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**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Ladies Section of
Wheathill Golf Club held on Tuesday 16th April 2024, 6.30 pm
in the Cross Keys, Lydford**

Present	Anne Scott (AS)	Ladies Captain
	Nic Boyd (NB)_	Handicap Secretary
	Fiona Cruse (FC)	Vice Captain
	Becky Thompson (BT)	Secretary
	Jen Warmington (JW)	Past Captain
	Nicky Wisniewski (NW)	County Delegate

1. Apologies for absence

Sylvia Bates (SB)	New Members Delegate
Sam Thorpe (ST)	Treasurer

2. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th February 2024 were accepted as an accurate record. Proposed by FC, Seconded by JW and signed by the Lady Captain AS.

3. Matters Arising

- Roles of Committee members. *Duties - to be circulated to all members for discussion once all reports have been received. All reports have been received apart from Captain, Competition Secretary and Treasurer.*
- Constitution- Comments to take back to MCM. *No comments to take.*
- Disabled Toilet more accessible. *Will be discussed at the MCM.*
- Moving Lavender Cottage? *Compostable - both ladies and mens. AS said that this will be raised at the MCM.*

4. Main Committee

- **Course Rating Boards** - England Golf are supplying display boards.
- **Handicap Reviews** - AF had concerns about which competitions should or shouldn't be included in the handicap review. Specifically, winter comps, Texas Scrambles etc. Since this meeting discussions have taken place and a formula has been put in place, which will be monitored closely. (NB to report on outcome). On-going discussion.

- **Fertiliser** - has been purchased to give the course a boost as soon as the weather allows to get it sown.
- **The competition book** needs updating. Captains to liaise with their committees. Greater clarity is required on the rules governing the Blades competition. In hand.
- The MCM agreed that the competition sheets should be added to the website.

5. Lady Captain's Report (AS)

Report Women on Par

The first of the 2024 sessions were held on Sunday 24th March with 16 new ladies attending. There was a mixture of abilities from complete novices to those who are working towards gaining their handicap. The Session was led by Martin and, due to numbers, Andrew kindly offered to help. As well as ladies from Wheathill who are working towards their handicap, we also had ladies from Wincanton, Farrington, (now closed) and Kingweston.

Well done to Sylvia, who is hopefully on the mend. The next Session is scheduled for Sunday 28th April at 2.00 p.m.

Captain v Vice Captain's

Despite the course being shut for several days that week, the Captain's v Vice Captain's went off well. The Vice Captain's team won again with only 9 points in it. The weather was very wet, windy and it felt like a battle out there.

Winners for the Captain's Team

1st Josh Owen and Jim Palmer
2nd Dave Kerswell and Dee Powell

Winners for the Vice Captain's Team

1st John Huston and Les Wheatley
2nd Gerry Morgan and Sue Moon

A very successful day for the charity raising £224.00 A Great start!

The Christmas Cracker in December raised £195.00.

Roger's Cup Practice Round

Monday 9th April was an extremely windy day at Minehead but very worthwhile, despite the weather!

New Members Texas Scramble

Sylvia was unfortunately unable to be with us, but her husband, John, was our starter! Many thanks to John.

The winners were:

1st Josh Murray, Steve Potts, Richard Taylor and Karen Forward

2nd Janet Flanagan, Dave Eyons, Austin Barber, Tim Rawlings

3rd Nicky Wisniewski, Nigel Stone, Bob Irwin, Chris Fitton

Well done to all, especially to Janet as this was her first competition!

Race Night

A very successful evening - excellent food, fun, well supported by Vicky's family and friends as well as Rotarians and golfers which raised £1,208.15 for Porphyria.

Charity car parking space was drawn and raised £142.00 Won by Les Hawes.

The starter for the Margarita on Sunday 21st April will be Sean Woodward

6. Vice Captain's Report (FC)

Most of this last month has been spent dealing with the Handicap Review which hopefully has now been completed by us. Gin Stewart has taken on the temporary role of Chair in Pete Dunford's prolonged absence. It was subsequently agreed with Gin that we exclude all winter and bowmaker competitions, scrambles, eclectics, and any qualifying competitions from the calculations. The final calculations still clearly showed that Lynn was far ahead of everyone last year in the silverware competitions.

