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**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Ladies Section of
Wheathill Golf Club held on Tuesday 8th October 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
Jen Warmington (JW)	Past Captain
Nicky Wisniewski (NW)	County Delegate

1. Apologies for absence

Sam Thorpe (ST)	Treasurer
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2. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th September 2024 were accepted as an accurate record. Proposed by JW, Seconded by NB and signed by the Lady Captain AS.

3. Matters Arising

Fund Raising Day- now November 16th - sign-up sheet will be put up.

New Handicap Committee met on 20th September 2024, comprising - Jill Byrne, Kelvin Dagger, Fiona Cruse, Kevin Snook. A general letter to everyone in November stating that there will be reviews according to Golf England.

4 Ball Vouchers issued by the pro shop are not to be used as prizes but raffled to raise money for a chosen charity. They are normally given to Vice Captains for charity events but some clubs are slow answering requests or they don't bother at all! Depends on take up if we get any!

Honours Boards - some are full up and discussions are ongoing about new ones, placings etc. **It was suggested that digital boards might be considered.**

Darren wants a 'Warning Letter' available to send to people who don't turn up for competitions and have no valid reason! Discussions around how to penalise... (*Ladies must pay or find a replacement*). *This is still a problem for us e.g. the Pick & Mix - 2 dropped out this Sunday, one due to illness, one due to injury - do they still need to pay, as we had no replacements! How do we resolve it?* **It is generally acknowledged that if you cannot play in a competition - for whatever reason - (barring catastrophes) - that you either find a replacement or you are still liable to pay your entry fee.**

Gin asked for new pins, cups from Fund-Raising Day, like those at Woodbury, Andrew remarked, they are very expensive?

Lady Captain's Day - why is it in October? End of our season. Question came from the Men's Section, why can't the men join us?? **The committee had no objections to the men being included in the Lady Captain's Day but that the final decision would be made by the reigning lady captain. There is a trophy awarded on this day so this is a consideration for the future too.**

4. Main Committee

Main Committee now going to meet on Mondays at 4.30pm in Winter, later in the Summer.

5. Lady Captain's Report (AS)

My Lady Captain's Day was such a success - the theme was Pink Ladies. My thanks to Dee for the jackets. I really enjoyed it and hope everyone else did too. Thanks to Jude, Marion, Sylvia, her husband and my husband and daughter (the loud one) and Roy - bless him joining in and everyone else who took part. Also thanks to Fiona for all the organisation and making it so splendid!

Good to see so many New Ladies joining in as well and Ginny (also a newbie), guessing where my drive would end up. Even I had no idea!

Good news from SLCGA, we have the Women on Par grant for another year! Andrew is delighted! Well, done Sylvia on your fantastic commitment which we are confident will continue. County have requested that we make a presentation (report) to the club delegates at the first meeting in January regarding our grant. **We think that probably SB, JW, AS and NW should attend the meeting.**

Not going to steal Jude's thunder, so I won't comment on the Pick & Mix!

6. Vice Captain's Report (FC)

I have very little to report this month. The last friendly of the season takes place next Monday (14th October) at Weymouth and we have a team of 8 going. Unfortunately, because of a clash with the ICL AGM I won't be going but Sylvia has agreed to captain the away team this time for me.

7. Treasurer's Report (ST) (Read by BT)

Bank balances:	Current Account	£ 753.78
	Charity Account	£2,520.34
	Reserve Account	£1,176.80

Women On Par Account £. 110.00

Since the last meeting the charity account received £200 which was transferred from the main section for monies raised at the Stirrers Mixed Scramble. They initially transferred it to the Reserve Account, so I have now moved it to the Charity Account. The Women on Par Account is showing a balance of £110.00; this is the money raised on Lady Captain's Day. This money is to be kept separate towards any potential repairs or replacement of Lavender Cottage. As Women on Par Account currently has a Nil balance, unless instructed differently the money will remain there.

8. Competition Secretary's Report (JR)

Salwyn Trophy

This a competition for ladies aged 70 plus. Played on 19.09.2024. The format is individual Stableford with points doubled on all par 3's.

10 pairs Ladies entered but only 8 pairs Ladies played.

1 st	Lynn O'Neill 43 pts on count back
2 nd	Ann Gates 43 pts
3 rd	Fiona Cruse 42 pts

Pick and Mix

Mixed Pairs - Greensome. Played on 06.10.2024.

1 st	Jill Byrne and George Broadley
2 nd	Anne Scott and Haiden Watts
3 rd	Karen Forward and Mike Wright.

I would like it to be noted that when the notice was sent out via V1 there were 40 entries. A note was written to entrants reminding everyone that there were no reserves for this competition and that if you had to withdraw and that a replacement could not be found, your partner would have to mark your opponent's card and you were still liable for your entry fee.

Unfortunately, 2 pairs withdrew - one player was ill and their partner had said he would mark their card. The other play suffered an injury and sadly their partner declined to mark the card of their opponents. This has always been a condition for all club cup and trophy competitions for quite some years. I checked this point with Andrew.

The next competition is the Daily Mail Foursomes to be played on Sunday 13th October.

9. Handicap Secretary's Report (NB)

The September Stableford had 12 entries and was won by Ann Gates with Jill Byrne second and Jen Warmington third. The October Medal dates have been extended due to the course being affected by the bonkers rain last week and will finish tomorrow (9th). OOM lead is still Jen Warmington, followed by Fiona Cruse and then Jan Street.

Following up on the issue with the Handicap Committee regarding deleted score intents. The outcome for the ladies session was that Jill Byrne said she would talk to Liberty Warman. I don't know the outcome of this. **FC commented that Jill Byrne had spoken to Liberty and her father - both were unaware that deleted scores were only acceptable in exceptional circumstances. The issue shouldn't arise again.**

10. County Delegate's Report (NW)

Nothing to report.

11. New Members Report (SB)

There were no new ladies during September. SLCGA have approved a Grant of £600 towards the Women on Par sessions in 2025. I understand the conditions of the Grant will be the same as in 2024 i.e. Wheathill to match the £600 donation.

12. Junior Report (JB) (Read by BT)

The Juniors were entered in the Team Captain's Challenge Event for the first time acquitting themselves well in 5th place. On the following day we had the O'Connor Trophy flag competition won very ably by Eric Goymer playing right through to the second green.

The following weekend was the Committee Cup with 5 juniors playing against 4 committee members and one parent. This time the Committee were jubilant following the past two times being won by the juniors.

Our final Junior League Event took place on Saturday 28th when we exploited our home advantage and secured enough points to go through to the play off against the North Division winners, Burnham & Berrow at Long Sutton on Sunday 10th November. I am so proud of our Junior Squad, another first for Wheathill Juniors

Our new Junior Captain will be Lucy Sleeth-Stevens who started playing through Girls Golf Rocks and has made amazing progress through the League and County pathways.

13. Correspondence

None.

14. AOB

Vacancies to be advertised by end of October (AS) (AGM Poster and Nomination Forms submitted to committee previously to meeting by BT) **BT will ensure the poster and forms are on the noticeboard 6 weeks prior to the AGM.**

Coronation Foursomes Competition (NW) **Discussed and decided that this would and has been reinstated.**

Should we put up entry fees in general to may be £5? **It was decided that we would see how the finances were at the end of this year.**

Christmas Meal (BT) It was agreed that the date of the next meeting and meal will take place on Wednesday 20th November. The main menu will be used.

Meeting concluded at 8.00 pm

Date of next meeting:- Wednesday 20th November 2024, 6.30pm at Cross Keys, Lydford followed by dinner.

Signed as correct Date 2024

Anne Scott, Lady Captain