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**Annual General Meeting of the Ladies Section of Wheathill Golf Club on
Thursday 24th November 2022, at 6.30 pm
Venue: Jubilee Room**

In the Chair: The Lady Captain: Jan Street [JaS] who welcomed all to the 2022 AGM.

It was with great sadness that Jan S announced that Andrew England's (Golf Club Owner), Mother had sadly passed away. She had been ill for some time fondly remembered by many lady members.

Those attending: **From the Ladies Committee:** Jan Street [JaS], Jen Warmington [JW], Anne Scott [AS], Karen Forward [KR] Fiona Cruse [FC], Sam Thorpe [ST]

- 1. Apologies for absence received from Sylvia Bates, Nic Boyd, Dee Powell, Sue Rees, Heather Bush, Di Longman, Helen Griffin, Joan Stone, Sue Creegan, Marion Hodgson and Rachael Farthing.
In attendance:- Committee Members above + Jill Byrne, Greta Hillier, Janette Stewart-Burnett, Sue Adams, Sue Bamping, Anne Gates, Sue Ovland, Judith Rowsell, Gaye Volk, Sandra Bradshaw, Becky Thompson, Melanie Brewin, Val Hyldon, Linda Johnson.**

- 2. Approval of minutes of 2021 AGM - The Minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 25th November 2021 were accepted as an accurate record.**

Proposed by: Jill Byrne Seconded by: Sue Bamping Signed by: Jan Street

- 3. Matters arising – none**

- 4. Lady Captain's Report (JaS)**

I must start my report by saying what an amazing year this has been – fabulous weather, if a little hot at times, and now a bit wet. It feels as though we are almost back to pre-pandemic conditions - although I can speak from personal experience that Covid is still around. However, this year I know many ladies have been able to visit families, take holidays and generally relax back into “normal” life.

It has been a very busy year with competitions, league matches and friendlies. This year we introduced weekly medals as well as stablefords, to allow all ladies more opportunities to take part in these monthly competitions. We had to change dates for

a couple of our competitions due to the Jubilee bank holiday and clashes with other fixtures, and we also changed the format of the All Fools Greensomes to a one-day event. Sadly, we had to cancel our Ladies Open, due to lack of entries, and also the Ladies Get Together, though I know Jen has plans for this excellent social occasion, with a bit of golf, for next year. Our weekly roll ups continue, and this is a great way of meeting fellow lady members and enjoy a round of golf.

Of course, the main competition in the ladies calendar is the Ladies Championship, which this year was won by Vicki Eales, Sam Thorpe won the Best Net and Karen Forward the Mayfield Bronze. The Supporters Trophy was won by Sue Rees and the Gates Best Net by Lynn O'Neill. Congratulations to them and all our prize-winners this year.

We had some hard-fought league matches and finished third in Division 3, which this year has resulted in promotion to Division 2. Whilst we are thrilled to have been promoted, I think we might have preferred to remain in Division 3 due to the different golf courses we would have been playing! Thanks to all the ladies who played in these matches, and special thanks for some super subs, who agreed to play at short notice.

Congratulations too to Kate Cleverley and Sam Thorpe for reaching the second round of the Centenary Plate. Also, to Gin Stewart and Jen Warmington for progressing to the fifth round of the Daily Mail Foursomes, beating some stiff opposition en route. We look forward to more success from them next year as they won our qualifying competition in October.

We had a great day out at Brean, which was good fun, and a fabulous away weekend at St Pierre. Many thanks to Jen, and everyone, for making these two events so special for me.

Further thanks to Jen for organising the Trimatch series – and bringing home the trophy for a second year in a row – again well done to all ladies who played in these most enjoyable and very close matches.

Without doubt my proudest moment this year was captaining the winning Rogers Cup team at Mendip on 4th September. The first time in its 30-year history that a major county competition has been won by Wheathill Golf Club. Quite an achievement. We had played some close games throughout the competition – although our 7-0 win against Minehead at Burnham and Berrow was pretty spectacular! – and the semi-final at Bath and final at Mendip were no exception, winning 4-3 on both occasions. Whilst it was a great honour to be presented with the trophy at Mendip, and again at the Somerset Ladies AGM at Isle of Wedmore last week, I would have preferred it if all the ladies and caddies who had participated throughout could have joined me. This was a true team achievement, and my congratulations and thanks go to all of you – and to our supporters.

And just to round off our year the Ladies Team won the Team Captains Challenge – truly the icing on the cake for what has been a remarkable season for us. My Lady Captain's Day was a great occasion – only slightly spoiled by some inclement weather – but it didn't dampen our spirits. And Jen's Keep Wheathill Tidy trolley was put to good use on our round, both for collecting rubbish and keeping our drinks and snacks safe. The memory of the Wombling Song, mob caps, aprons and noses will stay with

me for a very long time – thank you Jill. Also, thanks for all your excellent work with our ever improving and growing Junior section.

Whilst I have enjoyed all of our success this year, I am even more proud of the amount of money which the members of Wheathill have generously donated to my chosen charity this year – Young Minds. The total raised was £2,047.63 and I know this will help provide much needed services for children and young people who are dealing with mental health issues. Sincere thanks to Jill for contributing to this total from the sale of the super cards made by her son Jack. Thank you.