A letter was sent from me on behalf of the Handicap Committee to Lynn congratulating her on the very successful year and assuring her that she deserved this cut.

Other ladies who were originally advised of cuts have been informed that this will no longer happen. The final hurdle is for the Pro Shop to agree the cut to Lynn's handicap. I emailed the details to Mark on Saturday and await a response.

The Handicap Committee has agreed to meet by the end of this month to sort out the policy for future annual reviews so that it can be sent out to everyone and will not come as such a surprise at the end of the year. There is obviously a need for greater record keeping of all competition winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd places) and I believe Jude has this in hand.

For the Mixed Open I have had one more entry of 4 people and the cheque and details have been passed to ST.

I have been in contact with Wedmore regarding the Friendly to be held at home on 26th April. I have put up a team list of 10 in the changing room and am awaiting final confirmation. Wedmore have confirmed 10 players and will send handicaps and any dietary requirements in due course. Vicky has been advised of numbers for food.

We also have a Tri-Match at Long Sutton on 29th April, and again I have put together a team. The list is on the board for confirmation. Unfortunately, as my own handicap is higher than the maximum, I will be a non-playing captain on that day.

7. Treasurer's Report (Read by BT)

Bank balances: Current A/c £578.42

Charity A/C	£347.66
Reserve A/C	£895.90
Women On Par A/C	£600.00

Sorry I can't be at the committee meeting on 16th April 2024.

This has been another quiet month for accounting.

£50 has been received into the charity account from Battens Solicitors.

I believe there has been just one more entry for both the Mixed Open - Ann Gates and partner, and Ladies Open - Sue Ovland and partner.

I have received an invoice of £300, from Martin Liley, for the Women on Par event, to cover 3 coaching sessions. Once I have Martin's bank details I will send the money direct from the Women on Par bank account leaving a balance of £300.

JR would like a breakdown of the competition monies in and out included in future treasurer's report.

8. Competition Secretary's Report (JR)

Shire Trophy Results

Eight ladies entered this competition and as there were so few it was decided that all ladies would play one another and the one with the highest points at the end would be the winner. 2 points for a win and 1 point for a draw. 2 ladies pulled out owing to injury resulting in only 6 ladies actually playing.

1st Sue Ovland, 9 pts
2nd Fiona Cruse, 8 pts.

Finance sheet sent to ST.

Tuppy Trophy will be played by the end of this month.

New Members Texas Scramble was played on Saturday 13th April 2024 with 52 competitors.

Sylvia Bates would normally organise this competition as the New Members Delegate but she was unfortunately taken ill and couldn't attend on the day but John, her husband, did a great job starting. Our thanks go to John.

The problem I had was although Sylvia sent me a start sheet, gentlemen contacted the Pro Shop and asked why their name weren't on the start sheet. The reason being was that they hadn't put their name on the sign-up sheet. There was one man who wasn't even a member!

Results

1st Karen Forward, Steve Potts, Richard Taylor, Josh Murry. Nett 53. (£25 each)
2nd Austin Barber, Janet Flanagan, Dave Eynon, Tim Rawlings. Nett 54. (£15 each)
3rd Nicky Wisniewski, Chris Fitton, Nigel Stone, Bob Irwin. Nett 56. (£10 each)

Full results are posted on the mixed competitions board.

Finance Sheet sent to ST.

Daily Mail Foursomes

Jen Warmington and Gin Stewart played their 2nd round at Mendip Golf Club. Unfortunately, they lost 4&2.

9. Handicap Secretary's Report (NB)

Let's start with the handicap cuts. After a review of the criteria for assessing performance that will affect members' handicaps only one lady member has had a reduction in her handicap, all other lady members who were contacted about a reduction in shots have now all been reassured that they can start the season with the same handicap as they finished last year with!

We can now get excited about qualifying scores being used in Medal and Stableford weeks, but our first two competitions were non-qualifying. In the March Stableford we had 14 entries with Greta taking first place with 38 points, Fiona second with 36 and Jen third with 34 points.

The April Stableford had Jen winning with an amazing score of 64, Nic was second with 72 and Sue Ovland third (on count back with 74).

I will put the OOM up after the April Stableford but at the moment Jen is top!

Mark put on a useful session about Club V1. I now have my own password for entry and that certainly feels better than pretending to be Karen every time!

