



Somerset Ladies Past Captains Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on 28th October at Isle of Wedmore

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

- 1. Apologies.** None
- 2. Minutes of meeting held at Isle of Wedmore 22nd May 2022**

Minutes approved and signed as a true record.

- 3. Matters arising.**

None.

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

Sandra congratulated the committee on another successful year.

Sandra reported that there is on-going discussion about whether the term of "Ladies" over "Woman" is being discussed at County level and above. The general consensus of this committee is that the use of 'Ladies' is all encompassing, changing to 'Women' would incur a lot of additional cost in respect of kit, logo and signage. We are happy to stay as 'Ladies'.

Sandra also reported that Woodhall Spa is being completely refurbished, despite concerns raised. 90% of the golfing community will never get to use this facility!

Sandra also reported about on-going discussion concerning reducing from 6 Regions to 4 Regions similar to the men. This would obviously affect our Inter-County match week. We believe this would not suit the ladies of Somerset as they enjoy match play, rather than 36 holes medal rounds each day.

Jean Booth of Burnham & Berrow Golf Club has been proposed as SW Rep.

- 5. Treasurer's Report. Claire Biggs. [Report Circulated]**

Claire presented the accounts. Claire gave a quick update on payment of deposit for 2023 Team Event of £1,500.

There was a loss for the Autumn meeting mainly due to a Past Captains death at Mendip Spring, all affected members withdrew from the Autumn meeting to attend the funeral. No one asked for a refund. As no one asked it was decided to refund their entry fees.

Match income has improved over 2021. More matches have been played.

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

As hoped for Susie brought along some samples to replace the white cotton team shirts. The cost is expected to be £16.50. It was decided to opt for the white Henbury, with navy trim on collar keeping it in line with current shirts. The material is lovely and soft and has some flexibility. Susie is hopeful that we can, at an additional cost, find a way of removing the sleeves. This will enable us to offer sleeved and sleeveless with the same product. **Action:** Susie to report back at the December meeting re sleeveless.

Susie needs to restock soon.

7. Match Organiser's Report. Linda Johnson. [Report Circulated].

Linda reported that final confirmation from Gwent still outstanding. Working on Gwent charging £40 per person, the average match fee works out at £35.06 per player. Linda proposed that for 2023 match fees should be set at £35 per person. **Approved.**

Linda also reported that to keep costings at a reasonable level not all matches will have a 2 course meal included.

For the Cornwall match there is an opportunity to stay the night before, and Linda will include this in her match information.

Action: Linda/Di to send out match sign-up information in January as usual. Linda to confirm team selection by mid-March.

8. Team Event 2023. Susie Gibbins. [Verbal]

Susie confirmed deposit of £1,500 has been paid to Woodbury Park.

We had 23 teams enter, which meant a draw had to be carried out. We now have 21 teams confirmed, and one reserve team.

The criteria for team selection was discussed. One thought was that preference should be given to those who regularly support our competitions and matches. On-going.

Di Yates agreed to act as photographer at Woodbury Park

9. Competition Secretary's Report. Sue Chambers [Report Circulated]

After some discussion it was agreed that the following fees will be applied to Spring, Summer and Autumn:

Spring	£25 per person
Summer	£25 per person
Autumn	£72 per pair

Gwen Cavill is happy to help with the Autumn meeting as last year; Sue is unlikely to be in the country. Others also offered their assistance.

Sandra also offered her assistance via IG, this would require Club's allowing her access. All scorecard labels could be printed off that morning.

10. Website Report. Sally Dymock.

Sally reported that she intends to add the Hampshire match report soon. Also she will be updating the Archives to include this year's winners. All agreed the website is looking great and easy to traverse.

11. AOB

Sandra reported that there is a button on IG for the 'Most Improved Golfer'. Unfortunately it doesn't seem to be working correctly.

Gwen Cavill gave her apologies for the Christmas Lunch on 12th December.

In respect of action to send a letter to Lady Captains who have completed their term of office and explain what the SLPCS has to offer them. Di Yates reported she had some positive replies.

Susie gave a quick update on Course Rating.

Meeting closed at 11.00 a.m.

Date of next meeting 12th December at Isle of Wedmore followed by Christmas Lunch.