Of course, we would not be able to enjoy our club without the hard work and dedication of the management and staff who work here – thanks to the green staff who have done wonders with our course during the most difficult of weather conditions. Personal thanks from me to the Pro Shop staff who have been incredibly helpful whenever I have asked them for assistance. And finally, our wonderful, if somewhat smaller in number, clubhouse staff who without fail produce amazing food for all of our occasions, be it matches, competitions, presentation night or every day. Thank you – we really do appreciate everything that you all do.

And finally, special thanks to my committee: Jen, Joan, Anne, Karen, Fiona, Sam and Sylvia. Your hard work and commitment in your various roles has been much appreciated. Also, thanks to past captains for answering my queries, and all of you ladies who have made my year so special - I am really looking forward to next year when I hope to have a holiday and play more golf. It has been an honour to serve as Lady Captain this year and I wish Anne all the best for her year as Vice-Captain and Jen every success in her year as Captain – I know she will do an amazing job. I am sure your new committee will be as supportive as you have all been to me.

5. Treasurer's Report (ST)

Bank balances: Current A/c £928.62
 Charity A/C £2,047.63
 Reserve A/C £592.27

A busy year, for the first time since Covid 19 all competitions went ahead. Competitions were well supported, which is great news. Expenses increased, as costs going up, thus why the ladies committee decided to increase competition entry fees. Fantastic year for the Lady Captains charity, raising just over £2000.

The accounts were accepted as an accurate record.

Proposed by: Ann Gates Seconded by: Greta Hillier Signed by: Jan Street

6. Competition Secretary's Report & Eclectic Report (KF & ST)

This has been the first full year of competitions without the restrictions put in place due to covid. We started in March with the Celee Trophy, which was the first time in two years that it had been played. We did not have the usual All Fools knock out competition this year due to lack of numbers but instead held it on one day on 7th June.

We trialled this year a new format for the Tuppy and Shire Trophies which was to have a league format with a semi-final and final. This was very successful, and we will continue this format in the future.

We also were able to hold our invitation day for the first time in two years. This was a great success and we hosted players from various clubs around the area.

Most competitions have been quite well supported but we are always happy to have larger numbers. Championship Day was once more a great success and congratulations to Vicki Eales, who was our lady champion. Congratulations too must go to Sam Thorpe who won the Mayfield Cup and to Karen Forward who won the Mayfield Bronze.

Our lady captains Day was also a great success and everyone who took part enjoyed seeing our Captain with her adapted trolley and litter picking implements. We are currently starting our winter season and once again have the Chicken Run and Senior Ladies Christmas Trophy to look forward to in December.

It has been a very successful year for the ladies in 2022 and a look forward to an equally successful year in 2023.

Eclectic Report (ST)

A successful year for the Eclectic as we were able to run all three Eclectics for the first time since the pandemic. We had on average 11 entries with 9 ladies participating in all three. The winners of the plate were, Janette Stewart in the Silver competition and Lynn O 'Neill in the bronze. Well done to those ladies and look forward to even better numbers for the next year.

7. Handicap Secretary's Report (FC)

This was my first year in the role of handicap secretary and I was a little daunted by the task but soon found that it was fairly straightforward to set up the Medal and Stableford Competitions. Apart from that, it has been a relatively easy year with very few problems. Most members have got to grips with signing in on the computer and logging their scores afterwards. There will always be a few technical hitches with any system, but should that happen, please let both the pro-shop and me know so that we can correct any mistakes.

This year the qualifying Medals and Stablefords took place from April through to the end of October, although we did hold a non-qualifying Stableford in March. Reflecting on last year where there were only 20 entries in total for the Medal competitions in the whole season, the decision was made to hold a monthly Medal week during this year. This was more successful with 57 entries in total. However, the Stableford entries were down on last year (102 compared to 206). This might be attributed in some degree to the hot weather in July, August as well as our successful participation in external competitions.

Looking at the numbers for Medal competitions, we really do need an overall average of 8 participants to allow us to award a medal, with second and third places getting monetary prizes. If there are between 4 and 6 entries, we generally award a first prize only. This happened in August with Jan Street winning. Well done, Jan!

Unfortunately, in September there were only 3 entries, so we refunded the fees. In the event of someone winning more than one medal in a season, a monetary award is given if requested. Linda Johnson took this option in October. Well done, Linda!

The remaining Medal winners for this year are

April: Karen Forward

May: Sue Moon

June: Linda Johnson

July: Val Hyldon

8. County Delegate's Report (JS)

I have had the pleasure this year of being Wheathill's County Representative. Entries for County competitions have been slightly down this year. Many ladies seem to be under the illusion that only low handicap ladies can enter.

This is not the case. Please look on the Somerset ladies county website for entry information & rules. Website address is: www.Somersetladiesgolf.org.

I have posted the winners of this year county competitions on the notice board, along with a list of Competitions for this 2023. Let's try & get some Wheathill ladies on the winners list next year.

