

BRISTOL & DISTRICT LADY GOLFERS' ALLIANCE
82nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE BRISTOL GOLF CLUB
ON MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2011

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 Vera Woodruff, a Past Captain of Tracy Park GC and latterly Treasurer at Lansdown GC, and also, Viv Wilde, a Past Captain at Henbury GC and a former President of Gloucestershire and Betty Davis from Knowle GC, who all passed away this last year.

Fay introduced the committee to all members present.

There were many league promotions and relegations in 2011 positions going to the final matches.

We are lucky to have the Alliance league that has been running for over 80 years and is the envy of ladies from other parts of the Country. The format has barely changed over the years and has proved successful and the present Committee are privileged to be its custodians. There were only two queries to consider this year. They were the rules covering the use of buggies and the playing of "children" in league matches. These were discussed and advice was sought from EWGA. This was fully reported in our minutes and no rule changes were required but we gave guidance to the clubs concerned

The website has been very readily available to everyone and thanks go to Christine and Carol, who kept it up to date. The new website is up and running I hope most of you have found it.

Congratulations go to:-

Bev New, on her fine achievement, in representing the successful England Senior Ladies in the Home Internationals, earlier this year.

To Bethan Pople, from Long Ashton, who is the South West Ladies Champion and Shelby Smart from Knowle, the South West Schools Champion.

Gloucestershire reached the County Finals and acquitted themselves very well.

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

2. Apologies - Linda Hill, Val McFarlane and Veronica Creed.

3. Minutes for the Annual General Meeting 2010

The minutes of the 2010 AGM were taken as read and the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

Proposed by Wells GC - Seconded by The Bristol GC

4. Reports.

TREASURER

Evelyn Lloyd presented the accounts to the members for the year ending October 2011.

They showed a deficit of £176.69 from running the Alliance and a deficit of £184.30 from running the Championship, giving an overall deficit of £369.99, as compared with a surplus of £65.11 last year.

Miscellaneous General running expenses include the cost of hiring the venue for the AGM and the silver ball markers given to retiring members of the Committee.

The Championship sponsorship remains the same as last year. Unfortunately due to bad weather the competition was abandoned, with entry fees being refunded. However some expenses were incurred prior to the event and could not be re-cooped, the prize vouchers are being held over to next year's event.

Balance sheet: - Total assets of £3881.89 represented by a stock of silver ball makers and the cash at bank.

Copies of the Balance and Income & Expenditure sheets were sent to the Ladies' Captains via e-mail.

The Accounts were accepted

Proposed – The Bristol GC - Seconded by The Mendip GC

SECRETARY

Carol Jackson reported that the last match of the season was played on the 13th October.

Congratulations to all the winners of the divisions, Bristol and Clifton A, Long Ashton A, Filton, Orchardleigh and Chipping Sodbury

Congratulations also go to the individual winners in each of the divisions who had the most points. Linda Hill, Bath GC, Pat Skelton, Henbury GC, and Linda Brobson, The Mendip GC in the 1st Division, Sue Andow, Weston-super-mare GC in the 2nd, Sarah Whiting, Filton GC in the 3rd, Helen Clarke, Worlebury GC in the 4th, and Jackie Chadwick, Chipping Sodbury GC in the 5th Division. The finals of the Scratch and Handicap Foursomes were held at Bath GC on the 4th September. The weather was kind to us and we were delighted to see so many spectators, supporting their clubs. In the Scratch Foursomes both teams played par golf and the match was very close. The match was won by Knowle on the 18th, 1 up. The players were Shelby Smart and Lucy Padley, from Knowle GC and Val McFarlane and Bev New represented Lansdown. The Handicap was also very closely won by Mendip Spring on the 17th hole. Helen Kerr-Wilbur and Gill Prophet represented Mendip Spring and Amanda Millington and Penny Crymble represented Long Ashton.

CHAMPIONSHIP SECRETARY

Janet Fear reported that we had 67 entries for the championship this year, a full field with 7 reserves, of those 67 more than 30 had handicaps of 5 or better, and 8 were scratch or better.

Unfortunately the forecast was bad and for once the weathermen got it right. The Competitors were sent out at 8am, but because of the weather, they were called back in again at 10am, and the course was closed at 12 noon, so the championship was abandoned for the first time in 30 years.

Next year's competition will be held at Bath GC on Sunday 17^h June 2012. Diney Costeloe and Gloucestershire Ladies County Golf Association have agreed to carry their sponsorship forward to next year. If anyone knows of someone who would be willing to sponsor us in 2013 please would they inform The Alliance.

WEB SITE ORGANISER

Christine Harris informed the meeting of our new website, which is now up and running.

She distributed a leaflet to each club, containing our new e-mail address and how to report league results correctly.

She said she had thoroughly enjoyed her time on the Alliance Committee and thanked everyone that she had had the pleasure of working with over the last 3 years.

She wished Sue Gibson every success in her role as Web Site Organiser.

