



Somerset Ladies Past Captains Committee
Minutes of Meeting at Isle of Wedmore on Monday 11th December 2023

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

1. **Apologies.** Linda Johnson and Sue Chambers
2. **Minutes of Meeting held on 30th October 2023**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

3. **Matters Arising:**

Following on from our Zoom meeting a decision was made for all members who wish to renew their membership are not required to pay the subscription fee for 2024. Any new Lady Captain joining our Society at the end of their term of office will be required to pay the £5 joining fee. All Delegates have been informed.

4. **Chairman's Report**

Claire thanked all the committee for their hard work and wished them all an enjoyable Christmas and hope you enjoy the gifts.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

Claire presented the draft accounts. Donnington Valley does not require full payment until two weeks before the SLPC Team Event.

In respect of 'Cash held for Competitions' in Summer 2020 Claire, as Treasurer, refunded all entrants for the Spring, Summer and Autumn meeting. This left the sum of £108.00 in the future this will now be identified as Covid Surplus.

6. **Kit Report. Susie Gibbins**

Susie produced samples of possible replacements for polo shirts and blue jumpers. The jumpers would be acceptable. As Susie has purchased a large amount of the new polo shirts and other kit before the price increase is introduced, the members present felt that there was no rush to find an alternative polo shirt at this time.

7. **Team Event 2024. Susie Gibbins.**

Susie confirmed we have 19 teams and no penalty clause incurred. We have 4 individual reserves.

Di will be working with Sandra to assist with inputting of cards; Gwen/Sally will assist with the 2's pot similar to last year.

Susie discussed which venue she should approach for 2025; all present agreed Donnington Valley would be best. Susie relayed her discussions with Vale of Glamorgan as a possible venue for 2026.

8. Match Organiser's Report. Linda Johnson

Linda had previously circulated a list of dates of matches and asking Committee Members to decide which match they will run on behalf of the SLPC.

The Captains are:

Cornwall, Monday 8th April at Enmore, Claire Biggs

Devon, Thursday 23rd May at Wheathill, Sally Dymock*

Dorset, Thursday 6th June at The Mendip, Sue Chambers

Gwent, Thursday 20th June at Brean, Di Yates

Hampshire, Thursday 25th July at Waterlooville, Gwen Cavill

Wiltshire, Monday 19th August at Highpost, Linda Johnson

Men Captain's Tuesday 10th September at Brean, Claire Biggs

Gloucestershire, Tuesday 17th September at Shirehampton, Susie Gibbins

Sally explained she is still planning to move house in 2024 and if needs be she may need some assistance with the Devon match. Volunteers are on hand to assist.

9. Competition Secretary's Report. Sue Chambers

Sue's E:Mail concerning 2025 dates had previously been circulated. Gwen and Sue will work together and each will take a particular lead on each of these meetings. It was generally thought that Wednesday's should not be a day chosen for our meetings.

10. Website Report. Sally Dymock

Sally reported all working well. She has been bringing up-to-date the Archive section. The secretary reported she had a box dating back to when the Committee first started and will happily hand it over to Sally at the next meeting to help with the Archive information held.

11. AOB

Claire proposed issuing 'A Captain's Newsletter' in early January, this will include a reminder about the Spring, Summer, Autumn Meeting (a poster has already been prepared and Gwen will send to Claire for attachment) also our 30th Anniversary Celebrations to be held on 28th October 2024 at Isle of Wedmore. Menu still awaited.

The newsletter will also suggest helpful ways member may wish to car share to assist with travel arrangements, a welcome message to our incoming Past Captains, and other helpful ideas. A 'feel good' factor message to try and garner some enthusiasm which seems to be sadly lacking across the whole country!

Dress code for matches, the Men's match, Spring, Summer and Autumn meeting, and the Team Event were discussed. Gwen proposed that match captains agree in advance of the match whether we will change or not and let team members know in plenty of time. In respect of the Men's match, the Autumn meeting and Team Event changing after was considered appropriate. Action: We need to make it clear what our expectations of members changing or not at our events and give plenty of notice.

The Committee dates for 2024 were agreed all commencing at 10 a.m. at the Isle of Wedmore:

9 April, 2 July and 9 December

If there is an urgent topic we need to have a discussion on we will hold a zoom meeting.

Meeting closed at 11.45 a.m. followed by Christmas lunch.