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**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Ladies Section of
Wheathill Golf Club held on Wednesday 19th April 2023 at
The Cross Keys Inn, East Lydford, Somerset, TA11 7HA**

Present	Jen Warmington (JW)	Ladies Captain
	Sylvia Bates (SB)	New Members Delegate
	Fiona Cruse (FC)	Handicap Secretary
	Karen Forward (KF)	Competition Secretary
	Anne Scott (AS)	Vice Captain
	Jan Street (JS)	Past Captain
	Becky Thompson (BT)	Secretary
	Sam Thorpe (ST)	Treasurer

1. Apologies for absence

Nic Boyd, County Delegate

2. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16th March 2023 were accepted as an accurate record. Proposed by ST, Seconded by FC and signed by the Lady Captain JW.

3. Matters Arising

- I took our concerns regarding the website, to the MCM, which triggered quite a bit of discussion. However, as it is a Club platform it was decided it was beyond our remit.
- I have purchased the memento glasses and taken them to be engraved. The engraving cost of £4 each will be covered by central funds, so by obtaining the glasses from Tesco this has reduced the cost to the Ladies section to just £54.

4. Main Committee

- Efforts are still ongoing to improve the shoe cleaning area and the winter tee boxes. Funds are available but it seems that labour is the main stumbling block. Gerry Morgan also suggested that the remaining funds available be

used to install artificial grass, in such a way that it will enable the main tees to be used in the winter months.

- It had been suggested that a PA system should be purchased for the Clubhouse however Sean Woodward has kindly donated one.
- The Captain's v Vice Captain's Trophy will now take place on Sat 24th June (Glasto Saturday).
- Ian Barrett will look at relocating the current ball washers to areas where they can service 2 holes at one time and the cost of additional units, if required.
- It is proposed that £1 be added to the members levy next year to cover the cost of the Club Diaries.
- Various memorial plaques around the course are in need of some refurbishment and any costs will come from the central funds.
- Despite it being agreed that Geoff Gilbert would have full access to the Club V1 system this has still not happened.

5. Lady Captain's Report

The month started fairly well, with the Celee Trophy going ahead as planned. The weather then decided to throw a major spanner in the works causing both the Captain's v Vice Captain's Trophy and the first Tri Match to be postponed. The Ladies Get Together also had to be abandoned completely as not only was the course unplayable but the kitchen was also closed due to Covid.

The weather also played a major part in our first round Rogers Cup match against Wells at T&P on 11th April. I can safely say I have never played a round of golf in such atrocious weather conditions. It was more a test of survival than of golf and unfortunately Wells proved the stronger team winning 5&2. A huge amount of credit should go to all the players and caddies who battled on through the conditions with some narrow defeats in the lost matches. My thanks to everyone who represented Wheathill so well on the day.

On to more positive things:

The New Members Texas Scramble went well and I'm sure Sylvia will give us a full report later. Wheathill have been awarded the SLCGA County Bowmaker for next season and it will take place on Monday 17th June 2024.

Finally, Kate Cleverley and I will be taking on 4 rounds of golf on Thursday 18th May to raise funds for Prostate Cancer UK. Anyone wishing to sponsor our efforts can do so either via our Just Giving pages or by using the sponsorship form available in the Clubhouse.

6. Vice-Captain's Report

Information re Away Day to Honiton going up on the noticeboard this week. I'm hoping lots of people can come to make it a good day. It looks like a nice course and if anyone fancies a game beforehand let me know.

It's getting busy now with matches and the course is beginning to look good. Well done to the green keepers as usual who battled against the rain!

Our first Friendly at Bridport is this Friday 21st April.

We have our first Tri Match on Monday 24th April it has been a scrabble to get enough people! Unfortunately, Sue Rees had to drop out due to recurring rheumatoid arthritis in her foot. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered.

AS also raised the mixed open and asked that we promote this event in July.

7. Treasurer's Report

Bank balances: Current A/c £218.30
 Charity A/C £602.53
 Reserve A/C £489.16

The Charity Account had £170 paid in from the charity parking space that was won by Sam Bourne.

Current account is a little low, but Jen has paid for the Championship glassware (£175.70), but she did manage to get the cost of the ladies 30th anniversary memento reduced to £5.50 each. £4 will be paid from the central fund so fortunately rather than £160.00 we are looking at £65.00.

Dave Gregory has transferred £35 to the Ladies section which is the Men's contribution towards the Race to Woodhall Spa. Fiona had to pay the full £70 on her personal credit card for which she has since been reimbursed.

