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**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Ladies Section of
Wheathill Golf Club held on Tuesday 21st May 2024, 6.30 pm
at the Cross Keys, Lydford**

Present	Anne Scott (AS)	Ladies Captain
	Sylvia Bates (SB)	New Members Delegate
	Nic Boyd (NB)_	Handicap Secretary
	Fiona Cruse (FC)	Vice Captain
	Becky Thompson (BT)	Secretary
	Sam Thorpe (ST)	Treasurer
	Nicky Wisniewski (NW)	County Delegate

1. Apologies for absence

Jen Warmington (JW) Past Captain

2. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16th April 2024 were accepted as an accurate record. Proposed by FC, Seconded by ST and signed by the Lady Captain AS.

3. Matters Arising

- VC coming on Committee - agreed to come on from September.
- Lavender Cottage - ongoing discussions.
- Air Ambulance Day - now 5th October
- Glos & Somerset PGA took place in April. Mark Singleton came in 2nd place, 2 under par.
- Alan Forscutt, Handicap Secretary Men submitted his resignation.

4. Main Committee

- Winter cards on going - takes time with county.
- Constitution sorted; amendments discussed with Andrew who agreed changes.
- Diary Costs on going.
- Competition Book on going.
- Handicaps decreases - no further action.
- Men having difficulties loading their Open onto Golf Empire, Mel to try.
- Alan tried to put Men's medal up top £6.00, lot of kick back!

- Blades - Guy Willis left club, Nicky W to get money as semi-finalist.
- Women on Par, huge up take again! 18, Andrew helping! 2 ladies joined from last time.
- Results / Winners being advertised on board after competitions.

5. Lady Captain's Report (AS)

Competitions

Really taken off now, I won't report too much as I don't want to steal JR's thunder!

Mary England

Good field on a cold day with lots of confusion around handicaps and setting up competition on the computer?

Margarita - 4BBB, Great day!

Coronation Foursomes - Won by Linda Johnson and Nicky Wisniewski - well done, going forward to play at Henbury.

Gin & Tonic - Mixed, Better ball S/F.

First Inter Club - Oake Manor, 16th May result - We lost 3-4, but gained 3 points for our first match in ICL. A lovely day, course and hosted brilliantly by Kate Foster.

Rainbow Maker - starter - Sean Woodward

Heather Bush kindly came along to present the prizes. Went well with lovely weather, however, not the same story for Saturday.

6. Vice Captain's Report (FC)

In the last month we have had 2 friendly matches. The first was at home against Isle of Wedmore. Unfortunately, we lost that one 3-2. The second friendly was away to Sherborne. This time we lost 3-1. Our next friendly is a home with Bridport on 30th May.

We have also played one Tri-match at Long Sutton and we were successful here scoring 169 points with Long Sutton slightly behind on 163 points and Cricket St Thomas with 156 points. Our next Tri-match is at home on the 4th June.

The Away Day preparations are well in hand with 18 ladies signing up. Unfortunately, Linda Johnson has since pulled out and at the time of writing Anne and I are trying to find a replacement to keep the team numbers equal. Linda has requested a refund but until the vacancy has been filled, we are not agreeing to any money being returned. To make life easier in future, I suggest a disclaimer goes on the posters stating that no refunds are possible after the closing date. A note has been added to this year's poster to that effect.

Entries are trickling in for the Mixed Open and names have been passed on to Sam.

7. Treasurer's Report (ST)

Bank balances:-	Current A/c	£ 947.12
	Charity A/c	£ 490.12
	Reserve A/c	£1,851.09
	Women On Par A/c	£ 300.00

Charity account received £142.00 from the car park space draw. Please could I have details of the money raised at the Race Night, I understand the funds had to be paid direct to the Charity but it would be good to have a record of it.

Everyone has paid for the away day - 18 in total, looking forward to a good day at Saltford. The payment has not been made to the club yet, as an invoice hasn't been received, thus why the balance is high.

