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**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Ladies Section of
Wheathill Golf Club held on Wednesday 14th June 2023 at
The Cross Keys Inn, East Lydford, Somerset, TA11 7HA**

Present	Jen Warmington (JW)	Ladies Captain
	Sylvia Bates (SB)	New Members Delegate
	Nic Boyd	County Delegate
	Fiona Cruse (FC)	Handicap Secretary
	Karen Forward (KF)	Competition Secretary
	Anne Scott (AS)	Vice Captain

1. Apologies for absence

Jan Street (JS)	Past Captain
Becky Thompson (BT)	Secretary
Sam Thorpe (ST)	Treasurer, attended at the end of the meeting

2. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

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

3. Matters Arising

- Club V1 – I believe Karen now has access to the men for mixed competitions.
- Order of Merit – Fiona to update us?
- Two Spot money – apparently stays with the Pro Shop.
- The Broken Tee containers are out on the Course but unfortunately they are not proving to be sturdy enough. Jan will most likely investigate this when she returns from holiday.
- The Lavender Cottage padlock seems to be easier to use.

4. Main Committee

- I raised the issue of relocating the defibrillator to the corridor and updating Members training. Andrew seemed to agree with these suggestions, but I noted the defibrillator is still in the Main Clubhouse.

- Andrew asked Committee Members if they could occasionally help to monitor compliance with the Club's Dress Code by occasionally manning the 1st tee. I have also added information sheets with basic course etiquette and examples of acceptable golf attire to the window of the Starters Hut – which hopefully might help.

5. Lady Captain's Report

My month started with the Big Golf Race and thankfully the Course, and the weather, improved for Kate Cleverley and myself to take on the 4 round challenge in aid of Prostate Cancer UK. We thoroughly enjoyed the day and would like to thank everyone who supported this event. We have raised just over £1400, which makes all the miles worthwhile.

Indeed, the weather has finally decided summer is here and we had beautiful days for both the Rainbow Maker and the Maryland Classic. Both competitions were well supported and the usual cheese prizes, supplied by Val Boothman and Barbers' for the Maryland Classic, were welcome as always. Val has, however, informed me that, after 30 years of sponsorship, she feels the time has come to withdraw the extra support for this competition. I have written to both her and Charlie Barber to thank them for the incredibly generous support they have shown, over the years.

We have had 2 league matches this month, both against Stockwood Vale. The results were a 7 – 0 defeat away and a 4 – 3 win at home. We remain top of Division 2, although we have played more matches than everyone else, at this stage. Despite that I think we are well placed against the other teams in our league.

On a slightly more mundane issue – although still usable, the Porta Potti in Lavender Cottage has been damaged. Mark Singleton has a spare one he is not using and hopefully will be replacing the damaged one. I have offered Mark reimbursement, for this, but he has yet to let me know how much he will require.

6. Vice-Captain's Report

We played a Tri-Match at Cricket St Thomas on Tuesday 13th June. The result was,

WHEATHILL	200	Total to date 387
CRICKET ST THOMAS	209	Total to date 380
LONG SUTTON	205	Total to date 398

Only 11 points between us!

It has been a busy start to the season and the weather has helped greatly. The course is looking stunning thanks to the efforts of our green keepers and I have mentioned as much to management.

The numbers for the Away Day at Honiton is increasing. I will send out a reminder shortly. I think we have 13 so far.

The Mixed Open closing date is rapidly approaching – 25th June - with 46 entrants so far in the field.

Action: AS to send out reminder email re Away Day.

7. Treasurer's Report

Bank balances: Current A/c £1,854.25
 Charity A/C £1,416.11
 Reserve A/C £490.02

The Charity Account had £100 donation from E G Carter & Co Limited thanks to Jen Warmington approaching them.

Current account healthy as ladies are starting to pay their final payments for the away weekend, which is due to be paid in full by the end of June. Also, we have received entries for both the mixed and ladies open.

I was advised by the pro shop that as the "two spot" wasn't won on the G & T Bowmaker day, they would retain the £60 that was collected until the next mixed competition. Hopefully we will remember this between us.

Sam Thorpe (Treasurer) had paid for the original away day that was postponed. Unfortunately, I (Sam Thorpe) is unable to make the new date, so is it Ok if I make a BACS transfer of £46 as a refund. The other 3 ladies, Jen, Jan & Greta are able to make the new date, so their payment has been transferred and no further monies are due from them.

It was agreed that ST should reimburse her Away Day payment.

8. Competition Secretary's Report

How wonderful the weather has been over the last month and what a pleasure it has been to play. The results of the competitions are as follows:

The Rainbowmaker

1st Jill Byrne/Elizabeth England/Lucy Sleeth-Stevens

2nd Lynn O'Neill/Vicky Eales/Kate Cleverley

The Australian Spoons were held for the first time. There were only two teams entered.

The winners were Ann Gates and Gin Stewart and they will go on to the Regional finals at Long Sutton.

The Maryland was held once again in wonderful weather and thanks must go to Val Boothman for the donations of cheese.

The results were as follows:-

1st Kate Cleverley

2nd Karen Forward

3rd Judith Rowsell

Longest Drive Silver: Gin Stewart

Longest Drive Bronze: Karen Forward

Nearest the pin Silver: Jen Warmington

Nearest the pin Bronze: Karen Forward

The next Ladies competition to be held will be our Club Championships in July.

