



Somerset Ladies Past Captains Committee
Minutes of Meeting at Isle of Wedmore on Tuesday 2nd July 2024

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

1. **Apologies** None
2. **Minutes of Meeting held on 9th April 2024**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

3. **Matters Arising:** None
4. **Chairman's Report: Claire Biggs**

Claire was pleased to report a win against Cornwall 5 ½ to 2 ½ yesterday at Enmore Park. Well done team. Although issues with travel to Enmore were encountered by ladies, with one exception, all players arrived before the first team went out. Claire will E:Mail Enmore (Alice) thanking them for their help throughout. At the same time, Claire will point out a few issues encountered with catering; this did not detract from a lovely day had by all.

Claire asked that we continue to ask Ladies to make it clear when making payments into the SLPC account that they make clear reference to the event they are paying for and their surname. **Action: All**

In respect of the Hampshire match, near Waterlooville, we have 12 ladies staying overnight at the same Premier Inn. 4 have already made restaurant bookings. Claire will book a table for the remaining 8 ladies for 7 p.m. **Action: Claire to book table**

In respect of 30th Anniversary Lunch Claire has agreed a costing with Isle of Wedmore for a welcome drink of Prosecco and/or Orange Juice. This will come out of our funds. After some discussion it was agreed that Susie purchase green and red napkins for the tables to link with our logo. Susie proposed she make a floral arrangement for each table which was gratefully accepted. **Action: Di to inform Hannah about not requiring napkins.**

5. **Treasurer's Report: Claire Biggs**

Claire issued the latest Account Balance Sheet. All healthy.

After some discussion about our annual membership fee, Claire confirmed that we would continue membership at £5 per year. **Action: Di to prepare renewal letters for 2025.**

6. Kit Report. Susie Gibbins

Susie confirmed that small bit and pieces are being purchased. At this stage no need to purchase more stock. It was proposed that Susie look into providing SLPC 'visors'.

Action: Susie to ask her contact about costings

7. Team Event 2024. Susie Gibbins.

2024 was a very successful team event and Claire thanked Susie for all her hard work. A fantastic time was had by all.

Susie will be finalising the 2025 Donnington Valley contract soon, and update it to include tea/coffee after the game on Monday. Susie produced a breakdown of costings. There was a loss of £208.96 – although Susie has checked the accounts several times. Claire was happy this amount could be absorbed; bearing in mind we made a small profit in 2023. Susie also expressed the opinion that Donnington Valley was such a popular venue that she expects 21 teams for 2025; which will mean a ballot may be required.

Susie also explained that she will be asking Donnington Valley if we could start earlier on day 1 i.e. 11 a.m. So many ladies arrived early that it make sense to go out earlier, if acceptable, so we can enjoy more relaxing afterwards. Day 2 to continue at 10.30 a.m.

In respect of 2026 Susie mentioned returning to Donnington Valley, or obtaining quotes from Vale of Glamorgan or St Pierre. The committee expressed the option of which of these venues should be contacted and we awaiting Susie's report in due course.

8. Match Organiser's Report. Linda Johnson

All match dates have been agreed for 2025. See below.

Away Matches			
Cornwall	Monday 7th April 2025	Away	Launceston
Devon	Friday 30th May 2025	Away	Okehampton
Dorset	Wednesday 4th June 2025	Away	Isle of Purbeck
Gwent	Monday 9th June 2025	Away	The Monmouthshire
Home Matches			
Men Captains	Tuesday 1st July 2025	Home	Brean
Hampshire	Thursday 24th July 2025	Home	Cricket St Thomas

Wiltshire	Monday 18th August 2025	Home	Wells
Gloucestershire	22nd September 2025	Home	Enmore

Linda has done her best to select clubs that have sensible costings. After some discussion the match fee for 2025 was set at £35 per match.

9. Competition Secretary's Report. Sue Chambers

Sue Chamber's had sent an E:Mail concerning 2025 dates.

Spring: Saltford on 28th April 2025

Summer: Clevedon on 28th July 2025

Autumn: Worlebury on 12th September 2025.

Concern was expressed about the lack of entries for our Autumn meeting. Only 7 pairs. It is not fair on clubs holding these dates for such a small field. After some discussion it was decided to cancel the 2024 Autumn meeting at Mendip Spring. **Action: Claire to refund current entrants. Sue Chambers to provide names to Claire.**

This is extremely concerning as our meetings over the last few years have been dwindling. Having recovered from Covid there is a definite lack of interest in our members for our Spring, Summer and Autumn meetings. Matches do not seem to be affected at all.

After some discussion the Secretary was actioned to prepare an E:Mail to our ladies, issued to Delegates as normal, asking them their opinion on:

- What they would like from a meeting in respect of cost, format of competition, distance to travel
- To keep costs down in the Autumn meeting – have refreshments to start but no meal after the game. Is this what the ladies would prefer? Is the format not appealing?
- What are their expectations – very popular competitions years ago – what has changed their commitment?
- Suggestions welcomed, and will be discussed by the committee.

Gwen will be running the Summer meeting and Spring meeting 2025 whilst Sue deals with her family commitments. Sue expressed her thanks to Gwen and Sally.

Gwen and Sally then circulated the pamphlet for Summer and tee sheets. These will be placed on the website shortly.

Gwen was actioned to design and produce a 'brochure' for members and delegates to headline the dates of SLPC events in 2025. Although in draft form the committee agreed that it was exactly what was required to advertise our events to our members a year in advance. When approved to be distributed to delegates and placed on the

website. **Action: Gwen to provide final version to Sally and Di. Sally to place on website; Di to circulate to Delegates.**

10. Website Report. Sally Dymock

All working well. Later today pictures of the Cornwall match will be uploaded.

11. 30th Anniversary Lunch

Di gave an update on current numbers – 47 so far. 2 tables of 12 and the rest tables of 8. A lady has asked for cheese/biscuit instead of one of the desserts. The additional cost for this will be £4 – the lady has been E:Mailed and we await her decision.

Claire/Susie/Di to arrive around 11 a.m. on the day to make sure place settings, flowers, etc is all in place.

12. AOB

AGM Agenda to be placed on website and circulated to Delegates. **Action: Sally/Di**

Claire asked the secretary to contact Jo Francis-Pope who has shown some interest in taking a non-specific role on committee. **Action: Di to write to Jo Francis-Pope.**

Meeting closed at 12:20 p.m.

Next meeting our AGM on 29th July at Enmore Park.