

**BRISTOL & DISTRICT LADY GOLFERS' ALLIANCE**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING HELD BY ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**  
**On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 5.30pm**

**Present:**

Lis Henniker-Heaton	LHH	Gill Prophet	GP
Angie Frith	AF	Ruth Hughes	RH
Rachael Paul	RP	Alison Rushgrove	AR
Zena Balcombe	ZB	Carol Kirkwood	CK

**ACTION**

**1. Apologies – None**

**2. Minutes of Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> March** agreed and signed by Lis

**3. Matters arising – None**

**4. Chairman's Report – Lis Henniker-Heaton**

Thank you to the committee members who have kept the various functions of the Alliance ticking over during lockdown.

The Aqua Glass challenge was not played earlier in the year, so the committee agreed that this should be played as soon as matches are able to resume, rather than waiting until Spring next year. Lis will contact B&C to let them know to arrange as soon as it is safe, to take advantage of the better weather.

**LHH**

**5. Secretary's Report – Angie Frith**

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, all league and foursomes matches were cancelled for the year. Clubs were contacted and all agreed for their subs to be held over until next year.

The sub-committee to discuss having more than one team in the same division has not met yet. As this will not be applicable next year, this can be taken up at a later date. I will check in September that those on the original sub-committee are happy to continue.

**AF**

I have been contacted by one club asking whether the divisions will stay the same next year and therefore whether they can start arranging match dates early. As we don't yet know the impact on club memberships, we discussed and agreed that I would write to all clubs in early September to ascertain whether their teams will be the same as this year. Therefore, the date for captains to start arranging matches would remain 1<sup>st</sup> October.

**6. Treasurer's Report – Gill Prophet**

Bank accounts now stand at £1,682.60 in current account, £3,441.21 in Santander account and £139.48 in petty cash. The Santander account is still not closed as Gill is sent the minutes to the bank as requested but as they have requested signed minutes. Gil & Lis to arrange signed copies to be sent as a matter of urgency.

**GP/LHH**

There is one refund of BACs entry fee for the Harper Salver outstanding which I tried to do yesterday and was advised by the bank that the details did not match so I have therefore referred it back to Alison for clarification.

GP/AR

## **7. Championship Secretary's Report – Alison Rushgrove**

In line with guidelines from the Government and England Golf, the decision was taken to cancel this competition on 20<sup>th</sup> April. At that point we had 9 entries in total. All competitors were informed about the cancellation and our website and England Golf website published the cancellation.

All entry monies were refunded either by destroying cheques or via BACS other than the one in Gill's report above.

Bath GC, Somerset LGA, Gloucestershire LGA and Janet Fear (ref) were all informed.

I have the Harper Salver in safe keeping. The Costello Trophy is still with the 2019 winner, but I have made contact and they will return the trophy to me after the lockdown.

The committee discussed the venue for subsequent years as Bath has been becoming more expensive. However, it is the venue of choice and if we were to move it to another club, they may also put prices up in subsequent years. It was agreed that in the first instance, Alison would negotiate a deal with Bath for the next three years.

## **8. Impact of World Handicap System**

The changes which are due to come in in November will have an impact on clubs with A and B teams, and also Henbury having a C team. It seems likely that handicaps will move considerably more each week than they do now, although for the lower handicappers the movement is expected to be much less as they are more consistent. Our rules state that no A-team player can play for the B team and no B team player can play for the C team. This may prove difficult for Team Captains to administer, if there is significant movement. Various options were discussed, including having a week's 'window of grace', but in the first instance it was agreed that we would research how a cross-section of the A and B team players' handicaps would have changed had the system already been in place before recommending any changes. Zena will look at her club's history and report back.

ZB

## **9. Committee Members' Maximum Time on Committee**

This currently stands at 5 years, so Gill and Angie are due to retire at this year's AGM. However, as this year's fixtures have all been cancelled we discussed whether this should count and whether we might 'hold over' all committee members for another year. After discussion, it was agreed that we would look for replacements to take over at the AGM but if none was forthcoming, then we would put a resolution to the AGM to defer the year.

## **10. AOB – None**

## **11. Date of next meetings –**

- 16<sup>th</sup> September – 5.30pm by Zoom or venue TBA

The meeting closed at 6.30pm