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Minutes of the Committee meeting of the Ladies Section of Wheathill Golf Club

Date: Wednesday 9th November 2022 @ 6.30pm
Venue: Podymore Inn

AGENDA

Present	Jan Street	Jan S	Ladies Captain
	Jen Warmington	Jen W	Vice Captain
	Sam Thorpe	ST	Treasurer
	Joan Stone	JS	Past Captain/County Delegate
	Anne Scott	AS	Secretary
	Karen Forward	KF	Competitions Secretary
	Fiona Cruse	FC	Handicap Secretary
	Sylvia Bates	SB	New members Rep

1. **Apologies for absence** - None
2. **Approval of minutes of previous meeting.** The Minutes of the meeting held on **Thursday 6th October** were accepted as an accurate record.
Proposed by Jen Warmington, seconded by, Fiona Cruse Signed by Lady Captain
3. **Matters arising from Ladies October Committee meeting**
 - I. Jan edited minutes re Bronze & Silver Eclectics. *Post meeting note – Agreement from Pam Frith (whose competition this is) to take handicap index at beginning of the year as the category within which your eclectic scores are totalled – i.e. if your handicap index is 20.4 or less for first eclectic, you would be considered for Silver Plate over the year.*
4. **Matters arising from Main Committee**
 - I. Jan disappointed that the ladies had not received an email informing them of the Fund-Raising Day Competition, as one had been sent to the men.
 - II. Re 30th Anniversary Year
The Pro Shop want to organise a day to celebrate the 30th Anniversary, of the Club. The incoming Captains will be meeting to consider memorabilia for competitions throughout 2023. They will also consider celebrating the 30th anniversary within the larger competitions. For example Captain's Day, Mixed Charity and opens.
 - III. Captains v Vice Captains Challenge

It was proposed to expand the team size for the Captains v Vice Captains Challenge to enable more people to take part. This would still be played in a 4BBB format. It could mean three teams rather than two and would start the season off with as many members participating as possible.

V1 Access

- IV. It costs £100 to remove a filter, to enable one person to access the full database. The management agreed to fund this, to enable Geoff Gilbert access and the Committee proposed that they should cover the cost to also add Karen Forward to the system.

5. Lady Captain's Report

I have very little to report this month.

The Daily Mail Foursomes was won by Jen and Gin. Martin and I have completed our Pro Captain's Challenge matches – the winners will be revealed on Presentation Night!

The trophies have been engraved – am just waiting for the final results to come through for the Eclectic Plates and Most Improved Players so that I can get them engraved before Presentation Night.

Thanks to Jen and Anne, preparations are well in hand for our AGM at the end of the month.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your hard work this year – it has been a privilege to be your Lady Captain and I am truly grateful to have had your support. Thank you.

6. Lady Vice-Captain's Report

Nothing to report

7. Treasurer's Report

Bank balances: Current A/c £381.57
Charity A/C £1,967.63
Reserve A/C £487.46

The Charity Account is still to receive £80 from Jill Byrne, from the sale of her son's cards. This will take the figure over £2000 which is a fantastic achievement, including £197.14 from the whisky bottle.

Both Sue Bamping & Heather Bush paid Vicky direct for their food costs on Captain's Day.

I paid £105 from the Reserve account for three extra ladies spaces at the away weekend, this gives the opportunity for late comers if required. If there are no takers, then the deposit will be refunded.

8. Competition Secretary's Report

The year is coming to an end and there is only one competition to report upon this month. That is the Daily Mail Foursomes where the winners once again were Jen Warmington and Gin Stewart.

The Shire and Tuppy Trophies are up on the board as are the sign-up sheets for the Chicken Run and Senior Ladies Christmas Competition.

9. Handicap Secretary's Report

October saw more members entering the Weekly Medal (11 entries) with Linda Johnson coming first on countback with a score of 71. 2nd was Kate Cleverley also with 71 and Jen Warmington was 3rd with 72. Very tight at the top!

As this was Linda's 2nd Medal win of the season, she elected to take a cash voucher rather than a Medal. I am raising a query on Medals later in any other business.

Our Stableford for October was put back a week on the recommendation of the pro-shop due to essential work on the greens. All members were informed by email. There were 10 entries. I came first with a score of 36 points, followed in 2nd place by Sue Ovland with 34 points and Jen Warmington was 3rd with 32 points on countback.

Neither the Medal nor Stableford numbers were sufficient to allow 2 divisions. This only happens when we have 14 or more entries.

10. County Delegate's Report

Nothing to report

11. New Members Report

No new Lady Members during October 2022.

12. Juniors

Wheathill hosted the Final of the Somerset Junior League Knockout competition between Mendip and Oake Manor on Sunday 25th September. Mendip won by two games to one with the deciding game going all the way to the 17th hole. There are many thanks to be made, to Andrew for the courtesy of the course, the Greens staff for the marvellous condition of the course (unlike B&B where mats were given out for fairway shots when Mendip narrowly lost the East/West divisional final the previous day), the Proshop for assistance with booking tee times and checking handicaps and the clubhouse staff for their friendly service. In addition, thanks must also go to several members and visitors out on the course that day for letting through the lead pair playing off -1 and 4 respectively, they were a joy to watch!

In the League this year we have acquitted ourselves well in mid table and look forward to advancing our reputation next season. On that note Oli Hopkins went along to the County Junior Selection Day for the Under 14's on Sunday 9th October and I am pleased to say that he has been called up to join the squad! He will be our third Junior to have achieved this and I am sure he will benefit hugely from the experience and use it to enhance his own golf and our team efforts.

We have a small group of developing golfers, and we are establishing a regular Sunday slot which will carry on throughout the winter and strengthen our team when we get back to the full course and all the competitions next summer, including some girls!

13. Starters for Men's Competitions

None required.

14. Correspondence

Joan reported she had received a letter from Macmillan Cancer, thanking us for monies collected last year.

15. AOB

- I. Discussion over whether we go back to physical medal, glass or voucher for medal winners. Also Fiona and Jen to investigate the

feasibility of awarding 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes – ie, how many entries required before this is possible.

- II. Discussion over Judith Rowsell's handicap - it hasn't gone up despite numerous cards she has entered and Fiona has discovered this is due to a restriction under the new handicap system (hard cap/soft cap). Fiona advised to check with the County Handicap Secretary and ask for guidance about what action we can take.
- III. Jen has received nominations for Secretary (Becky Thompson) and County Delegate (Nic Boyd) to be announced at AGM (24th November 2022).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 16th February at 6.30 p.m.

Location: Jen's House: 7 Margaret Bondfield Close, Pilton, Shepton Mallet, BA4 4FY

Signed as correct **Date**