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

Present	Jen Warmington (JW)	Ladies Captain
	Sylvia Bates (SB)	New Members Delegate
	Karen Forward (KF)	Competition Secretary
	Anne Scott (AS)	Vice Captain
	Becky Thompson	Secretary
	Sam Thorpe	Treasurer

1. Apologies for absence

Nic Boyd, County Delegate
Fiona Cruse, Handicap Secretary

2. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th June 2023 were accepted as an accurate record. Proposed by AS, Seconded by KF and signed by the Lady Captain JW.

3. Matters Arising

- I have replaced the sign on the locker room door with a more appropriate one.
- I have also put instructions next to the padlock, on Lavender Cottage, as it still seems some ladies are having problems with it.
- The new Porta Potti is now in place – Mark has kindly declined payment but suggested that we make a donation to our charity. The tank on this toilet is only half the size of the old one so we may well need to upgrade if it proves unsuitable. It was agreed that Management should pay for this if needed.
- The defibrillator is now in the corridor and training has been arranged for 20th September.

4. Main Committee

- The profit from the Captain's v Vice Captain's competition has been split £50 each to the men's and ladies sections and £55 to our charity.

- Responsibility for work on the shoe cleaning area has been transferred to Sean Woodward and it is hoped that it will be carried out in mid-July.
- I requested we had a temporary local rule of preferred lies on the 15th and this has been implemented.
- The bell has been reinstated on the 13th.
- Andrew suggested that, due to low numbers, we consider holding the ladies' Club Championship over 2 days and possibly combine it with the men's Championship to make it more of an event. See AOB.

5. Lady Captain's Report

Once again it has been a busy month. It started with an invitation to take part as a guest, in the Past Captain's Challenge and I had a very enjoyable day.

That was followed by the Captain's v Vice Captain's Challenge which, although enjoyable, didn't quite have the result I would have wanted. Congratulations go to Anne and Sean, and their team, for their victory.

Wheathill hosted a successful match for Senior Somerset County Ladies against Dorset in which some home grown players took part, including myself. That was followed by an ICL match away at Worlebury which unfortunately resulted in a 6 – 1 loss. Despite this, we are still reasonably placed in the league table at this point in the season.

Next was the Ladies Club Championship and Supporters Trophy – of which I'm sure Karen will give us a full report later. I enjoyed playing with Kate and Vicki, though it was definitely a case of the tortoise and the (2) hares with my own score being somewhat marred by a 13 on the 14th hole!

We had a good turnout for the Salimeg - a Texas Scramble is always a popular format.

The Charity Bowmaker was a great success and raised £1080 for Prostate Cancer UK. A good chunk of this was due to local companies sponsoring holes for which I must thank Sean Woodward for his efforts in persuading his business contacts to support the day.

Last, but not least, the Ladies Invitation Day finally took place yesterday (Tuesday 15th) and although not glorious sunshine it was a definite improvement on the weather which caused us to postpone it, back in May. Thirteen ladies came and played with us as our guests, and I think they all enjoyed the golf and the meal provided with the our usual Wheathill hospitality.

6. Vice-Captain's Report

Mixed Open

Well what a successful day, or at least that was the feedback, despite a little rain, most people enjoyed themselves!

The scores were remarkably close with the winner at 43 points. Charlie Gartell and her brother Nick Maynard!

A good turnout mostly from our club with 4 visitors, and 5 hybrid teams. I thought the combination of prizes – nearest the pin, ladies and men’s longest drives, men and ladies best top 9 (if not in the top 4) and back 9 (if not in the top 4), best hybrid and visitors if not the top four. I’ve put a list of winners on the Mixed Board and one in the Ladies changing room.

The finance and profit were not much – £36 to the Ladies Section and £98.00 to Prostate charity. Thanks to Pam and Alan Firth for their sterling efforts with the course board game. The 2 spots proved popular with 7 in total, balls were prizes. The Course board was won by Charlie Gartell, 2nd Gin Stewart and 3rd Karen Forward.

The helpers I thanked on the day, Nicky and Becky for the registration, Karen on the computer, Gaye providing refreshments on the 11th, Dave Gregory for being a fabulous starter as usual, the kitchen staff were very supportive and even my husband enjoyed helping and chatting with everyone at the 11th and driving the buggy! Everyone made a great a team working together to make the day go flawlessly – I think.

The course is looking good thanks to green staff and Martin who manned the Shop single-handedly!

Tri Match

We have our last Tri Match at Long Sutton on 24th July, fingers crossed! I am taking the trophy with us!