I've had a few teething problems with technology but hopefully have got on top of the issue of my Mac not translating the spreadsheets from the USB stick very well so hopefully the completion winners in Medals and Stablefords will now receive their prize money!

10. County Delegate's Report (NW)

Nothing to report.

11. New Members Report (Read by BT)

One new lady member joined Wheathill during March 2024. Gaylene Meeson and her husband joined from Wells and already has a handicap. I joined Gaylene at a recent Tuesday roll-up and she is keen to be involved with competitions.

The first 'Women on Par' / 'Get into Golf' event for 2024 took place on Sunday 24th March. Sixteen ladies arrived for the event. Participants included ladies from Kingweston, Wincanton, Wells and Farrington. Due to the numbers, Andrew joined Martin providing the instruction for the first session. This was followed by tea / coffee and cake. I feel this was a success from the point of view of numbers, but it will remain to be seen at the end of the 'Women on Par' / 'Get into Golf' sessions as to whether it has been worthwhile for the Ladies Section, Pro Shop and Clubhouse. The next event is scheduled for Sunday 28th April.

The annual New Members Texas Scramble took place on Saturday 13th April. A total of 52 players took part. A BIG thank you to Judith Rowsell for picking this up for me while I was hospitalised.

12. Junior Report

Nothing to report.

13. Correspondence

None.

14. AOB

Val Boothman Tribute *Due to the recent sad loss of Val the committee discussed how we could remember / recognise her, being our first Lady Captain. We thought that something could be organised after the Maryland competition. We would like to invite some of the older members who no longer play but would possibly attend a tea (?) afterwards. It was decided that we should compose a little speech to remember Val at this event.*

Roll Up 'Pound in the Pot' *It was suggested that we might revert back to putting a £1 in the pot (as we did a few years ago) just to make the day more fun. It was put to the vote with members and the majority voted to accept it. However, there were a couple of objections, and it was decided not to go forward so the roll up will remain as it stands.*

AS put forward the suggestion of an extra roll up. Some ladies can't do a morning roll up due to work, family or other commitments so an evening was proposed which was well received. This could only be run during the summer owing to daylight hours. AS is liaising with SB to try and organise a suitable time.

It was agreed that at the next Women on Par event we might re-commence the "buddy up" system to potentially get new ladies out playing on the course. This will tie in with the roll ups. AS will liaise with SB.

Maryland *Should we carry on presenting cheese or move to vouchers? It was discussed and decided that only the winner will receive cheese, vouchers will be presented for other prizes.*

Club Championship Voting Procedure (JW) *JW will ask Mark to send out an email advising lady members that the voting procedure will begin in May into the future format for the Club Championship. Everyone agreed that this was the correct approach. JW has produced a comprehensive voting procedure which appears fool / tamper proof! It was agreed that we will ask Mel to oversee this procedure so that the whole system is transparent.*

Order of Merit *What should the winner get? It was agreed that the date is to run from the March stableford and finish after the September medal. We don't present anything at the moment and AS thought it would be nice for something to retain. All Committee members will consider what type of prize / trophy should be given and this will be followed up at the next meeting.*

Competition No-Shows (JR) *This was discussed and decided upon in 2023. Once tee times have been issued, if you have to withdraw you will still be liable to pay your entry fee. If you are able to find a replacement, then this is not required as your replacement will pay.*

New Members Texas Scramble (NW) *NW raised the point that it appeared that the new members attending this competition weren't aware of where they were going, they didn't know their playing partners and weren't aware of the format. JW explained that when she had been captain, she organised a "huddle" so that the new members would all congregate, the captain could then brief them on all aspects of the day and introduce them to their team members. Historically, the existing members have taken the new members under their wing and explained everything but obviously over the years, this format has disappeared. It was also recognised that for this reason, existing members should not be allowed to put in a team consisting of only existing members - this defeats the objective of the competition. The "huddle" should probably be done by the New Members Delegate but obviously SB wasn't able to make this competition so unfortunately this was overlooked. All agreed that this will be agreed for future New Member events. Hopefully there weren't any new members who felt isolated. AS is going to make efforts to contact all the new members.*

Meeting concluded at 8.25 pm.

Date of next meeting:- Tuesday 21st May 2024, 6.30pm at Cross Keys, Lydford.

Signed as correct Date 2024

Anne Scott, Lady Captain