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**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Ladies Section of  
Wheathill Golf Club held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 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

**1. Apologies for absence**

Sam Thorpe (ST)	Treasurer
Nicky Wisniewski (NW)	County Delegate

**2. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2024 were accepted as an accurate record. Proposed by NB, Seconded by JW and signed by the Lady Captain AS.

**3. Matters Arising**

AS reported that WoP funding has been applied for to SLCGA.

**4. Main Committee**

It has been agreed that the AGM will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. **The Ladies AGM will be held at 6.30 pm on that day followed by the Main Committee AGM.** (Main Committee AGM rearranged due to Darren and Mark qualifying for Pro-Am Finals in Turkey).

The Handicap Committee met in September. FC / NB will report in their reports.

Going to investigate what happened to the vouchers we were supposed to get from the men's section / club. **FC - two were auctioned after the abandoned fundraising competition. The Pro Shop donates the vouchers for complementary course play**

tickets. The rules need to be defined as to when the vouchers can be used i.e. whether they can be used as prizes / raffles / auctions etc. AS will check at the next Main Committee meeting with Andrew England.

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

As we know Club Fund Raising Day was cancelled due to rain! 2 x 4BBB vouchers were auctioned afterwards and the proceeds shared with the Ladies section - £200.00 for charity of Porphyria.

Seniors + Ladies Rose Bowl on 6<sup>th</sup> September was won by Sylvia Bates, Dave Eynon, Tony Targett and John Houston.

The Away Days to Woodbury Golf Club was fabulous although a little on the cold side for September. A great course / hotel, fab food, good company and well organised by Fiona and entertainment from Gin!

Winners of the Individual Stableford on the Wednesday was Jan Street with 35 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jill Byrne 34 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Karen Forward 34 pts (OCB), 4<sup>th</sup> Trish Jones, 32pts, Random Pairs combined, 1<sup>st</sup> Dee and Jen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda and Nicky.

We had a quiz in the evening which was won by Jen Warmington, Joan Stone and Judith Rowsell.

I hope everyone who went enjoyed it. Sadly, Sue Ovland was unable to come, Gunnar had his spinal operation (which was successful), Sam had to withdraw at the last minute due to Covid, and unfortunately Jude became ill whilst we were away and very kindly Joan, (whose back was playing up), took her home.

I really enjoyed and think it was an immense success.

## **6. Vice Captain's Report (FC)**

We had a friendly match at The Mendip on 28<sup>th</sup> August. The weather looked like it might be against us as the rain started before the first tee, but it cleared away and we had a dry round. We all tried hard but the Mendip ladies did come out on top, 4 - 1. Each of our teams were unfortunately giving away shots to their opposite numbers. We played two new members for them to gain experience and they really enjoyed their day out.

Gin called a meeting of the Handicap Committee and the 4 sections of our Club were represented. We discussed our role and have adapted an old remit found by Gin to suit our needs and this has been distributed to the Handicap Secretaries. (NB was unfortunately not available to attend). **We need to have a club announcement regarding the handicap committee and advise members that individual handicaps can be critiqued by the club committee irrespective of England Golf. AS will raise with the main committee as this should be a club announcement rather than a Ladies Section one.**

Our trip to Woodbury Park Golf Course took part on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> September. Unfortunately, we had two ladies withdraw just before the event, through no fault of their own, and Jude became ill after the first day, so Joan took her home which reduced our numbers even more.

There were some fabulous views to be had all around the course. However, the first day was a very cold windy day, interspersed with some sunny periods, so coats / extra layers were on and off as necessary. Jan Street won the stableford on our first day with 35 points, second was Jill Byrne - 34 points, third on countback Karen Forward - 34 points and 4<sup>th</sup> was Trish Jones - 32 points.

In the evening we congregated for the usual pre-dinner drinks and nibbles, before a lovely meal in the hotel restaurant followed by a quiz.

The following morning we went into pairs for a 4BBB competition. Although we started in brilliant sunshine the weather quickly became changeable and we were all hit with a heavy rain shower, soaking us through. Winners were Jan Street and Gaylene Meeson with 39 points. The next 3 places were all on 37 points, so on countback, 2<sup>nd</sup> were Marion Hodgson and Ann Gates, Linda Johnson and Anne Scott 3<sup>rd</sup> and Jill Byrne and Fiona Cruse 4<sup>th</sup>. Very many thanks to all who attended; hopefully everyone enjoyed the venue, the food and wine and the golf. Thanks to Anne, Jill and Karen for all their assistance.

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

Bank balances:	Current Account	£ 906.58
	Charity Account	£2,317.49
	Reserve Account	£1,375.20
	Women On Par Account	£ 0.00

Hardly any banking entries for this month, only item to report is that I have paid James Palmer the £30.00 for his repairs to Lavender Cottage.

Sorry I can't be with you tonight, please accept my apologies.

#### **8. Competition Secretary's Report (JR)**

Nothing to report as no competitions have taken place.