Planning Ahead

I have booked my Away event for 11th to 12th September 2024 at Dudsbury Golf, Hotel & Spa. I intend to email everyone at the end of the year. I paid a holding deposit of £150.00 which I have submitted for reimbursement. Costings are Twin Rooms £150.00 and Singles £178.00. This includes two rounds of golf, dinner and bed and breakfast. It has a lovely spa, swimming pool, sauna etc. and treatments as well as the golf course! <https://www.dudsburygolfclub.co.uk/>

7. Treasurer’s Report

Bank balances:	Current A/c	£1,644.02
	Charity A/c	£2,036.46
	Reserve A/c	£ 490.48

The Charity account is amazing with recent payments of £200 from the Charity Bowmaker and £209 from Captain’s v Vice Captain’s Day. We are also awaiting a kind donation of £500 which was secured by Sean Woodward as sponsorship.

The Current account is healthy as due to pay the money for the away day almost everyone has paid their fee for the day.

8. Competition Secretary’s Report

It seems to have been really busy over the last month mainly because in addition to our ladies’ competitions, we have had several mixed competitions including the Mixed Charity Bowmaker and the Mixed Open.

Our ladies club championships were held this month and the results were as follows:

Club Championships Gross Scores

Club Champion – Kate Cleverley

2nd Vicky Eales

3rd Rebecca Thompson

Mayfield Cup Bronze – Karen Forward

Club Championships Net Scores

1st Kate Cleverley

2nd Nicky Wisniewski – Mayfield Cup

3rd Rebecca Thompson

Entries were quite low this year. 10 entries to the club championships and 13 in the supporters

Salimeg

1st Kate Cleverley / Lynn O’Neill / Pam Frith

2nd Rebecca Thompson / Gin Stewart / Ann Gates

The next competition is the Paul Nicholls Greensomes on Sunday 30th July followed by the Senior Ladies Challenge Trophy on 17th August.

9. Handicap Secretary’s Report

In the June Stableford there were 9 entries with Heather Bush coming first with 37 points on countback, Sue Adams 2nd also with 37 points and Linda Johnson 3rd with 36 points.

In the July medal we had 10 entries. Nic Boyd had a cracking round to come first with 67 points, second was Linda Johnson with 71 points and Nicola Wisniewski was third with 78 points.

As in previous months, the first 5 places have been recorded in the Order of Merit and at present Linda Johnson is leading the field. To date, I have not heard anything further from Peter Dunford about the next Handicap Committee Meeting.

10. County Delegate’s Report

No report submitted.

11. New Members Report

There were no new Lady Members during June 2023 however, I was told about two ladies who joined the Ladies Section several months ago but were not on my list. A warm welcome to Rebecca Cobbin and Janet Flanagan.

Also, Tracy Lethaby joined in early July. I have been in touch with all three ladies.

Women on Par / Newer Golfers Coaching and Social to be held on Sunday, 13th August @ 2.00 pm. I have written an email to send to the Newer Golfers and this will go out from Jen later this week.

The afternoon will start with a short game coaching session with Martin followed by a brief Q&A on such topics as the "How Did I Do" app; the clubhouse computer and handicaps etc.

Martin's session will last for one hour, tea, coffee and cake will follow.

I have reserved a few tee times from 4.02 pm for anyone who would like to play a round or perhaps just a few holes with our new Ladies.

The object of the day is to have fun, get to know our new Lady Members and most importantly for them to put names to faces, particularly with the Ladies Committee members.

In the unlikely event of poor weather the event will still go ahead with a Quiz in place of the coaching session.

It was agreed that the fee would be set at £5 and the Ladies Section would cover the additional costs i.e. tea, coffee etc.

12. Correspondence

None.

13. AOB

Ladies Club Championship Format

JW opened the discussion for a change of format for the club championship competition. Due to the low number of entrants, it has been suggested by Andrew England that this competition is changed to a two-day event, along the same lines as the men. The committee felt that this was due more to some ladies who would normally have entered, being otherwise committed on the day. It was however acknowledged by the committee that a lot of our lady members feel that they are not now capable of playing two rounds in one day and therefore they see the competition as a test of endurance rather than a test of golf capability.

It was recognised by the committee that other clubs and more importantly, the County championships are run as a two round in one day competition. As we now have an Order of Merit competition which will reward the most consistent golfer, it was therefore agreed that the format will not be changed for the foreseeable future.

Lavender Cottage

The padlock still seems to be giving a few of the ladies trouble in opening.

AS will investigate purchasing a new padlock.

Ladies Open and Invitation Day

After much discussion regarding both the above events one of which had to be cancelled this year due to lack of uptake, it was decided to combine both days. This will be a pairs competition with only one player to be a member of Wheathill.

Meeting concluded at 7.30 pm.

Date of next meeting : Wednesday 20th September 2023, The Cross Keys, Lydford at 6.30 pm

Signed as correct Date 2023

Jen Warmington, Lady Captain