Fay Galley presented Christine with a silver ball marker and thanked her for all the work she had done for the Alliance.

5. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Standing for re-election

Chair	Fay Galley	Elected 2009
Hon Secretary	Carol Jackson	Elected 2008
Hon Treasurer	Evelyn Lloyd	Elected 2009
Hon Championship Secretary	Janet Fear	Elected 2010
Gloucestershire Liaison Officer	Pat Murphy	Appointed 2010
Somerset Liaison Officer	Jenny Hay	Appointed 2009

Proposed en bloc by Bath GC and seconded by Worlebury GC

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

Nomination for the vacant position of Website Organiser:-

Sue Gibson from Henbury GC proposed by Henbury GC and seconded by Saltford GC

Nomination for the vacant position of Committee Member:-

Barbara Cuff from Knowle GC proposed by Knowle GC and seconded by Bristol and Clifton GC

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

Fay Galley presented Bobbie Woodley with a silver ball marker and thanked her for all her work that she had done for the Alliance.

- County fixture and Open dates - The Gloucestershire County Sheet had a few wrong dates, and there were also some changes to the Clubs Open dates. These will be displayed on the website.
- WEBSITE CHANGES – The leaflet will be sent out again in the January Pack

8. PROPOSALS

Number 1:- An addition to the Rules and Regulations which will take immediate effect.

Any proposals and changes to the Rules and Regulations of the Alliance requires two thirds majority of those present and voting and eligible to vote at a General Meeting – proposed by the Committee

This proposal was passed 31 votes in favour

Number 2:- Proposal of the rescinding of Rule 4 (vii) from the Rules and Regulations.

Rule 4 (vii) “ 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 the Committee

This proposal was passed – 28 votes in favour and 2 against

Number 3:- Proposal that rules 7.2 is replaced with the following:-

“ In the event of two or more teams from one club being in the same division in any one year, they must play the first match against each other any time before 30 June and the other match any time before 31 August” – proposed by Chipping Sodbury and seconded by Clevedon

This proposal was passed 26 votes in favour and 6 against

Number 4:- Proposal for the BDLGA Notional Scoring Protocols (version 1.0 august 2011) and will apply ONLY where two or more teams from the same club are in the same division in any one year and ONLY to those two teams – proposed by Chipping Sodbury and seconded by Clevedon

A lively discussion followed:-

Chipping Sodbury and Clevedon spoke giving their reasons for bringing this proposal to the AGM Henbury thought that it had been decided at the 2010 AGM, that a working party was going to be set up and their findings were going to be brought, for discussion, to the 2011 AGM. As this had not happened they had a few points that they would like to raise. Mathematically this was a sound system, however it does have a downside. Is it constitutionally correct to have one rule for 2 teams and another for the remaining 5 teams in any one division? They felt it was not the way forward for the Alliance. Bristol and Clifton also had reservations against the system. A Committee member also expressed her doubts as to the fairness of the system and hoped that the members would vote against the proposal.

This proposal did not pass, 26 votes against and 6 for

Fay Galley thanked Pauline Thorogood, Burnham & Berrow GC, Lesley Organ, Saltford GC and Mandy Wookey, Lady Captain of The Bristol, for being tellers at the AGM.

The Chairman also thanked the 2011 Working Party for their hard work and their time, in trying to find a solution to the “knotty” problem of two teams from one club being in the same division.

The 2011 Working Party consisted of:- Jackie Chadwick (Chipping Sodbury) Chairman, Linda Hill (Bath), Clare Page (Bristol and Clifton), Sue Bamford/Susie Gibbins (Clevedon), Bobbie Appleby (Farrington), Ann Manley (Henbury), Millie Parker (Lansdown) and Pam Tozer (Shirehampton).

Fay also reminded the clubs that the new Rules and Regulations will be sent out in the January Pack and should be displayed on the Alliance notice board at their clubs. These will also be on the website.

8. 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 and the 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 2nd September 2012 with a provisional date of 16th September in case of bad weather. Venue to be decided.

9. DATE OF NEXT AGM – MONDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2012 AT 11am – Venue to be decided.

10. 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 12.45

She then invited informal discussion

- CDLGA have invited the winners of our first division, Bristol and Clifton GC to play a match against the winners of their first division, Minchinhampton GC. The members thought that this was a good idea and voted in favour of it being arranged early in the 2012 season. The venue of the first Challenge Match will be drawn at the Gloucestershire L.C.G.A. AGM.
- The members voted against the scores of the individual matches in the Alliance Foursomes being displayed on the website
- The members voted to continue playing the Alliance Foursomes on neutral ground
- The members voted to continue arranging all the next seasons matches before the AGM via telephone or e-mail

11. Closing remarks

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and said that the Committee meetings minutes will be put on the new website during 2012.

She thanked them for their patience, and contribution to a long and difficult meeting.

She then wished everyone a safe journey home.