KF informed the Committee that England Golf have asked for £3 per person for every entry to the Australian Spoons competition. As this seemed a bit excessive, and we had so few entries, we decided that we would wait and see how Gin and Ann got on at the regional final, before making it a regular competition.

9. Handicap Secretary's Report

In May's Stableford there were 10 entries with Sue Rees coming 1st with 38 points, Karen 2nd with 35 points and Sue Bamping with 28 points.

In the June Medal, there were 8 entries with Linda Johnson scoring 69, Sam came 2nd with 72 and Karen 3rd with 73.

I feel I should really mention that even though we had a slow start to this year, so far we are well down on entries for our stablefords and medals. 2022 saw 84 entries to this point and currently we have had 45 which represents around a 46% drop on last year.

	2023	2022
March Stableford	0	9
April Medal 1	6	9
April Stableford 1	10	27
May Medal 1	11	11
May Stableford 1	10	16
June Medal 1	8	12
Totals	45	84

I do feel this is something that we need to watch closely over the coming months.

I have setup the Order of Merit for us on Club V1 but am still unsure how it fully works. I am keeping a record on a spreadsheet of the top 5 in each competition as a back-up.

The handicap committee was meant to meet last week but Pete Dunford has put it back for a month as he felt that there was not a lot of data yet to really get a full understanding of how individuals are playing.

It was hoped that the Order of Merit (OoM) might encourage more entries to the monthly Medals and Stablefords.

Action: JW to send out email detailing the OoM

10. County Delegate's Report

I had a very enjoyable day out at Burnham & Berrow on the 22nd May. Still feeling a bit of a newbie I felt a bit reticent about heading up the motorway on a Monday morning for a golf meeting that I didn't really feel very committed to. However, I had a lovely time, met lovely ladies and realised that I am getting a bit more

knowledgeable about the details and rhythm of the ladies game. I have the minutes with me so please ask if there is anything you specifically want to know. Some points I have picked out are:-

Finances - I sat next to a lady who was curious about the finances of the SLCGA as had been discussed at one of our previous meetings. However there was not much opportunity for her to ask her questions as the treasurer was not present and the chair simply read the report to the meeting and moved onto the next agenda item.

Competitions Report - Jackie McDonald

I'll just outline the competitions and winner but do ask for more details.

Fowler Brooches. Held at Cricket St Thomas and won by Jackie Hallett and Julie Poole from Stockwood Vale.

The country championship was held at The Mendip. Connie Cox aged 14 was Nett winner with net 70 in first round and net 62 in R2.

County Champion was Aimee Sawyer with a gross of 77 and won by 1 shot.

Discussion about how to encourage more ladies to enter this comp and a suggestion was noted that all clubs could enter their club champions.

Captains Report

2nd team - First match on 23rd April at Torquay. Somerset lost 7-2. Next match 28th May at Enmore.

County training being led by Terry Williams and had 2 days training at Cumberwell Park.

Junior Report

Quite lengthy - please ask me if there is something specific you want to know!

South West EG Report - Sandra Ford

Australian Spoons regional final 19th June. Number low??

A working group across the county are reviewing whether the format of the women inter county match week could be improved. Proposal of 8 divisions rather than 6 with an additional playoff before the final is being discussed. Hopefully that makes more sense to you than it does to me!

Launceston GC has been booked for Senior Team Event on Wed 23rd August.

SW foursomes being held at Long Ashton and SW Foursomes 24 at Clevedon October 7th 2024.

Handicap Report

Every club should have someone checking General Play scores and Penalty Scores reports daily.

Thanks to all clubs who have their WHS membership up to date.
Growing number of independent golfers - now 31,000.

At the end of this year the handicap system is to have a 4 year review. There are rumours of changes and another presentation looming!

Course Rating Report

Course rating seminar held on 30th March at Worlebury after successful advertising campaign. Our very own captain was present! The Mendip Spring Brines course was rated 13th April with Andrea Jordan and Julie Poole as the new trainees. 3 other ratings this year are Weston, Salford and Brean

After the meeting we had the opportunity to play on The Channel course. I played with 2 lovely ladies for The Mendip and chatted to lots of others. Had a great time!

11. New Members Report

Elizabeth Chapman joined the Ladies Section of Wheathill Golf Club during May 2023.

Jen (JW), Anne (AS) and I met with Seb Forrest from England Golf on Monday 12th June. Martin from the Pro Shop also joined the meeting. The main discussion focused on ways to implement Women on Par at Wheathill. Seb offered various suggestions and advice. Following discussion, it was agreed that Sunday 13th August at 2 p.m. would be a good date to start the Women on Par events. The format would be a mix of Roll-up/Ladies Get Together/Women on Par activities. Full details will be provided at a later date.

JW explained that we would see how the first session goes and progress from there.

12. Correspondence

13. AOB

FC informed us that everyone needs to update their My EG app if it hasn't been done automatically. Pete Dunford will put out a message to the membership advising everyone.

NB asked if the notice on the Locker Room Door, requesting everyone remove their shoes, was necessary.

Action: JW to update

Meeting concluded at 7.40 pm.

Date of next meeting : Wednesday 19th July 2023

Location : Function Room, The Cross Keys, Lydford at 6.30 pm

Signed as correct Date 2023

Jen Warmington, Lady Captain