

BRISTOL & DISTRICT LADY GOLFERS' ALLIANCE
81st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE BRISTOL GOLF CLUB
ON MONDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2010

Fay Galley, in the chair, welcomed everyone to The Bristol Golf Club. She thanked The Bristol GC for hosting the meeting and also all The Bristol Lady members for their support and help.

We had a minutes silence in memory of Lady Buchanan and Peggy Reece who passed away this last year.

Lady Buchanan was a great supporter of the Alliance and was Chairman from 1998-2003.

Fay introduced the committee to all members present.

She reminded the clubs to keep their Alliance rules up to date and readily available. They are always available on the website.

She announced that the Isle of Wedmore GC was entering a "B" team in 2011 and that Bristol & Clifton "C" were withdrawing. Bristol & Clifton "C" had enhanced our league for 3 years and had made a meteoric rise through the divisions.

Congratulations also go to Bev New on her fine achievement in winning the British Seniors Ladies championship earlier in the year.

1. Notice convening the meeting - Read out by the secretary

2. Apologies - Stephanie Hewitt

3. Minutes for the Annual General Meeting 2009

The minutes of the 2009 AGM were taken as read and the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

Proposed by Clevedon GC - Seconded by Lansdown GC

4. Reports.

TREASURER

Evelyn Lloyd presented the accounts to the members for the year ending October 2010.

We showed a deficit of £318 in running the Alliance and a surplus of £382 in running the Championship.

This gives an overall surplus of £65 for this year. Miscellaneous General running expenses are higher than last year as due to a slight increase in the hiring of the venue and the silver ball markers given to retiring members of the Committee and also the increase in postage and stationary.

The overall surplus, which includes brought forward funds, gives a total of £4242. This is represented by a stock of silver ball markers and the cash at the bank of £3867. Due to the rising cost of running the Alliance, the committee is proposing that we increase the subscriptions as from November 2011.

The accounts were accepted.

Proposed – Isle of Wedmore GC - Seconded by Worlebury GC

SECRETARY

The last match of the season was played on the 10th October, but with help from the last clubs to play, Orchardleigh, Henbury, Wells and Wedmore, all the final division results were finished on time.

Congratulations to all the winners of the divisions, Bristol and Clifton A, The Mendip A, Clevedon A, Henbury B and The Park.

Congratulations also go to the individual winners in each of the divisions who had the most points.

Linda Hill from Bath, Glenda Latham from Weston-super-Mare, Sue Flower from The Kendleshire, Stephanie Hewitt from Filton and Bobbie Woodley from The Park.

The finals of the Scratch and Handicap Foursomes were held at Bath GC. Both matches were very exciting and interesting to watch. All clubs are invited to attend this event and give support to the players.

CHAMPIONSHIP SECRETARY

Alison Dodkin reported on the 29th West of England Amateur Open Ladies' Championship for the Harper Salver which was held at Bath GC on Sunday 13th June. 46 ladies played with handicaps ranging from +2 to 12, the majority being 10 handicap and below.

This year's winner was Bethan Popel from Long Ashton GC who won by a narrow margin from Shelby Smart from Knowle GC and Tara Watters of Muswell Hill GC. Over the 36 holes played they all scored a magnificent 149 but Bethan went up a gear in the 2nd round scoring 2 under gross to take the title.

Thanks were given at the event to Bath GC for allowing us to hold this prestigious competition and to their lady captain Magdalene Ashman-Marr and her team of supporters for their help. The tournament was sponsored by Diney Costeloe and also the Gloucestershire County Ladies Golf Association. Diney has agreed to sponsor us again next year, but if anyone knows of someone who would be willing to sponsor us in 2012 please could they contact the Alliance.

Alison's 3 years as Championship Secretary has now come to an end, and she would like to thank all the ladies who have entered the competition and made each year so special.

She wishes Janet Fear, who is taking on the role as from 2011, good luck and she hopes that she will get as much enjoyment as she has had herself.

Next year's competition will be held at Bath GC on Sunday 12th June 2011. Diney Costeloe will again be our generous sponsor in 2011 but if anyone knows of someone who would be willing to sponsor us in 2012 please could they let us know. She requested that Lady Captains and Alliance team captains encourage all ladies with a handicap of 14 or under to enter.

Fay Galley presented Alison Dodkin with a silver ball marker and thanked her for all the work she has done for the Alliance.

WEB SITE ORGANISER

Christine Harris said that during her first year as website organiser she had a few teething problems, but once the cause of the problems was established we had gradually put things right, 2010 proved to be more successful with Fay's input and Carol's support.