#### **9. Handicap Secretary's Report (NB)**

The Club Handicap Committee met on the 30th August chaired by Gin and instigated by Fiona. I could not attend but feedback was that they reviewed the Handicap Review Report on the WHS portal. No one raised concern for the ladies section although with the change to the handicap system this year some abnormalities may arise at the Annual Review. We are meeting again on November 8th.

I have a copy of the Handicap Committee Remit if you would like to see it.

The August Stableford had 26 entries and was won by Gin Stewart in Div 1 and Dee Powell in Div 2. The September medal last week had 13 entries and was won by Fiona, with Sylvia second and Nicky third. Jen is still in the lead on the OOM with Fiona on her heels and Jan just behind her!

**NB asked how many general play cancelled cards are acceptable before contact is made with the individual. It was generally agreed that 3 or 4 should be the number. There were two people in particular who have been highlighted - one man and one**

junior. NB will email the Handicap Committee and ask their advice on how we tackle this. Also it was considered that Jill Byrne should be advised as one is a junior.

## **10. County Delegate's Report (NW)(Read by BT)**

On Monday 9th September I attended the delegates meeting at the Mendip Golf Course and the following points were covered.

Sandra Ford, President of Somerset Ladies Golf Association, carried out a wing walk in the summer and raised £1900 for Cancer Research.

The Handicap Championships were held at the Isle of Wedmore on 16th August. The results were as follows

### Medal competition

1st Gross	Aimee Sawyer, The Mendip
1st Net	Shirley Gooding, Weston Super Mare

Dickinson Cup	Sue Stilwell, Weston Super Mare
Hobbs Trophy	Gill Brown, Burnham & Berrow

### Stableford Competition

1st	Eileen
Irlam Salver	Nicola Wisniewski, Wheathill
Barlow Cup	Melanie Brewin, Wheathill
Bridge Bowl	Nicola Wisniewski, Wheathill
Lovell Cup	Caroline Bray, Burnham & Berrow

SLGA competitions will allow competitors over 80 to use a buggy without a medical certificate. Maybe this is something clubs could consider for their competitions?

It is being noted that some clubs are still not entering 4BBB competitions correctly on the system, so that high results get reflected in handicaps.

## **11. New Members Report (SB)**

Three new ladies joined Wheathill Ladies Section during August 2024 – Laura Bennett, Jinny Brockway and Daphne Moray. Laura and Jinny participated in the Ladies on Par Sessions. I understand Daphne has been a member in the past, so welcome back Daphne.

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

The juniors have only just had their Open this month which went off smoothly on Sunday 25th with 26 players, a record number of entries. Gross winner with 72 was Sam from The Mendip and Jack from Wheathill his runner up. The Nett competition was won by Lucy from Wheathill with 88, nett 60 meaning she will be equal 4th on the National Leader Board for the Daily Telegraph / Justin Rose Junior Golf Championship. Three girls and three boys from their respective competitions join the Gross competitors in Portugal in December so I think she will have just missed out on

being included but an excellent result, nonetheless. Also, in the prizes for Wheathill were Elizabeth and Tate.

The juniors have a busy month coming up, 2 silverware competitions, Team Captains Challenge (first full junior team ever) and the last South Division League Event here at Wheathill.

BT asked if the Main Committee were in agreement with the four cards being enough for juniors entering competitions as the Ladies had previously agreed that juniors under age 13 should have 4 and that 14 to 18 year olds should have 10. The Main Committee think that 4 is enough.

### **13. Correspondence**

None.

### **14. AOB**

Progress on Roll Up? (AS) NB said that she would like different formats introduced into the roll ups i.e. texas scrambles etc. JW has spoken to Geoff to find out how they organise their roll ups. He uses the Whatsapp group and the men have to let him know if they intend to play and advise of any specific requirements i.e. going out early etc. He then does a random draw and then puts the results on the Whatsapp group to let everyone know their tee times and playing partners. We could look at doing the same. It was generally agreed to be a good idea.

Postponed Amie Sawyer's talk from 16<sup>th</sup> October to next year due AS' pending operation (15<sup>th</sup> October) (AS).

Could we have next month's Committee Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> October? (AS) All OK for this. BT will send out separate email notifying committee members.

Last Supper - 19<sup>th</sup> November meeting where do we want to go? Cross Keys? Date OK? (AS) Agreed to have it at Cross Keys as they have let us have the snug as a meeting room over the year - BT to liaise with Cross Keys and committee as to menu etc.

Vacancies for Post of Secretary, New members, Handicap to be advertised. (AS) BT to initiate the procedure.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> October AS would like to meet with Vice + Competition Secretary to sort the cups for Engraving so that I can take them to Engravers 3 weeks before Presentation Evening 22<sup>nd</sup> November. (AS) Meeting arranged for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 pm at Wheathill.

**Meeting concluded at 7.55 pm**

**Date of next meeting:-** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 6.30pm at Cross Keys, Lydford.

**Signed as correct ..... Date ..... 2024**

Anne Scott, Lady Captain