I am pleased to announce that **Becky Thompson is the County Hon Secretary**. We wish her well.

Last but not least, I can't go without mentioning the fantastic achievement of Wheathill winning one of the most prestigious County competitions. 'The Rogers Cup'. This has truly put Wheathill on the map. Well done to everyone who took part.

9. County Senior Ladies Delegate's Report (GH)

It has been a busy year for Somerset Senior Ladies and Wheathill has been brilliantly represented. I would like to thank everyone who played or was a reserve - Sue Bamping, Gaye, Jill, Jan, Becky, Dee, Ann Gates, Joan, Fiona, Sandra and Karen for playing in the Shield Matches and Friendlies, and in particular to Becky and Dee for stepping in at the very last minute to play at Crane Valley with Joan - in the rain!

Results were as follows: -Somerset v Cornwall - win for Cornwall 6/1
Somerset v Devon - win for Devon 4/3
Somerset v Dorset - win for Dorset Somerset v. Glos - win for Somerset
Somerset v. Hants - win for Hants 4/3
Captain v. Captain Elect - The Captain Elect team won.

The Friendly v. Wedmore was cancelled this year due to illness on both teams, but we are scheduling at Wheathill for summer 23.

In 2023 - two of the matches are at Wheathill and also at Long Sutton, Cricket St Thomas and Taunton and Pickeridge, so much closer to home than this year.

All Senior Ladies are automatically members of the Southwest Veterans and are all eligible to play in the Spring and Autumn Field days. - In the spring the comp is at Lanhydrock and at Stover Park in the autumn.

The schedule for next year is now on the Seniors Board

Shield match v. Cornwall at Carlyon Bay in May
Shield match v Dorset at Wheathill in June
Shield match v. Devon at Honiton in July
Friendly match Capt v. Vice Capt at Wheathill in August
Friendly match v. Hants at Meon Valley in August
There is one further match to be arranged v. Glos

Please sign up when the sheets go onto the board.

So again, thank you to everyone who offered to play or played this year - we have 22 senior lady members which is fantastic and let's hope for some good Somerset wins in 2023.

I will be collecting subs this evening and at the Senior Ladies Stableford - or please place in the safe in an envelope asap.

10. New Members Report (SB)

During 2022, 8 new lady members have joined Wheathill Golf Club, together with 2 ladies returning to the Golf Club. All have been offered support by me and the Ladies Section. This includes ensuring they have a copy of the latest Ladies Handbook and I have been able to play some fun rounds during the year. It is encouraging to see several of the new ladies take part in competitions and social events.

11. Election of Officers

The following positions on the committee had become vacant for the forthcoming year: **Secretary, County Delegate.**

Nominations were received as follows:

Secretary: Becky Thompson

Proposer: Jen Warmington

Seconder: Jan Street

County Members Delegate: Nic Boyd

Proposer: Jen Warmington

Seconder: Gin Stewart-Burnett

There being no other nominees, for these posts, Nic Boyd and Becky Thompson are elected unopposed.

The ladies committee for 2022/23 will be:

Lady Captain

Jen Warmington

Vice-Captain

Anne Scott

Past Captain

Jan Street

Treasurer

Sam Thorpe

Secretary

Becky Thompson

Handicap Secretary

Fiona Cruse

Competitions Secretary
County Delegate
Senior Ladies County Delegate
New members Delegate

Karen Forward
Nic Boyd
Greta Hillier
Sylvia Bates

New Lady Captain's Speech (JW)

Thank you, ladies.

Firstly, I would like to pay tribute to Jan, who has put in so much effort to make 2022 such a successful.....and memorable year.

As you've heard Wheathill Ladies have gone from strength to strength - so on behalf of the Ladies' Section I would like to present her with these gifts as a thank you for all her hard work over the last 12 months.

Presentation of gifts and flowers, from the Lady Members, Bird Bath, Garden Sculpture, Flowers and Photo frame pictures of her Lady Captain's Day.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Jan for her guidance, this year. I've definitely got a hard act to follow but, hopefully I will be able to carry on where she has left off. Fortunately, she has been an excellent teacher....and I know that Anne and all the Committee will also lend their support when I need it.

It is an honour to be your Lady Captain and also a great privilege to be able to choose the charity that we will all support, throughout the year. This year I have chosen Prostate Cancer UK to be, not just, the Lady Captain's Charity but, I hope, with the support of the other Sections....the Wheathill charity for 2023.

I lost my own father to this disease, back in 2008, and sadly it still affects 1 in 8 men in the UK. Like all forms of cancer, early diagnosis and treatment is key....so my hope is that we can, not only, raise lots of money but.... just as importantly, raise vital awareness amongst us all, helping in the battle to save the lives, of so many of our men.

Finally, if you have any concerns, suggestions or questions, over the coming year, please do not hesitate to get in touch and I will do my best to help in any way I can. Let's hope 2023 is another good year, for Wheathill Ladies.

12. AOB – None

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.05pm.

The AGM for 2022 will be held on Thursday 23rd November 2023 at 6.30 pm.

Signed as correct: Date:

Jen Warmington (In the Chair)