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

**Date: Thursday 1st September 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
Fiona Cruse	FC	Handicap Secretary

- 1. Apologies for absence-** Karen Forward, Sylvia Bates.
- 2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting.** The Minutes of the meeting held on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July** were accepted as an accurate record.

Proposed by Fiona Cruse, seconded by Sam Thorpe, Signed by Lady Captain

- 3. Matters arising from Ladies July Committee meeting**
  - Diary (larger format) considered, too expensive and not practical.
  - Texas Scramble went ahead in original format, random draw – great success.
  - Karen asked to put a reminder out to ladies stating the original purpose of the WhatsApp group was to arrange games etc.
  - Key safe for access to ladies changing room in the evenings has been purchased and key cut.
  - 2 ladies Team shirts to be kept as spares and paid for by Ladies Section.
- 4. Matters arising from Main Committee**
  - Karon and Sean Woodward have made pots to go on the tees to collect broken tees. It was agreed they look great.
  - Andrew reported that the club had purchased a new mower to improve cutting of greens.
  - Work on the greens will probably commence in October, depending on the weather.

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

August was indeed a very busy month – 3 ladies' competitions, a league match (sadly lost away to Tall Pines), the final Trimatch, a Pro Captains Challenge match, the Mixed Charity Bowmaker and the semi-final of the Rogers Cup at Bath against Mendip Spring. The Mixed Charity Bowmaker was a great success and I think the final total raised was £690 – a superb amount. Thanks to all who supported this and raised so much for my charity, Young Minds. Thanks also to Ian Barrett for raising a further £200 from the raffle at the Seniors Invitation Day – very much appreciated.

I think without doubt though I have to say that our success at Bath (4-3) was the highlight of the month and left me quite emotional – a magnificent effort by all who played and caddied, with particular mention of Kate Cleverley and Ann Gates for having to play extra holes to complete, and win, their matches. The final is this coming Sunday at The Mendip Golf Club against Orchardleigh, and I am sure you would all like to wish our team the very best of luck and hope for fine weather!

The golfing season is drawing to a close, but there is still lots to look forward to – the Maryland Classic, our final league match away against Mendip, the away weekend at St Pierre, the Seniors v Ladies Rose Bowl, Team Captains Challenge, and the Lady Captain's Day to name but a few.

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

The final round of the Tri Match was played, here at Wheathill, on Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug. I'm very proud to tell you that, in a very tight contest, Wheathill Ladies retained the trophy. The final round produced scores of 183 for Cricket St Thomas and 191 for both Long Sutton and Wheathill. This gave a final result of

Cricket St Thomas	546
Long Sutton	549
Wheathill	553

So, only 7 points separating all 3 Clubs, after 24 ladies played 3 rounds of golf, quite incredible really.....but also proof that the new slope ratings and handicapping system must be working fairly well. My congratulations, and thanks, to all those who took part in this competition...once again we have proved that Wheathill Ladies are a force to be reckoned with!

I am also pleased to announce that Anne Scott has kindly agreed to be my Vice Captain, for next year, and I am very much looking forward to working with her in the future.

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

Bank balances: Current A/c £1,594.58  
Charity A/C £1,972.19  
Reserve A/C £592.11

I am now set up for full access Online on the accounts!

The Charity Account is holding £1,236.54 for Joan's charity, hopefully we can get this paid over to Macmillan Cancer shortly.

Current account looks healthy, but I haven't received July's bank statement yet to reconcile and I need to pay about £540 over to the Proshop for green fees from Mixed Open.

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

There have been several competitions since our last meeting and the results are as follows:

Paul Nicholls Greensomes

1<sup>st</sup> G Hillier/R Thompson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Gin Stewart/Jen Warmington  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jan Street/Sue Ovland

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1<sup>st</sup> Sam Thorpe/Jen Warmington/R Thompson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Rees/Heather Bush/Rachel Farthing  
3<sup>rd</sup> Molly Shire/Judith Rowsell/Joan Stone

Senior ladies Challenge Trophy

1<sup>st</sup> Molly Shire  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Bamping  
3<sup>rd</sup> Val Hyldon

I assume Jan will report on the mixed charity bowmaker, but I have now put the list of all the scores on the notice board. I will not be available on Saturday for the Maryland unfortunately, but I have requested the vouchers from the pro shop.

**9. Handicap Secretary's Report**

This month was disappointing as very few entered our medal and stablefords.

In the Medal there were only 4 entries. Jan Street came first with a gross 84 (net 62) and was awarded £10 instead of a medal. In the Stableford there was only 1 entry (Lynn O'Neill) so I asked the pro-shop to refund her money.

I had an email from Janet Fear on 16<sup>th</sup> August regarding handicapping and I quote:

“New document on the EG WHS Resources Page - Clarifications on the Rules of Handicapping. Scroll down.

<https://www.englandgolf.org/resource-listing?topics=1>

(The original address Janet gave didn't work. I have reported this back to her and she has now sent through the one above, but I've yet to read through this document.)

Like me I doubt you going looking for new documents on EG website very often! The resource above shows Clarifications to the Rules of Handicapping.

