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

Date: Thursday 6th October 2022 @ 6.30pm

Venue: Jan's house @ Linden House, Church Street, Babcary,
Somerton TA11 7DT

AGENDA

Present

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

- 1. Apologies for absence-** Fiona Cruse.
- 2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting.** The Minutes of the meeting held on **Thursday 8th September** were accepted as an accurate record.

Proposed by Joan Stone, seconded by Jen Warmington, Signed by Lady Captain

- 3. Matters arising from Ladies September Committee meeting**
 - Ladies now allowed to play in Pro shop Stablefords.
 - Shire & Tuppy to be kept for Bronze & Silver players.
- 4. Matters arising from Main Committee**
 - Men are doing a Fund-Raising Day Competition; Ladies have not been informed.
 - Men's Committee suggested that they send out monthly updates to men to get more playing in competitions, games etc. Discussion over whether we as the Ladies should follow. Feel we are organised at this.
 - There was discussion at the main committee meeting about an inter pub competition - Jan to get more information before the next meeting.

5. Lady Captain's Report

September started with the Maryland Classic – won by Val Hyldon. The final two competitions this month – the Salwyn Trophy – was won by Sue Ovland - and the Pick N Mix Greensomes – was won by Linda and Colin Johnson.

On 4th September we played the final of the Rogers Cup at Mendip against Orchardleigh. Winning this competition for the first time in Wheathill's history was a truly momentous occasion for all involved – players and caddies throughout the competition – and our supporters.

We won our final league match of the season and have just found out that we finished 3rd in division 3, resulting in promotion to division 2. We will be playing against Bath, Cricket St Thomas, Minehead, Stockwood Vale and Worlebury. Proceeds from the raffle held at the Men's Open competition resulted in a further £257 being added to my charity – Young Minds. Many thanks to Gerry Morgan for arranging this.

We had a very successful and enjoyable away weekend at St Pierre – plenty of laughter and golf – this was organised superbly by Jen Warmington – thanks again to Jen.

The following weekend the Ladies Team won the Team Captains Challenge competition – which was the icing on the cake for our achievements this year! But that was to be eclipsed by a truly memorable Lady Captain's Day – top marks to Jen for customising my trolley to look like a road sweeper's cart (she should have been an engineer) and the complementary clothing (hat and high vis waistcoat - with the all-important Keep Wheathill Tidy logo!), of course with the obligatory alcohol to be consumed on my round. More top marks to Jill for her re-wording of the Wombles song and her excellent sewing/craft skills for producing so many mob caps and noses, and my apron. So much fun and I think it's fair to say that we all enjoyed the day, and I am so grateful to everyone for making it so special for me. Thank you.

6. Lady Vice-Captain's Report

This has been another busy month. I had a meeting with Jan, Anne and Karen to go through next year's Club diary and we have moved a few of the ladies competitions to spread the load and to free up some Saturdays. Hopefully, this will reduce any clashes with Club matches, particularly for those ladies who play in the 3 Counties League and also enable some of our lady members, who work on Saturdays, to take part in our competitions.

The 11th of September saw 18 ladies travel to St Pierre, near Chepstow, for our Lady Captain's Away Weekend. Unfortunately, one lady was unable to go due to illness but, luckily, we were able to find a "Super-Sub", to take her place and another lady had a recurrence of an illness whilst we were there. Despite all of that, I think that those of us who remained fit, had a good weekend.

I have made a booking, for next year, to The Vale Resort, in the Vale of Glamorgan, and we currently have 19 ladies signed up to go.

Lady Captain's Day, on 2nd Oct, seemed to be enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Jill Byrne for the incredible addition of the Wheathill Wombling Song, and all the props she provided. I think that will stay in everyone's memory box for quite some time!

Jan and I attended the ICL AGM, on Monday 3rd Oct, and all of our Division 2 matches, for next season, have been arranged. We will be playing Bath, Cricket St Thomas, Minehead, Stockwood Vale and Worlebury...so a couple of new courses....and a few old ones, for us to tackle next season.

7. Treasurer's Report

Bank balances: Current A/c £683.62
Charity A/C £2,818.79
Reserve A/C £592.27

The Charity Account is holding £1,236.54 for Joan's charity, cheque issued at last meeting but not presented yet. This would leave Jan's charity account with £1,582.25.

Lady Captains day a great success, apart from two ladies who dropped out last minute, Sue Bamping & Heather Bush. Food will need to be paid for, will await invoice from Vicki before approaching the ladies for their contribution.

8. Competition Secretary's Report

Unfortunately, I have been away for several of the last competitions but the results I know are as follows:

Maryland Classic 3rd September

1st Val Hyldon
2nd Jen Warmington
3rd Kate Cleverley/Heather Bush

Salwyn Trophy

1st Sue Ovland

Pick n Mix 24 September

1st L Johnson/C Johnson
2nd L O'Neill/S O'Neill
3rd J Street/S Street

Lady Captains Day

Jen will report but the winners were:

1st Sue Moon
2nd Nic Boyd
3rd Gaye Volk

9. Handicap Secretary's Report

In the September Medal there were only 3 entries, so I requested their entry fees to be returned to them. So far this month (October), there are only 3 entries again with 3 more days to go. Tuesday seems to be the most popular day to do a medal with very few being played at weekends.