One of the drawbacks of the current website is that she is the only person who can update it. For that reason, the Committee has now decided that a completely new website is essential, one that can be accessed by a password by selected members of the committee with the sole purpose of keeping results and information up to date at all times. This rebuild will be carried out over the next few months. An added bonus is that Sue Gibson of Henbury GC has expressed an interest in taking over the role of website co-ordinator in November 2011 and it is hoped she will join us during our rebuild. We will of course keep the old website on until such time as we have tested the new one and are confident that it meets our requirements.

5. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Present committee

Chair	Fay Galley	Elected 2009
Hon Secretary	Carol Jackson	Elected 2008
Hon Treasurer	Evelyn Lloyd	Elected 2009
Hon Championship Secretary	Alison Dodkin (retiring)	Elected 2007
Web Site Organiser	Christine Harris	Elected 2008
Committee Member	Bobbie Woodley	Elected 2008
Gloucestershire Liaison Officer	Elaine Hetherington (retiring)	Appointed 2007
Somerset Liaison Officer	Jenny Hay	Appointed 2009

The non-retiring members were proposed en bloc by Bath GC and seconded by Clevedon GC
The Chairman asked for a vote on confirmation. All were in favour.

Nomination for Championship Secretary – Janet Fear proposed by Mendip Spring GC and seconded by The Mendip GC

The Chairman asked for a vote of confirmation. All were in favour.

Fay Galley presented Elaine Hetherington with a silver ball marker and thanked her for all her work for the Alliance.

The post of Gloucestershire Liaison Officer has been taken up by Pat Murphy from Henbury GC.

6. County fixture and Open dates – could any amendments for 2011 be sent to the secretary as soon as they are known.

7. AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES.

- a) Rule 2(ii) The committee asks the members that the Secretary be allowed to remain on the committee for 4 years. This will appertain to the present term of office only.
The amendment was accepted.

b) Rule 7(i) By the 31st January each year, all captains must confirm in writing to the Secretary and to the team captains of the other clubs in their division, the agreed dates and times of all matches. There was much discussion with inputs from Bristol & Clifton, Orchardleigh, Clevedon, Chipping Sodbury and Henbury.

The amendment was not accepted.

The members finally agreed on an amendment to the Rules and Regulations which will read

“ By the 31st January each year, all captains must confirm by e-mail or writing to the Secretary and to the team captains of the other clubs in their division, the agreed dates and times of all matches. They must also confirm the fixtures at least 24 hours before the match. This will be the responsibility of both team captains.”

A vote for this amendment was taken, accepted by the majority.

8. PROPOSALS

Number 1:- As from 2012 the committee feels it is necessary to increase the subscription per team in the Alliance to £20, this is due to increasing costs in the running of the League.

Proposed by the Committee

The proposal was accepted by the majority

Number 2:-

An addition to the Rules and Regulations as from 2011

A player may play only one match at home and one match away against each of the other teams in any one division.

Proposed by Lansdown GC and Seconded by Henbury GC.

A lively discussion took place with several clubs contributing.

The Proposal was accepted by 13 votes to 12.

As a result of such a close vote, the committee suggested that a working party should be set up during 2011 to look into the problem of having two teams from the same club in one division, and have the outcome brought to the 2011 AGM.

This was voted on and was accepted by the majority.

9. DRAW FOR SCRATCH AND HANDICAP FOURSOMES

The draw took place for both foursomes during the meeting and the fixing for the venues will be done by the Championship Secretary at a later date. Details of the draws will be posted on the BDLGA Website and also sent out with the January Pack. The finals will be held on Sunday 4th September with a provisional date of 18th September in case of bad weather. Venue to be decided.

10. DATE OF NEXT AGM – MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2011 AT 12 NOON – Venue to be decided.

11. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

The Chairman presented the trophies and reminded clubs that they have to bear the cost of engraving the trophies themselves, and requested that they are returned polished at the end of the year.

The Chairman formally closed the AGM at 1.20pm

She then invited informal discussion.

- The Park will now be known as “Tracy Park”
- Bristol and Clifton suggested that the score be put on the website for the Scratch and Handicap Foursomes.
- Bristol and Clifton suggested a rule change to say that once a club has been drawn to play in the Scratch and Handicap foursomes they must field a pair, especially in the semi-finals.

12. Final remarks

The Chairman reminded everyone to be aware of the rule changes

EWGA and Somerset County are allowing DMD's in certain of their competition. The Alliance committee will be discussing the usage of DMD's within the Alliance in the near future.