I have also been hearing of local Pro's telling players it is ok to do a General Play Score while playing in an Open Bowmaker! It is **not** ok to do a GPS while playing in a team event. Please make sure your Pro understands that.

I have also heard of Open Bowmakers 2 scores from 4 using 100% handicap allowance because it is fun. It is not fun for any low handicappers. The Handicap Allowances are mandatory for a reason. If you want 100% then you have 3 from 4 scores to count.

There are also some ridiculous team scores coming in, at the end of the season we will have a get together and now we are 2 years into WHS compare notes, what works and what doesn't.”

I have not heard any more yet about a get together, but I would like your thoughts to feed forward when it happens.

## 10. County Delegate's Report

Next year Somerset is hosting the SW Regional Australian Spoons. Clubs to be contacted Oake Manor as first choice and Tall Pines as second choice. The original thought had been to use Clevedon, but the course is too long and difficult for the higher handicap range of the competition.

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OPEN COMPETITIONS – 2023

Monday 17th April	Fowler Brooches 4BBB	Cricket St Thomas
Sunday 7th May	County Championships	The Mendip
Thursday 15th June	County Bowmaker	Worlebury
Monday 10th July	50+ Championship	Saltford
Friday 11th August	Handicap Championships Including Dickinson, Barlow, Grass Roots Cups	Enmore Park
Thursday 21st September	Fowler Lock Greensomes	Tall Pines

Note: Clubs entering the Rogers Cup and Centenary Plate must make their course available for matches. This will be specified in the letter which is sent out to Clubs inviting them to enter.

## 11. New Members Report

One new Lady Member joined Wheathill GC during July. Karen Wood has joined with her husband; I have made contact with Karen, and we plan to meet up in September.

## 12. Juniors

We sent a team of three players to the Jamboree at the end of July at Worlebury. Junior Captain Dylan Millard scored 33 points, Oli Hopkins 27 and Ronnie Baldwin 22 points giving us a total of 82 placing us 6th out of a possible 12 teams. Unfortunately, for some reason the organiser stipulated that 36 was the maximum handicap allowed for this event so Oli and Ronnie did remarkably well to achieve their points but with their actual handicaps we would have achieved second place. This will be raised at the League AGM for the future.

The Junior Open went ahead on Sunday 28th August with 10 entrants from 5 different clubs. This was a dual event incorporating the Justin Rose Daily Telegraph Gross and Nett competition for which Charlie Sampson from N Wilts won the Boys Gross Event and Reece Tucker from Wells won the Nett prize and 3rd place in our Open. There was one girl entrant from W Wilts, and she won the Girls Gross prize.

Oli and Ronnie were not eligible for that competition however they were placed 1st and second in our Open with both receiving cuts to their handicaps, Oli cut by 8 shots with his Nett 59 and Ronnie 2 shots with his Nett 66.

Girls Golf Rocks began again two weeks ago with a further 6 participants. We have already gained 3 new girl members from running this scheme, Lucy and Bethan Sleeth-Stevens and Sophie Angelosanto so I am looking forward to

encouraging them to be fully involved over the coming year. Lucy already has her handicap and is very keen.

Kings Development Programme will continue into the new season and will hopefully go from strength to strength. I am optimistic about our junior section increasing their success in the County League next year.

### **13. Starters for Men's Competitions**

Men's Open, 10<sup>th</sup> September, Jan to produce timetable of ladies who have volunteered to help.

### **14. Correspondence**

None.

### **15. AOB**

- I. Discussion over Shire & Tuppy competitions. Decided to keep format as this year, in leagues.
- II. Discussion over conceding matches and scoring.
- III. Discussion over number of Active (qualifier) rounds for entry to competitions. Karen and Fiona to put out an email informing Ladies that 10 over a rolling year will be required next year. Handbook to be updated by Jen.
- IV. Discussion over Rose Bowl Competition 4Ball BB, 6 groups of 2 ladies +1 Senior, 3 groups of 3 Seniors +1 lady.
- V. It was raised at the General Committee meeting that historically the Men's Section was the only section that contributed financially to the Pro Shop from their competition entry fees. It was agreed by the General Committee that this should cease with immediate effect. Following discussion, it was agreed that entry fees for each ladies competition should rise to £4 with effect from the Lady Captain's Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. This would ensure a greater percentage of prize money going back to the Pro Shop in the form of vouchers.
- VI. A query was raised as to why ladies were not able to enter Pro Shop Stablefords. Jan to discuss with Andrew.  
*Postscript – Discussed with Andrew, he saw no reason why ladies cannot enter Pro Shop Stablefords, evidently it had been a decision made by an earlier ladies committee. So, from next year ladies will be able to enter Pro Shop Stablefords.*
- VII. Jen asked when do we decide when to start Stablefords? March or April. It was discussed and concluded that it is dependent on weather and winter tees. Therefore, we will wait until nearer the time and check weather.
- VIII. Joan congratulated Anne S on becoming Vice Captain for next year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 6.30 p.m.**

***Location: Jan's house***

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