Women On Par balance reduced as I have paid Martin Lilley £300 for his coaching. I have been at the club when the last two Women On par days have been held and was delighted to see a good gathering of ladies. Congratulations on this Sylvia as I know you have worked hard at this.

Current account is healthy as there are a few entries for the Mixed and Ladies Open where entrants have paid money into the wrong account. I will transfer over to the reserve account before the next meeting.

£1,208.15 was raised at Race Night.

8. Competition Secretary's Report (JR)

Tuppy Trophy final - Tuesday 30th May

Result

1st Ann Gates. Winning 2/1
2nd Jill Byrne

6 ladies entered this competition. Finance sheet sent to Sam Thorpe.

Margarita - 21st April

This competition is first 6 holes played as 4 better ball. 7 to 12 played as a Greensomes and the last 6 holes are Foursomes. 20 ladies entered.

Result

1 st Becky Thompson / Sue Moon.	44pts	£15 each
2 nd Ann Scott / Marion Hodgson.	41pts on count back.	£10 each
3 rd Jen Warmington / Nicky Wisniewski.	41pts	£6 each

Coronation Foursomes - 5th May

6 pairs entered this competition. This is a competition that is for Ladies and Run by England Golf.

All monies from this comp go to England Golf but this year I gave the prize money to

Linda Johnson / Nicky Wisniewski which caused a bit of confusion.

It was decided that this competition will not be held in the future.

Gin and Tonic - 6th May

This is a 4 ball Mixed Bowmaker Stableford 3 scores to count. 64 people entered.
The prizes went to 4th place.

Result

1 st Jen Warmington / Jon Walter / Steve Madden / Mike Wright.	117 pts
2 nd Nicky Wisniewski / Simon Nicholls / Chris Fitton / Matt Barge.	111 pts
3 rd Karen Forward / Lee Evans / Rich Alyes / Chris Travers.	110 pts on count back.
4 th Sue Moon / Colin Davis / Mark Davis / Tim Dean.	110 pts

Rainbow Maker - Sunday 19th May

The Trophy was presented by Heather Bush as this was her trophy when she was Lady Captain. 21 Ladies entered. The format is 3 ball Stableford Goulash played off full handicap. First 6 holes only 1 score to count. 7 to 12, 2 scores to count, and the last 6 all scores count.

Result

1 st Fiona Cruse / Karen Forward / Marion Hodgson.	74 pts
2 nd Sue Ovland / Gin Stewart / Sue Moon.	70 pts

9. Handicap Secretary's Report (NB)

Just for the record in the end none of the ladies handicaps were cut following intervention at County level. We took advice from Gin Stewart and decided to leave the handicaps as they were for all lady members. I suspect there will be further discussion about how this situation will be managed next time at club level.

With Fiona's ongoing support we had one other incident to deal with following a lady member submitting a card during a club competition which resulted in .7 handicap cut. Following advice from Janet Fear at County we advised the lady member that this score needed to be deleted.

We have had good numbers for our monthly Medal and Stableford competitions. April Stableford had enough entries for 2 divisions which challenged my skill on Club V1, Marion won Division 1 with Karen Forward in second place and Jan Street in third. Division 2 was won by Karon Woodward with Melanie Brewin and Sue Moon in second and third place.

The May Medal was won by Gin Stewart, with Gayleene second and Fiona third. Jen is top of the OOM with Fiona one point behind.

I was a bit mystified about how the results were disseminated to the Ladies signed into the competition but had a quick club V1 lesson with Karen at Oake Manor so hopefully normal service will be restored!

10. County Delegate's Report (NW)

Yesterday Monday 20th of May I attended the delegates meeting at Wells Golf Club. There were a few points I would like to bring your attention.

Competition

The County Championship was held at Mendip Spring on Monday 5th of May. Abigail Moore from Isle of Wedmore swept the board winning Championship Cup 36 hole gross, Scratch Cup 18 hole gross, Gliddon Vase 36 hole gross under 25 years, and Phillips Trophy 36 hole net. Runner up was Aimee Sawyer.

There are more County competitions coming up so please feel free to enter, particularly the Handicap Championships on Friday 16th of August 2024, Isle of Wedmore.

