



Somerset Ladies Past Captains Committee
Minutes of Meeting at Isle of Wedmore on Tuesday 9th April 2024

Present. Claire Biggs, Susie Gibbins, Sally Dymock, Gwen Cavill, Linda Johnson and Di Yates

1. Apologies Sue Chambers

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 11th December 2023

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising: None

4. Chairman's Report: Claire Biggs

It is too early in the season to report on any issues. However, it is disappointing to see the lower numbers for our Spring, Summer and Autumn Meetings.

Sadly our match against Cornwall was postponed from Monday 8th April to Monday 1st July. My thanks to Enmore Golf Club for being so helpful with the change in dates.

5. Treasurer's Report: Claire Biggs

Claire issued the latest Account Balance Sheet. Extremely healthy as monies collected for Spring, Summer and Autumn meetings, plus the balance money for Team Event in May. These monies will soon be paid to the various Clubs hosting these events in 2024. Honorariums still to be paid to members of Committee.

This year the members' fee only reflects those new to the SLPCs as we did not ask for subscriptions from current members for our 30th Anniversary celebrations. Claire then asked for any suggestions on how we can use our surplus funds that is helpful to all members. Various suggestions were aired including giving another free year for annual subscriptions to current members; holding an annual 'Social' lunch at a subsidised price allowing those who no longer wish to play 18 holes to socialise with their SLPC friends made over many years. We currently have 212 members (2 of which are from different counties).

Claire also reported that Sandra Ford had been removed as a signatory on the bank account. Susie Gibbins has been added. Claire confirmed Susie has been given electronic access.

6. Kit Report. Susie Gibbins

Susie reported that not much kit has been purchased recently. Following a suggestion from a member to put pictures of the kit on-line for ladies to look at, Susie reported that she has taken photos which do not do the kit justice. Susie will be hoping to ask a charity shop to allow her access to a dressmaker's 'dummy' to dress and hopefully this will aid in improving the pictures for the website. **Action:** Susie/Sally

Discussion then took place about the current ball-markers, towels and pencils. After much discussion it was decided to use these at the Team Event.

7. Team Event 2024. Susie Gibbins.

Susie outlined the procedure for the two days at Donnington Valley. With the transfer to inputting cards on IG we are hopeful to save time on the Monday. Angie Frith has been given access to Donnington Valley on the Somerset Website.

Due to team changes CDH numbers will need to be obtained from those new players and passed to Angie Frith.

Team Captains will play more of a leading role in respect of preparing own cards, ordering wine, making sure the shot-gun start time is adhered to. Susie has covered all these issues in her letter to Team Captains. 76 goody bags have been prepared.

2026: Contract has been signed. Susie proposed increasing Prize fund from £13 to £15. **Agreed.**

Prize Fund for 2024: Susie's proposal was agreed. The five teams not winning a prize will be offered towels. The 5 team captains will be asked to come at the same time to collect their team's gift.

Di offered to take photos on Monday of winning teams for website; Sally/Gwen to prepare 2's envelopes and help as and when they can.

8. Match Organiser's Report. Linda Johnson

Linda is now working on 2025 Match dates. Once dates are organised it was proposed that these dates be placed on the website to enable members to view.

9. Competition Secretary's Report. Sue Chambers

Sue Chamber's had circulated her report in advance. Disappointing numbers for Spring meeting. Sue has prepared most of the paperwork, but due to family commitments, will not be able to be at the Spring meeting. Thanks to Gwen for supporting Sue in running this event for us.

10. Website Report. Sally Dymock

Linda Johnson observed that the records of winners since 2012 needs updating.

The Archive records currently held by Secretary was handed over to Sally so that the website archive can be updated. Claire asked for a back-up widget to be created. Once Sally has uploaded the paper copies can be destroyed.

11. AOB

30th Anniversary Menu: Claire had already spoken to Hannah about adding a 'salmon' option. It was proposed to offer 2 courses. **Action: Di to contact Hannah. Increase options from 3 mains to 4, and the same for dessert.**

After some discussion it was recognised that the committee needs new members.
Action: Di to contact Delegates in respect of positions on Committee and entering Summer and Autumn meeting. We definitely need a new Treasurer, Linda would appreciate someone to 'Shadow' Match Organiser Role, and a member only role would be beneficial. If anyone wishes to know what is expected Claire Biggs would be happy to discuss.

Meeting closed at 12:10

Next meeting Tuesday 2nd July at 10 a.m. Isle of Wedmore