

# **Meeting of the Bristol and District Lady Golfers' Alliance**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.00pm on Zoom**

Stephanie Moorfoot (Chair) Erica Steed, Barbara Lewis, Heather Priest and Jeanette Cook.

Apologies received from Glenda Hanmer and Sam Robinsons (Sam joined the meeting halfway through the meeting).

**1. Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**

Agreed

**2. Matters Arising**

BDLGA Title. After a short discussion the majority wanted to retain 'Lady' in the title. Erica said it wouldn't cost very much to change the Bank Account to change a name through Companies House would only cost £10.00. One solution would be that we could keep the name BDLGA and instead of 'Lady' change to League Golfers' Alliance. The men use the title Bristol and District Golf League and do not use the word 'Alliance'. It was agreed to consider this and discuss further at another meeting. In any event this would have to be discussed at the AGM.

**3. The Result App**

Heather to chase Neil Dunn for an invoice of £250.00.

Heather receiving two notifications of results – sorting this out with Neil.

**4 BDLGA Financial Forecast**

The Treasurer did a forecast of the income and expenditure over the next six years.

Although we have reserves, if we do not increase the subs next year we will be using the Reserves to cover expenses. It was agreed that keeping Reserves at £2K is reasonable. One of the reasons for splitting up the Championship and the Alliance finances is to make it clearer if there were any deficits arising from the expenditure. The Championship covers itself.

In the past it looks like the Reserve was built up from the fees of the Championship. The last increase in fees for the Alliance was 7 years ago. It was agreed we would discuss this again at our next meeting in May.

**5 Vacancies in the League**

The Committee discussed whether Woodspring, Tall Pines and Stockwood Vale would like to join the League – they don't have a big enough Ladies'

Section. Shirehampton is one of the clubs who dropped out of the League for this reason. Heather concerned that other clubs may pull out. Regarding Enmore Erica said that if the Committee make a decision it would have to be discussed at the AGM. Heather said it would be too late for next year and that we would have to call an EGM if we wanted Enmore to join for 25/26. It was agreed that the Chair and Hon. Secretary would draft a letter to the Captains'.

**6. Course Readiness at the beginning of April.**

It was agreed to include in the regulations if two holes are out of play, players must play holes 1 and 2 twice. Erica – AGM.

**7. The Open Championship**

Confirmed that Gloucestershire and Somerset have donated £250.00 each. Diney Costeloe has kindly agreed to sponsor the Competition with a Donation of £1250.00. There are currently 30 entries, but this is normal at this time of the year and we anticipate having a full field over the next few weeks.

Breakdown of costs: Bath will charge £1500.00 for course fees. Prizes will Total £910.00 This comes to £2410.00 there will be other costs to cover e.g. Refreshments and printing costs. Glenda has kindly organised the towels as gifts at a cost of £744.00 for 120 which will cover next years' gifts.

Sam has not found anyone at Bath GC to take on the Championship Sec role if anyone knows of anyone that might be interested, a former perhaps a former competition secretary at a club to let her know. Stephanie said she will advertise the vacancy including Glenda's role on the BDLGA Website.

**8. Aqua Bowl Challenge Match -**

Stephanie reported that it was difficult playing conditions, very wet and windy conditions. Stephanie walked round the course with Janet Frost Vice Captain from Henbury. Cotswold Alliance presented the Trophy, and Stephanie thanked everyone for coming and congratulated Minchinhampton on their success. Minchinhampton hosted us with an excellent afternoon tea afterwards. Cotswold and District League gave a donation of £100.00.

**9. Clarification of rule concerning maximum handicap for Handicap Foursomes. Currently 24 but a higher handicap playing must play off 24.**

It was agreed to add this into the regulations. Erica - AGM.

**10. AGM Venue 2024**

Erica said in view of the cost of hiring a room plus tea and coffee (Room hire is £250.00 at Filton) and the need to be prudent with our expenses, it was agreed that we would hold the AGM at Knowle, as they very kindly only charge us for tea and coffee.

**11. Meeting dates for the year**

Erica suggested Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 16.00 pm Erica took look into Henbury for a meeting. Erica to check if Glenda is available.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 16.00 pm. Venue TBA.

**12. Any Other Business**

Nothing to report.