Southwest

All clubs should have a Respect in Golf policy. If there isn't one, there is a contact via County who can help to put this in place.

Juniors

Congratulations to Lucy Sleeth-Stevens who won the Stableford competition at Somerset Girls Spring Meeting at Weston super Mare in April.

Handicaps

A new software update from 1st May now means that 4BBB competition results will correctly calculate and count towards handicaps.

There is a Handicap Allowance Chart to refer to when calculating handicaps for competition on the R&A website.

Course Rating

There is a possibility to put in cards throughout the year. For the winter months the club could have a 9 hole Winter Composite Course Rating. This would mean 9 holes would be rated off temporary tees and temporary greens (up to 10 yards away from the main greens). If the club is interested it needs to apply to SGU.

11. New Members Report (SB)

Three new members joined the Ladies Section in April - Valerie Bindon, Carolyn Durston and Jenny Marshfield. I have made contact with all three and they are working towards obtaining their handicap.

The April session of Women on Par / Get into Golf took place on Sunday 28th April with 13 attendees.

12. Junior Report (JB) - read by BT

Finally, after a quiet patch, something to report!

Firstly, we now have 51 junior members on the books with a good percentage of them active and with, or working towards, getting handicaps which has been delayed due to weather as we all know. I'm told that Wheathill has the most registered juniors of all Somerset clubs.

Three juniors are in County Squad and are regularly attending training and will be competing over the summer for Somerset. This can impinge on their ability to

compete for Wheathill but with numbers buoyant just now we should be secure with our Junior League entries.

To that end we went to Taunton and Pickeridge on Sunday for the first South Area League Event with a full team, by the skin of our teeth after Jemima and George got their handicaps in place in the 3 previous days. Of the five players, four were placed in their divisions with Elliott Tuck winning Division 3. Wheathill scored 13 points on the day placing us 2nd behind Yeovil by only one point. Our next round is at Yeovil on 19th May.

On the same day Lucy and Liberty were playing at Weston in the County Girls Spring Meet. Lucy won the Chivers Cup with a Stableford score of 44 giving her a handicap cut to 31.6 which she is really pleased with and so am I.

The rearranged Mary England competition went ahead on 28th April and a team with Junior Elliott Tuck were the winners. The section would like to record our thanks to everyone who was there for the benefit of the Juniors raising £218 which will fund our league entries and be used for championship and open prizes.

13. Correspondence

AS - Joan Stone sent an email Re: WhatsApp Misuse. Who is the Administrator? Need to remind members of it use! *See AOB.*

14. AOB

WhatsApp Usage (ST) *It was discussed and noted that there was too much being discussed on the Wheathill page. It was decided that an extra administrator be appointed - NB. An announcement will be put on the current page to advise people that this app is for golf-related issues and any conversations should be kept to a minimum. Harry Penny will have his / her own WhatsApp page (since implemented).*

Par Bar / Birdie Tree (ST) *Discussed on the WhatsApp page. ST felt that the whole discussion had become protracted and JR felt that all enquiries should have been directed to her. In future the administrators will be required to step in for any of these discrepancies.*

Supporters Competition (SB) *The handicap restriction for entry into this competition should be 45.*

New Members Texas Scramble (SB) *It was agreed that this competition would be moved to September to enable the new members to gain more experience and confidence before entering.*

Val Boothman Tribute. *There will be no tea after the Maryland competition on 2nd June as it was agreed that it wouldn't be supported by members due to cost of tea as advised by Vicky. JR to ask Charlie Barber to donate cheese.*

Club Fund Raising day will address Val Boothman's legacy.

Decision for Order of Merit memento? *We are all to consider a keepsake prizes for the OOM.*

Change in type of prizes for Ladies Championship. *AS has decided that there will be No glassware. Shirts with champion on.*

Meeting concluded at 7.50 pm

Date of next meeting:- Tuesday 18th June 2024, 6.30pm at Cross Keys, Lydford.

Signed as correct Date 2024

Anne Scott, Lady Captain