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**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Ladies Section of  
Wheathill Golf Club held on Wednesday 16th May 2023 at  
The Cross Keys Inn, East Lydford, Somerset, TA11 7HA**

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| <b>Present</b> | 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          |
|                | Jan Street (JS)     | Past Captain          |
|                | Becky Thompson (BT) | Secretary             |
|                | Sam Thorpe (ST)     | Treasurer             |

**1. Apologies for absence**

None.

**2. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 were accepted as an accurate record. Proposed by JS, Seconded by AS and signed by the Lady Captain JW.

**3. Matters Arising**

- Women on Par – I believe SB will give us a report on that later in the meeting.
- Coach Trip to AIG Women's Open – A sign has gone up but there has been little interest.
- Media disclaimer – BT has put up notices on all the boards making everyone aware of the use of winners' photos.

**4. Main Committee**

- Ian Barrett has looked into the cost of extra ball washers. Andrew England is willing to contribute towards the purchase.

- Order of Merit. I had raised, on behalf of another member, the possibility of having an Order of Merit that ran across all the Sections, based on qualifying competitions. It transpires that both the Men and the Seniors already have their own versions – but not based on the same criteria. It was suggested by Alan Forscutt that if all Sections, including the Juniors, ran their own OoM that at the end of the season the top 3 in each Section could compete against one another to determine an overall winner.
- Access to ClubV1. I think we have made some progress here. Andrew England has promised to address this before the next MCM.

## **5. Lady Captain's Report**

Well...it's been a pretty hectic time since our last meeting. We've had 3 league matches, 3 friendlies, 3 ladies competitions, a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event and a coronation! It was almost a blessing in disguise when we had to postpone the Ladies Invitation Day, due to bad weather, just to take a breather.

In our 3 league matches we had 2 great results, at home beating Minehead 5-2 and Worlebury 7-0 and in our first away match, at Bath, we came away with a creditable 2 points on a tricky course playing an ex-division 1 team. We currently sit top of Division 2 with 14 points, which is a great start to the season.

The Ladies Invitation Day has been rearranged for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July when hopefully we may have a bigger field of entrants, as it's a slightly less hectic time of the year.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shambles, organised by the Management, was a great success, enjoyed by everyone and, thanks to the raffle and Mark's 1<sup>st</sup> Hole challenge, also raised £633 for our charity.

Kate Cleverley and I are hoping to add to that significantly when we take on the Big Golf Race tomorrow and my thanks goes to everyone who has already donated on our Just Giving pages, it is very much appreciated. Fortunately, the weather looks okay and as long as I get an early night I should be fine!

## **6. Vice-Captain's Report**

We hoped to start our first tri match on the 4<sup>th</sup> April but unfortunately due to rain, we had to cancel. That seems to have been the pattern this season and consequently we cancelled our Ladies Invitation Day and with hindsight it was the best decision.

The tri match took place on 24<sup>th</sup> April with Wheathill gaining 187 points, Long Sutton 193, Cricket St Thomas 171! We are only 6 behind now, but with 2 more matches to go hopefully we can squeeze a team together amongst all the other fixtures!! There seems to be so many matches happening at the beginning of the season - either Opens, SCSLGA or Inter Clubs!!

We had our first Friendly at Bridport on 21<sup>st</sup> April which Bridport won 3-1. Our second Friendly against Wedmore was on 28<sup>th</sup> April in which we won 2, halved 2 and lost 2. Our third Friendly against Sherborne on 16<sup>th</sup> May, we lost 3-1 - sadly. Looking forward to next year but still one to play with Weymouth. The kitchen, Sarah and Vicky have been great and really on the ball!

I must make a mental note to let the Pro Shop know if we play on a Tuesday that there may be less roll up times required. Still on a learning curve!

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

Bank balances:           Current A/c £706.40  
                                  Charity A/C £1,254.94  
                                  Reserve A/C £489.54

The Charity Account received an amazing £652.00 from the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shambles.