The Stableford week had 12 entries with the following results:

1 st Sue Bamping	39
2 nd Val Hyldon	35
3 rd Jen Warmington	34

I had another email from Janet Fear with another link for more new/updated resources.

<https://eg.en.dotgolf.co.uk/resource-detail/whs-handicap-committee-resources>

She also mentioned that she has to go for re-training in November and that there will be County re-training for all handicap secretaries to follow on from that.

10. County Delegate's Report

County Competitions

- 50+ Championship held at Weston was a very good day with everything running smoothly. 50 ladies played, Gill Brown winning the best gross and Sue Reading winning best nett.
- 85 ladies played in the Handicap Championships at Mendip Spring. Full list of winners is on the website.
- The Rogers Cup was won by Wheathill in a very close match against Orchardleigh and the Centenary Cup final was won by Bath against Wells.
- Fowler Lock Greensomes was cancelled due to lack of interest. It was suggested that the format next year should be a four ball better ball.
- Competition dates for next year have been posted on the website.
- Competition posters will be ready by early January. Jackie and Angie are working on ways to get information direct to ladies, rather than via clubs or delegates.
- A survey on how delegates pass on information to their club members was sent out but only five responses were received.

The date for next year's 50+ Championship will have to be changed from 10th July as there is a diary clash with the British Ladies Seniors.

Vacant Positions

Hon Secretary

I was asked to send a letter on behalf of Wheathill, proposing Becky Thompson for the position of Hon Secretary.

SW Representative

Summary of Role

One of SW events is managed by Somerset per year.

Ladies Inter-County Match week was this year & will not come around for another 6 years!

Next year the Regional Australian Spoons.

Meetings with the rest of the committee have all been achieved for the last couple of years by Zoom.

England Golf have regular updates which last just over an hour and are online. A brief note or the complete briefing pack is prepared by the SW Rep and sent to the SLCGA Secretary for distribution.

Twice a year EG hold a General Meeting and once a year an AGM at Woodhall Spa in Lincolnshire. Attendance is not mandatory. A proxy vote can be submitted via either one of the other ladies on the SW Committee or the Men's Secretary on the SGU.

If anyone is interested and wants to meet to discuss the Role please contact Sandra Ford.

News from Clubs

- Worlebury has new caterers. There is no Ladies Captain for next year.
- Mendip Spring enjoyed hosting the Handicap Championships in August.
- Burnham & Berrow is working hard on the Women in Golf Charter.
- Wells is impressed with the Women in Golf programme.

- Mendip has a number of new lady members. The new driving range is due to open in April next year.

11. New Members Report

No new Lady Members during August or September 2022.

12. Juniors

This has been a relatively quiet month for the Juniors in the club however we did run the Junior Championship on Sunday 25th September having postponed from June. This included the most junior competitors since I have been Junior Organiser, five boys and one girl.

The Nett trophy was won by Kit Wood and our Junior Champion, winning the Gross trophy was Dylan Millard our Junior Captain. Both these players were part of the King's Development programme.

Three players received handicap cuts on the day, Dylan, Kit and Ronnie Baldwin. It was such a pleasure to be with the last pair John Angelosanto and Lucy Sleeth-Stevens and to watch all six juniors executing fantastic shots and persevering when things were not quite going to plan. My thanks go to Jan for attending to present the trophies and to parents of Ronnie and Lucy who played behind to create a buffer for the juniors.

We are hosting the Somerset Junior League Knockout Final between The Mendip and Worlebury on Sunday 9th October.

There are currently 4 King's golfers signed up and playing through the winter on Friday afternoons and I am confident that the numbers will increase in the summer term.

Two Girls Golf Rocks courses are now complete, and I think we will have certainly two more girls likely to become members. We have two further new boy members bringing active junior numbers up to 17. I am offering a roll up option on Sundays when I can over the winter and the chance to play after school on Mondays and/or Wednesdays whilst light allows.

13. Starters for Men's Competitions

None.

14. Correspondence

None.

15. AOB

- I. Jen reported on her booking for her Ladies Away weekend at the Vale of Glamorgan. 19 ladies signed up so far, we have 3 amendments before final balance must be paid. Therefore, we have a bit of leeway with numbers and payment. Discussion of how to pay initial deposit, decided to use Charity Account.
- II. Trophies - Jan has been through the trophies in the cupboard, and will take to Radstock tomorrow for engraving.
 - There was a query regarding the winners of the Gin & Tonic competition. Jan will contact Gin.
 - Newton & Owl trophies not being used (competitions discontinued).
 - Decided to repurpose Committee Trophy to be used for Most Improved Lady with H/C 54-36, Other Most Improved up to Index 36.
 - Query about Bronze and Silver Plates for 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 – ie if your handicap index is 20.4 or less for first eclectic, you would be considered for Silver Plate over the year.

III. Rules

Discussion brought by Sylvia over the Most 20 Rules that have changed since 2019, and that they be circulated to all Ladies for their information.

Jen pointed people to the R&A App , that has a Quiz on rules which is useful.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.00

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9th November 2022 at 6.30 p.m.

Location: The Podymore Inn

Signed as correct Date