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**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Ladies Section of
Wheathill Golf Club held on Wednesday 20th November 2024, 6.30 pm
at the Cross Keys, Lydford**

Present

Sylvia Bates (SB)	New Members Delegate
Nic Boyd (NB)	Handicap Secretary
Fiona Cruse (FC)	Vice Captain
Judith Rowsell (JR)	Competition Secretary
Anne Scott (AS)	Ladies Captain
Becky Thompson (BT)	Secretary
Sam Thorpe (ST)	Treasurer
Jen Warmington (JW)	Past Captain
Nicky Wisniewski (NW)	County Delegate

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th October 2024 were accepted as an accurate record. Proposed by JW, Seconded by FC and signed by the Lady Captain AS.

- 3. Matters Arising**
- 4. Main Committee**

All greens being treated weather dependant. Rain and more rain!

- 5. Lady Captain's Report (AS)**

For your information I have had a photo book of pictures from the Pink Ladies Day and have left it in the changing room for everyone to see. A great day!

I had my carpel tunnel operation carried out - whether it is a success I don't know yet! I have returned to playing and I'm just taking it easy. There hasn't been so many competitions so it was a good time to get it done.

Jill and I took the trophies to Radstock to be engraved and am hoping to get them back before Presentation evening. We will have a cleaning posse on the Friday to get them looking smart!

We have advertised for the new committee members and all has progressed. I am waiting for the results to be delivered at the AGM. The usual information to be circulated by Becky before and at the AGM. *The Agenda has been submitted to AS for onward delivery to Mel for circulation to the lady members.*

Secretary, Treasurer (re-election of Sam, she's done 3 years,) Competition Secretary, (Jude was temporary for a year and now needs permanency), Handicap Secretary, County Delegate, New Members Delegate.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the ladies on the committee who have supported me so amazingly this year. It's been great! By way of my appreciation, I have a gift for you all. Hopefully you will enjoy.

6. Vice Captain's Report (FC)

In NB's place I attended the Handicap Committee Handicap Review Meeting on the 8th November. We used the Handicap Review Report from the England Golf Platform. As far as the Ladies Section is concerned there were only 4 names on the list. All indicated that there were high scores on their records. However, 3 were juniors who have considerably decreased their handicaps throughout the year and did not warrant any handicap change. The other name on the list has seen her handicap rise this year mainly due to injury but we all felt it would be not in her interest to raise her handicap yet further.

I was given a copy of a medal finance sheet by Jude, who had been given it by the pro-shop with a query over the amount of profit we seemingly had made. I spoke to Andrew and promised to look into it. From information supplied by NB, it would seem that our profit from Medals this year has been close to 45%. This means we will need to look at the value of prizes we give next year. I suggest we put this on the agenda for February to look at this in more detail, when we have more time.

I had cause to send out an email to Ladies who are involved in the Chicken Run regarding swapping playing partners after their initial commitment to others. Hopefully this will lead to a more responsible attitude by all.

7. Treasurer's Report (ST)

Bank balances:	Current Account	£. 886.78
	Charity Account	£2,719.53
	Reserve Account	£1,235.26
	Women On Par Account	£ 110.00

Charity account final balance as it includes proceeds from the whisky bottle of £196.25, fantastic effort.

£110.00 held on the Women on Par account is the start of our savings towards any repairs or improvements to the ladies toilet facilities on the course.

The reserve account has started to receive deposits for the away weekend, 3 ladies already paid.

As a section, we have had a much better year financially, which is down to more competition entries coupled with a reduction in expenses.

8. Competition Secretary's Report (JR)

Since the last Committee meeting there has only been one competition played - the Daily Mail Foursomes. 10 Ladies entered and the results were as follows:-

1st Becky Thompson and Greta Hillier Nett 76 o c b £10 each

2nd Gin Stewart and Jen Warmington Nett 76 £7 each

Becky and Greta will be going forward next year to represent Wheathill Golf Club in the next round. We wish them well.