No more entry money has been received for the ladies or mixed open.

Winter Eclectic Results :

Silver Section : 1st Gin Stewart
 2nd Jen Warmington
 3rd Ann Gates

Bronze Section : 1st Lynn O'Neill
 2nd Pam Frith
 3rd Dee Powell

8. Competition Secretary's Report

The Celee Trophy was the only competition held this month. Unfortunately, I was not available for the competition and my thanks to Jen and others for all their help. The results were as follows:

1st Jen Warmington, Sam Thorpe, Dee Powell
2nd Greta Hillier, Jan Street, Nicky Wisniewski

The Daily Mail Foursomes

Congratulations to Jen and Gin who beat Long Sutton in the second round of the Daily Mail Foursomes.

I will be taking down the G&T mixed bowmaker entry sheet, the Coronation Foursomes sheet and the Ladies Invitation tomorrow Thursday 20th April so hopefully we will have more signups.

It was decided that the sheets can stay up a little longer to try and get some more entries. AS said that she had some ladies willing to play from Sherborne if there are any Wheathill ladies who don't know anyone to invite.

Australian Spoons

I will be putting up this competition this week.

9. Handicap Secretary's Report

I can now confirm that Sam Thorpe and John Sandle have both been entered into the Race to Woodhall Spa in May. Well done Sam and good luck in the competition.

I attended a ClubV1 seminar at Taunton and Pickeridge Golf Club on the 21st March along with Alan Forscutt. This was basically a promotional seminar trying to sell Clubs all of the attributes of the ClubV1 platform to use instead of other programs. Although interesting to some degree, I found that most of the information would have been better delivered to the Pro-Shop rather than the committees as we still have very limited access to the program. On Gin's behalf I did ask our local rep to contact her with the prospect of getting in-house training. I have not heard if this has been achieved. For your information, the ClubV1 program has undergone quite a recent transformation in layout and I for one am still trying to find my way around it. They did cover some of this, but again with our limited access, it was mostly irrelevant.

In the March Stableford there were no entries. The April Medal had to be put back a week because of course conditions but in the end, we had 6 entries. This was won by Gin Stewart, Linda Johnson 2nd and Marion Hodgson 3rd.

There does seem to have been a few teething issues for some people entering competitions and/or scores on the computer. Hopefully this will be ironed out soon as they become more familiar with the technology again!

I recently had an email from Janet Fear advising us of various updates on the England Golf website. She particularly mentioned Score intent and penalty scores. I have sent you all a copy of the email for you to peruse over coffee.

10. County Delegate's Report

No report submitted.

11. New Members Report

No new members during March.

New Members Texas Scramble was held last Saturday (15th April). Results:

- 1st Anne Scott, Ian Barrett, Sheridan Wood, Sean O'Neill
- 2nd Janette Stewart, Grant Baldwin, Gerry Morgan, Guy Willis
- 3rd Linda Johnson, Dianne Longman, David Gregory, Chris Cox
- 4th Geoff Brewin, Gary Allen, Rick Harrison, Ronnie Baldwin

Thank you to all who took part and supported the new members. Also, a big 'Thank You' to Jen, Karen, Geoff (Gilbert) and John (Bates) for your help and support in making this competition a success.

12. AOB

1. Women in Golf/County funds.

It was decided we would investigate the Women On Par programme.
Action : SB to obtain information pack.

2. Competition Withdrawal – policy.

Following correspondence from Pam Frith, the Committee reviewed our withdrawal policy and it was unanimously agreed that we should stick with our policy that if you withdraw after the tee times have been published you still have to pay. There will of course be exceptional circumstances and these will be decided upon by the committee as and when they occur but in general this will remain the rule.

3. Set of general rules for the Ladies section?

JW suggested that we might put a list of rules on the noticeboard in the changing room. It was unanimously agreed that this wasn't necessary at this time but it will be addressed again.

4. Coach trip to AIG Women's Open.

JW has made some enquiries as to costings for this event and BT will compose a poster to put on the noticeboards and see what interest is expressed.

5. Photographs in Media.

BT raised the question regarding photographs appearing in local media. It was agreed that a notice will be put on the noticeboards advising members that should they be winners their photographs may appear in the local press, this will give them the opportunity to opt out.

Maybe we need to build a line in to all our competition posters giving members the opportunity to opt out at the point of sign up, maybe just a little tick box alongside their name/s.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Date of next meeting : 17th May 2023

Location : The Cross Keys, Lydford at 6.30 pm

Signed as correct Date 2023

Jen Warmington, Lady Captain