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**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Ladies Section of Wheathill  
Golf Club held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 6pm at 29 Fielding  
Way, Street**

**Present**

Fiona Cruse (FC)	Lady Captain
Sylvia Bates (SB)	Vice Captain
Judith Rowsell (JR)	Competition Secretary
Karen Forward (KF)	Handicap Secretary
Sam Thorpe (ST)	Treasurer
Kate Cleverly (KC)	County Delegate
Nicky Wisniewski (NW)	New Members Delegate
Anne Scott (AS)	Past Captain
Nic Boyd (NB)	Secretary

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup> 2024 were accepted as an accurate record. Proposed by ST and seconded by AS

**3. Matters Arising**

No matters arising

**4. Main Committee**

Initial MC meeting is tomorrow

**5. Lady Captain's Report (FC)**

At the AGM in December the committee were asked to look again at the Championship format for 2026 and this is something we will address in the near future. KF can you look into survey monkey/Club V1?

*Karen will look into a survey/ link*

My first competition as Lady Captain was the Chicken Run. It was under threat from the bad weather we had had in November/December but fortunately it went ahead as planned followed by a carvery meal. We were also able to hold the Seniors Double on 5s and the Christmas Roll up without any weather issues. Some of us took part in the Christmas Cracker and Marion won the best costume.

Pete Westcott put together a report showing the Competition vs General Play list which he sent to all sections. Karen has since put an updated copy in the changing room.

Kate was elected as our County Delegate but unfortunately, I didn't realise that the meetings were held during the day. After a little investigation and following advice from Jen, Lynn will step in as Kate's deputy for any meeting she cannot attend. Kate will also captain the Centenary Plate for us again this year.

We have a bye in the first round of the Rogers Cup and will play Saltford in the second round at Wedmore (May)

Sylvia very kindly did Lavender Cottage rota for 2025, thank you, and this is now displayed in the changing room. I have asked members in a recent email to consider if they wanted to go on the 'Willing to Help' list. To date, I have not received any replies.

## **6. Vice Captain's Report (SB)**

On behalf of the Ladies Committee, I would like to thank Fiona for hosting the first Committee Meeting of 2025.

Also a warm welcome to Kate (Cleverly) and welcome back to Karen (Forward).

I met with Nicky to hand over the New Member's Delegate Role.

I have posted the sign-up Sheet in the Locker Room for the Tri Matches and the Friendly matches. Please be mindful of the Handicap Restrictions for the Tri Matches – if you have any queries please let me know.

Also, I have posted the Mixed Open on Golf Empire and forwarded details to the Pro Shop.

I will meet with Vicky in the next few weeks to firm up on meals etc for the Tri Match and Friendlies held at Wheathill.

Lynda Huzal from Wedmore Senior Ladies has been in touch with me regarding a match. I have forwarded contact details to Greta Hillier.

## **7. Treasurer's Report (ST)**

Treasurer Report up to 22/01/2025

Bank balances: Current A/c £709.46

Charity A/C £180.42

Reserve A/C £580.21

Women On Par A/C £110.00

For the new accounting year, the charity account received £160 from the Christmas Cracker raffle plus funds that Fiona raised selling the charity pins on the day.

Women on Par still showing balance of £110.00 this is the money raised on Lady Captains Day. The money is to be kept separate towards any potential repairs or replacement of Lavendar Cottage. Perhaps we should discuss this in more detail, suggestions as to how/when we will try to raise further funds. When is Women on par grant next due as I haven't received anything yet.

*NW to investigate the grant from Somerset Golf*

Reserve Account had received all monies in for the away weekend and the deposit has been paid away.

*FC to empty the goblet in clubhouse – will give to ST*

## **8. Competition Secretary's Report (JR)**

### **January 2025 Competition Report**

#### **Results of the Chicken Run**

Individual Stableford. 25 Ladies entered

1<sup>st</sup>. Jenny Marshfield 42 pts. Jenny also won Henny Penny for 2025.

2<sup>nd</sup> Carolyn Durston 39 pts

3<sup>rd</sup> Karen Forward 38pts

4<sup>th</sup> Fiona Cruse 35 pts

Nearest the pin in 2 on the 15<sup>th</sup> Fiona Cruse

Nearest the Chicken on the 12<sup>th</sup> Janet Flanagan.

*Notice to go on the chicken next year that it is not to be moved!*

Everyone received a prize from Fiona our new lady Captain which was appreciated by everyone. Thank you, Fiona.

#### **Result of the Senior Ladies Double on Par 5's**

Individual Stableford. 16 Senior Ladies entered.

