

**BRISTOL & DISTRICT LADY GOLFERS' ALLIANCE**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT KNOWLE GOLF CLUB**  
**On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 10.00am**

**Present:**

Sue Johns	SJ	Rosemary Fife	RF	Gill Prophet	GP
Angie Frith	AF	Di Yates	DY	Mary Groves	MG
Marian Crewe	MC	Ruth Hughes (visitor)			

**ACTION**

**1. Apologies** – Carol Kirkwood

Ruth Hughes was invited to join the meeting as she is considering taking over from Mary Groves at the next AGM.

**2. Minutes of Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Agreed and signed.

**3. Matters arising** – None that are not covered in other reports

**4. Chairman's Report**

Thanks to all for quick responses over the last couple of months when sending out information or queries by e-mail. It really does help when forming answers to our teams' queries. Also welcome to the new volunteers who are willing to join our team. We will need a photo of Carol online asap so all of the committee are easily recognisable.

Thanks to Angie, our new website is ready to roll and now all information is transferred and archived where necessary hopefully all will find it easier to use. I enjoyed being able to support Angie with this and know we will be deciding exactly who does what today. Still a learning curve as with all things IT!

The challenge cup will be collected by the Cotswold Manager and be there next week, and will give Angie her name and number in case of contacting for future years.

A query arose about the use of caddies in these matches. They are not allowed in our league matches and there is no mention of them in the Cotswold league rules on their website. It was agreed that Sue would let the team know that caddies are not allowed but that a buggy is, in line with our policy. We would waive the need for a medical certificate in this instance due to the particular time constraints as long as the other side are happy with this.

We then discussed whose rules we actually follow for this challenge match and agreed that we need to have published rules and procedure for booking this, as queries keep occurring since this is not set down as such that we can see. Angie will ask Fay Galley whether this was ever discussed and agreed.

Sue will liaise with her counterpart on the Cotswold league, so this is firmed up for next year. **AF/SJ**

Angie to send photo of the Bath Aqua Challenge Bowl and previous winners to Marian for inclusion on trophy spreadsheet. **AF/MC**

## 5. Secretary's Report

League - The annual information packs were sent by e-mail to the Ladies' Captains this year and was well-received. One LC wanted a hard copy sent too and one e-mail address had been provided incorrectly but easily remedied, so I suggest that we continue to use e-mail in the future.

The current fixtures dates for all teams and the spreadsheet is on the website. Matches have not yet started.

Scratch & Handicap Foursomes – The finals venue will be at Wedmore on 10<sup>th</sup> September, or if they are in the finals, Knowle and Bath are both possibilities, but both have other events on. If 10<sup>th</sup> rained off, Bath can host on 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. The first match has been played.

Rules and Regulations – Updated versions for the league and foursomes following the changes ratified at the 2016 AGM and now updated with the new rules for 2017 are now on the website.

Opens – I notified the LCs that we would not be advertising clubs' Opens this year as it was a lot of extra work and was not thought to be of much benefit. I did not receive any negative feedback.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

Gill reported £1,706.85 in current account, £3,441.21 in deposit account and £103.22 in petty cash. The Gloucester sponsorship money for the championship has been received. Di Yates will contact the SLCGA again to see whether they might become sponsors too. DY

## 7. Championship Secretary's Report

Eight entry forms have been received including last year's winner and four others who also competed in 2016.

I have consulted Angie Frith regarding contacting Bath Ladies for creating a ball-spotting rota towards the end of April. Angie & provision of labelled score cards. RF/AF

Referees still to be found for the day. RF

I have confirmed with Bath Golf Club that we will be playing the Harper Salver this year and the following two at an escalating rate of £1,150, £1,200 and £1,250 in 2019.

Having written to Mr. James Fern of Bath University offering him a table for his leaflet distribution and asking for financial sponsorship, I regret that I have received no further communication from him and therefore must assume he has been unable to organise same.

## 8. Results Co-ordinator's Report

No results to date. Carol Kirkwood sent her apologies. She and Angie Frith have had a discussion about the split of roles and will work closely together.

## 9. New website & domain name

The current website was difficult to update, had to be done in the live environment and was not user-friendly. Debbie has done a sterling job over the last couple of years but as she has now left the committee and we were unable to find a replacement to look after the website, we looked into creating one in WiX, an easier web editor. We took the opportunity to redesign the page layouts and present the information in a clear and logical way. This is now live but has not been publicised. Transferring our domain name was not straightforward and as a new domain name was free for first year we opted for **BDLGA.com** rather than .co.uk.

We will need to update our e-mail address as we will lose the .co.uk domain name at the end of the year. Using WiX, we would need to buy an associated e-mail address at £2.84 per month (yearly plan) so suggest that we create a free one such as [BDLGA@gmail.com](mailto:BDLGA@gmail.com). Agreed for Angie to create a gmail account, change the links to the new e-mail address and then let all Ladies Captains and Team Captains know. **AF**

Sue will clear the old website except for the Championship page as this might be used for entries still, and add a link to our new website to the front page. **SJ**

Links to other websites such as England Golf, SLGCA and GLCGA also need to be updated. **AF**

## 10. AOB

None

## 11. Date of meetings for 2017 – all at Knowle Golf Club

- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

The meeting closed at 11.25am.