully, ensure fewer errors and also allow me to check that the ladies entering matches have paid their dues.

The deadline for match entry is 1st February 2020 and I expect to have the match selection completed and sent to delegates and captains by 1st March.

SLPCS Matches 2020

Match	Date	Home / Away	Venue
Somerset v Cornwall	Monday 20 April 2020	Home	Enmore Park GC
Somerset v Dorset	Wednesday 17 June 2020	Away	Knighton Heath GC
Somerset v Gwent	Thursday 18 June 2020	Home	Mendip Spring GC
Somerset v Devon	Monday 6 July 2020	Away	Wrangaton GC
Somerset v Hampshire	Monday 13 July 2020	Away	Hockley GC
Somerset v Wiltshire	Monday 3 August 2020	Home	Clevedon GC
Past Captains Men v Women	Tuesday 1 September 2020	Away	Wells GC
Somerset v Gloucestershire	Tuesday 22 September 2020	Away	Long Ashton GC

Attached with this report are also copies of the Match Organiser procedures and Match Captains Checklist. I would welcome any comments as I hope these documents will be helpful in ensuring smooth running of the matches.

Copies of all documents are currently in word format. I am intending to convert all documents, which do not require editing, to PDF to ensure they can be read on iPad etc.

To help speed things up on match day I have produced label templates and purchased a box of labels. These can be updated with names and affixed to the cards to save time writing them all out. I recommend writing the handicaps and shots on once these have been confirmed. I shall be giving a couple of sheets to each home captain and will send the templates with the team details.

I have started thinking about our venues for 2021. The difficulty going forwards is inevitably one of cost. I intend to ask for coffee only before a match followed by a 2-course meal. Hopefully this will enable me to find good venues near to our £27 budget. If anyone has any suggestions for venues or would like to help me secure a good deal at their own club, I am happy for the input.