1<sup>st</sup> Jen Warmington 42pts + 9 bonus pts = 51 pts

2<sup>nd</sup> Jenny Marshfield 44 pts + 6 bonus points = 50pts

3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Gates 42pts + 6 bonus points = 48 pts

*JR has registered Wheathill for Daily Mail foursomes.*

*JR confirmed that KF will check handicaps each month so ladies know there qualifying status.*

*JR looked at competition book. Some comps and qualifying details are no longer accurate. JR, KF and FC to look at updating the book.*  
*JR has taken scorecards displayed as they are no longer relevant. KF to review them and replace.*  
*FC is going to update the Ladies Handbook (LHB)– FC to do the front page and JR to update rest of content.*  
*Discussion about giving all member access to NMHB and LHB via club website and send email to inform all members how to access.*  
*Celee trophy to go up – message via ClubV1 to all members to let anyone know to contact JR if they are unable to get to the club. But entries must be in before closing date of comp.*

## **9. Handicap Secretary's Report (KF)**

Not much to report. I have successfully logged into both Club V1 and WHS platform and had a play with them both.

I have put a spreadsheet on the noticeboard in the Ladies changing room which shows the state of play regarding how many qualifiers each of the ladies have at the moment. I intend to do this each month so everyone knows exactly where they are.

I do think we have to look at past competitions regarding handicap limits for entries as most competitions were introduced when the handicap maximum was 36. Now that it is 54+ it does make some competitions a little unfair. I am thinking in particular about the Shire Trophy. Because it is a winter competition the course is much shorter and for someone to have to potentially give away 20 shots makes it a little unfair.

*This was agreed by the committee*

I read through the information passed on to us from Janet Fear regarding the policy for gender and fairness. I think it just says that everyone is eligible to play in any competition under the gender they associate themselves with as long as it is a handicap competition. In scratch competitions you can only enter a ladies competition if you were born female.

*Committee discussed the issue of access to the disabled toilet. An ongoing problem to be considered at club level.*

## **10. County Delegate's Report (KC)**

Thank you to Lynn and Nicky for attending the Committee Meeting.  
Feedback from the meeting:

New captain is Sarah Whittock (Saltford)

Squad training dates and matches are all on the county website  
All competitions are now live and can be booked, lets try to encourage our members to enter.

The Roger's Cup and Centenary plate draws have been made. In the Roger's Cup we have a bye in the first round and then play Saltford at Wedmore in the second round (play by 15th June). In the Centenary plate we also have a bye and then play Mendip Spring at Wedmore (play by 15th June)

Next meeting is 12th May at Wells

*FC emailed SLCGA to highlight that Wheathill's report regarding the Women on Par progress and success had not been recognised on the recent minutes. Apology received from Sandra Ford, President of SLCGA.*

#### **11. New Members Report (NW)**

NW has been in discussion with Martin regarding the option of bringing WOP sessions closer together. Martin to look at calendar – considering April and doing two groups of 3 sessions.

This year's programme should be open to only new women on par members – either new members or non-members who want an introduction to golf.

*FC to enquire with AE about offering group sessions to the ladies' section again. This also offers an option of continuing group sessions for the ladies progressing from WoP*

#### **12. Correspondence**

*Letter of thanks from Porphiya Association for £4747.73 raised during the Captaincy year of AS*

#### **13. AOB. –**

#### **Committee Roles**

*Some roles heavier than others and if someone has to leave committee – what to do? Previous roles possible. Maybe link CS and HCS work together.*

*Succession planning – discussion about how to co-opt lady member to help with the bigger committee roles or to recruit ladies to shadow roles with a view to becoming a committee member at a later date.*

*Consider sessions to develop knowledge filling in cards etc.*

## **Rollups**

*Structure to roll ups. – KF and NB (possibly Lynn ) to look at format of the rollup in time to change for the summer.*

## **Ideas for Fund Raising**

*Plans are underway for fund-raising activities. We have a quiz night on the 7<sup>th</sup> Feb organised by Vicky and FC will do a bottle tombola (any donations please).*

*In April there will be a Bingo night and FC will do some sort of raffle.*

*FC has enlisted the help of Jenny Marshfield, Carolyn Durston and Marion to help with fund-raising this year. Jenny has written a letter to send out to sponsors for donations etc. If anyone has friends/family/associates who run a business that will consider a charity donation please send to FC with info.*

*Marion and FC are also going to do a sponsored walk. At the moment the plan is to walk from Padstow to Fowey via an old pilgrimage route.*

*Thoughts on another race night by the rotary club.*

*Also a QR code to link to charity account to 18th bunker. ST to investigate.*

## **Trier's Trophy - April SF**

*KF to discuss with Jan to change month of play and look at comms(?) around encouraging players to enter the comp.*

## **Prizes for Medals**

*Committee agreed that the award criteria for medals and Stablefords are aligned.*

## **Future dates of meeting**

Committee agreed to meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday monthly at Cross Keys Pub *NB to book*

**Meeting concluded approx. 7.30.**

**Date of next meeting: - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30 at Cross Keys Pub**

**Signed as correct.....Date.....25**

Fiona Cruse Lady Captain

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