Money is trickling in for the away day, mixed open and ladies open, which is why the current account looks healthy.

## **8. Competition Secretary's Report**

### **Margarita**

This was held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. The results were:

1<sup>st</sup> Karen Forward / Marion Hodgson with 35 on count back  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jen Warmington / Nicky Wisniewski 35  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lynn O'Neill / Jan Finan 34

### **G & T Mixed Bowmaker**

This was held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. The results were:

1<sup>st</sup> Gin Stewart / Dave Kirby / Jerry Swinburn / Bill Burnett  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Ovland / Gunnar Ovland / Dave Collins / Dave Tuck  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anne Scott / Darren Martin / Haiden Watts / Ian Barrett  
4<sup>th</sup> Kate Cleverley / Sean O'Neill / Dave Eynon / Gavin Cleverley

### **Coronation Foursomes**

This was held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. There were only four teams entered and the winners on countback were:

Jen Warmington / Gin Stewart. They have been entered for the regional finals to be played at Taunton & Pickeridge.

The Rainbow Maker will be held this weekend and I am putting up the notice for the Club Champs.

## **9. Handicap Secretary's Report**

In April's Stableford competition there were 10 entries with Karen taking first place with 37 points, Vicki O'Neill 2<sup>nd</sup> (34 points) and Kate Cleverley 3<sup>rd</sup> (30 points).

In the May Medal, Jan won with a total of 69, Kate Cleverley was second with 74 and Dee Powell third with 75. Jen mentioned to me that Gin forgot to sign in and that the Pro Shop sorted it out for her; fortunately, she did appear on my list for the week. It

seems that the men do not have to sign in on technology but do it through the Pro Shop only.

This week is a Stableford week.

Jen has asked me to look at setting up the Order of Merit (Ooms) for the ladies and I am in the process of looking at that. Men and Seniors already run something similar. There is a wizard on the Club V1 which assists with this. I found that the men's section have one in place, but not the seniors. This will be based on the top 5 gaining points, with 5 points for first, 4 for second, etc.

#### **10. County Delegate's Report**

No report submitted.

#### **11. New Members Report**

Three new ladies joined the Ladies Section of Wheathill Golf Club during April. I have been in touch with all three and plan to meet up over the next few weeks. The ladies are, Emily Brown, Alison Easton and Tracey MacLennan.

Following the previous meeting and my action to contact England Golf regarding Women on Par I have received a Pack from England Golf which includes Promotional posters; Challenge Scorecards; Personal Record Cards and balloons. I have forwarded a copy of the Information Leaflet to all Committee Ladies. The England Golf Support Officer for Golf Clubs in Somerset and Gloucestershire has been in touch with me and a meeting has been arranged (at Wheathill) with Jen and I on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **12. Correspondence**

A letter was given to Jen re access for disabled golfers.

#### **13. AOB**

Broken tee pots – Karon has done the pots and negotiations are underway as to positioning on the tees.

Two spot – what happens to the mixed comp £60? Ladies section.

Away day – has been postponed due to a lack of participants and due to the fact that it was on the same day as Jane Beauford's funeral. AS will produce a new poster.

There was some confusion that you had to sign up in 3's which is not the case. New date is to be set – maybe August.

Defibrillator - should it be serviced? There was an issue with the batteries, neither Vicky or Sarah had instructions. It was suggested that maybe a demonstration be arranged detailing how to maintain and use etc. It is currently located on the right-hand side in the clubhouse on right hand side of the entrance door. Jen to investigate.

Rainbow Maker on Sunday – Jen will email Gaye, Molly and Sue to say about their individual number of qualifying cards. It was suggested that they could still play in the competition but they will be unable to win.

The lock on Lavender Cottage has been proving very difficult to manipulate. BT will change the code again so that the four zeros along the top between the bars will be the code. Hopefully this will resolve the problem.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

**Date of next meeting : Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**Location : The Cross Keys, Lydford at 6.30 pm**

**Signed as correct ..... Date ..... 2023**

Jen Warmington, Lady Captain