Future competitions:-

Chicken Run, Sunday 8th December

Senior Ladies (60+) Double 5's Thursday 12th December

Ladies Christmas Roll Up, Tuesday 17th December

Mixed Christmas Cracker, Sunday 22nd December

9. Handicap Secretary's Report (NB)

The club handicap secretaries met on November 8th. I was unable to attend but Fiona went in my place. She has previously reported the findings in her report earlier.

We have had very few cards in as the weather arrested any qualifying play at the end of October.

Looking back at the stats (not my strong point) I think the Stableford and Medals have been well attended. Overall, we have had 136 entrants for SF (that's an average of 17 per week) and for Medals we have had 90 entrants which averages at 12 per week. Altogether we have had 50 ladies enter as demonstrated on our OOM which seems very healthy.

Hopefully this has been a boost for the ladies' funds!

However, I did wonder if we needed to discuss the medal award criteria. I know that one week we had 26 entrants, and I think the contribution to the ladies account was £93.

Another point to discuss is the checking of General Play cards. Janet Fear has emailed to say that this should be done for all cards, and it may take up to 2 hours a week. This is a lot to ask of one person and I did wonder if we should be looking at enlisting support for the HC secretary in the checking of GP cards.

It was generally agreed that the monies made on stablefords and medals mentioned in this report if equally distributed over the year is good. The committee felt that no changes were needed at this point in time but if numbers on a regular basis are increasing then the subject will be addressed again.

10. County Delegate's Report (NW)

On Monday 18th November I attended the County AGM at Isle of Wedmore Golf Club. The meeting was very well attended.

Points of interest

1. Brean Golf club has been sold and it is not known yet if it will continue as a golf club in its current form.
2. Tracy Park has been sold to a private buyer to become a private residence.
3. The SLGA will be an impressive 125 years old in 2026 and are planning an occasion to celebrate this.
4. In 2025 the affiliation fee for ladies will go up to £12.00. This will now be in line with the men.
5. England Golf have set up on their website a section called Golf Fore Her aimed at women's health and well-being.
6. All County competitions for 2025 are on the website, including club opens that have been notified to County. *AS will ensure that Wheathill's entry is there.*
7. Entries for the Roger's cup need to be entered and paid for by the end of 2024. *FC confirmed that our entries are in.*

11. New Members Report (SB)

We have had one new lady – Susan Cave who joined Wheathill Ladies Section during October. I have sent Susan an email and am awaiting a response. *SB raised the question of funding from County for 2025 for Women on Par - BT said she would raise this with County and has since advised that funding should be imminent.*

12. Junior Report (JB)

On Sunday 10th November Wheathill Juniors - Oscar Martin, George Harris, Eric Goymer, Elliott Tuck and incoming junior captain, Lucy Sleeth-Stevens, played in the Final of the Somerset Junior League as winners of the South Division, against Burnham and Berrow, winners of the North Division, at Long Sutton. This was a Stableford Round with 12 points for the best score then 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for the rest of the scores.

The rounds were played in great accord as each individual did their best to score well on a neutral course.

All the juniors acquitted themselves well with most playing to within range of their handicap. Particularly notable was the score for Lucy placed second overall with 37

Stableford points and 9 points for the team. In the end however the experience of the lower handicapped team gave Burnham the win by 35 points to 22.

This is the first time that Wheathill Juniors have reached a County Final and we are extremely proud of their achievements and that of Jill Byrne who nurtures the juniors so well and we look forward to building on this in the coming season.

13. Correspondence

None.

14. AOB

Karon Woodward - Club Championship. *It was agreed that if KW presented to the AGM with the qualifying information that a subsequent vote would be undertaken again for the 2026 competition. The result of the previous vote was conclusive and the format will be as previously for the 2025 competition.*

Remove Junior Report from the Ladies Committee Meetings. *Jill Byrne felt that the need to report to the Ladies Committee was unnecessary as she reports directly to the Main Committee. It was unanimously agreed that the Junior Report would be dropped from the Ladies Committee.*

Meeting concluded at 7.30 pm

Date of next meeting:- AGM, 5th December 2024, 6.30pm at Jubilee Room,
Wheathill Golf Club

Signed as correct Date 2025

Fiona Cruse, Lady Captain