

**BRISTOL & DISTRICT LADY GOLFERS' ALLIANCE**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT KNOWLE GOLF CLUB**  
**On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 at 10.00am**

**Present:**

Sue Johns	SJ	Karen Beaumont-Wraith	KBW
Angie Frith	AF	Di Yates	DY
Gill Prophet	GP	Mary Groves	MG
Debbie Dardis	DD		

**ACTION**

**1. Apologies – Marian Crewe**

**2. Minutes of Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Agreed and signed.

**3. Matters arising from previous meeting – None**

**4. Chairman's Report**

The summer has flown by and research into the trophies is ongoing as I am browsing the minute books and finding interesting facts re ladies still participating in golf. It does give some ages away, so will not list them here!

There have not been any major queries since our last meeting and checking the website I see that some clubs still have 2 matches to play which may mean the organising of leagues and matches for next year may be a rush for the captains. Hopefully they will all have lists for County and other events to help them.

The Harper Salver day went well and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience as I started them all off and watched superb drives from the first tee. The referees were buzzing around despite a rather cloudy, rainy start to the day and cooler than hoped for. What a great team and how helpful Bath are with this event.

I have learned more about the website with guidance from my "IT wizard", who looked at it and gave me hints which makes it much more accessible for myself at least.

The Foursomes finals last weekend went well and the report and photos have been uploaded. Photos certainly make the website more interesting, so perhaps we ought to encourage clubs to send in items or team photos during the year.

As we approach the first AGM as a team I would like to thank you all for making this such a pleasant and rewarding experience. Should I thank Barbara for "twisting my arm" or is that being too optimistic.

## 5. Secretary's Report

League - Since the last meeting, no other issues have been brought up. All matches should finish by 10.10.16. Debbie and I will double check all the final spreadsheet results that are now being sent in before the final list is published.

Scratch & Handicap Foursomes - The finals were held at Bath Golf Club on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September. The Scratch Foursomes was won by Long Ashton who beat The Mendip 5&4. The Handicap Foursomes was won by Bristol & Clifton who having been down for most of the match beat Lansdown on the last putt on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Committee roles and responsibilities - I now have up-to-date versions for the Secretary, Web Organiser, County Reps and Championship Sec, just awaiting one for the Treasurer role.

**KBW**

## 6. Treasurer's Report

Gill reported £2,952.2 in current account, £3,441.21 in deposit account and £3.20 in petty cash. This takes into consideration Honorarium cheques which were handed out at this meeting and all expenses to date.

For the yearly accounts Gill will show AGM expenses and website costs as separate items. The accounts are just being finalised and will go to auditors. It was agreed that Gill would approach a colleague from Mendip Spring who is an ex-banker.

**GP**

Gill will set up an account with Brunel for the engraving next week.

**GP**

There is a stock account for the number of silver ball markers. 50 were bought in 2007 of which some were dated and some were not. We have 8 undated markers left, which are given to retiring members of the committee. It seems that dated ones were given to the winners of the Foursomes each year up until 2012 and since then they have not been given out, cheaper ones being given instead, detailed in Minutes dated 12.01.15. Gill will look at the cost of reinstating these as prizes.

**GP**

There are three holes-in-one so far this year and Gill will arrange the cheques for the AGM. It was agreed to keep the monetary value of the prize at £20. Angie will add to the Captains' letter that all players with a HIO can attend the AGM to receive their cheques.

**GP/AF**

## 7. Championship Secretary's Report

The Championship was a wonderful day with a full field of 60 players from 72 entries. Congratulations to Katherine O'Connor from West Byfleet who won the Harper Salver with a gross 146, and to Charlie Hiatt from The Kendleshire who won the Costeloe Trophy with a nett 144.

Four entrants were unable to play at short notice but Karen was able to find replacements, so the accounts will show an extra four entry fees.

Thanks to Bath Golf Club, their staff, greens-staff, Nick, Nicky and members for arranging the ball spotting. Thanks also to the committee members who supported the day.

Many thanks to Diney Costeloe and Gloucester County for their continued sponsorship of the Championship. After next year, the cost of holding this event may well increase so Karen will also approach Somerset for sponsorship and follow up on the approach made by James Fearn from the University of Bath, which might include the ability to use the halls of residence for reasonably priced accommodation.

**KBW**

At present there is one potential candidate to take over from Karen next year. The dates of the 2017 Championship were discussed and it looks as though Bath may not be available on 11 June which is the preferred date and the one which we thought we had booked. They offered 4<sup>th</sup>, which would not be acceptable as it is the end of half-term week, and 18<sup>th</sup> which is not ideal but a possibility. Angie will try to negotiate the best solution.

AF

## 8. Website Organiser's Report

No issues to report this year. The results of all matches played have been sent in and the website report is up to date. The current state of matches still to play is as follows:-

Div 1 - 2 matches, Div 2 - 8 matches, Div 3 - 2 matches, Div 4 - 4 matches, Div 5 - 8 matches.

We have nine final spreadsheets in and they all agree with my report. I am awaiting several others and, working with Angie, we will start chasing shortly when the final matches have been played.

I have looked at various self-build websites and cannot see very much difference to the one we currently have other than we can make the changes off-line and then upload, rather than changing it in the live environment

We have had no candidates to take over this position at the AGM thus far. If this doesn't change I am happy to work with Angie to make the website changeover happen although I will not be able to maintain the results tables when the new season starts but will take the time to explain how all this works to the person taking over. I will write a brief for the role. Di had one idea for someone to take over and will approach her.

DD/DY

## 9. AGM Planning

The draft letter to the Ladies Captains was reviewed at the meeting and finalised. It will be e-mailed this year, with the team forms to be completed. These will also be available on the website. AF/DD

The committee finalised its recommended changes to the Rules and Regulations for Alliance matches and the Scratch & Handicap Foursomes, the latter including a clause to confirm that we abide by EG's policy on Pace of Play, appended to these minutes. These will also be sent out for review prior to the AGM and available on the website.

AF/DD

The agenda was drafted, but we await any resolutions before finalising and then this being available on the website.

SJ/AF/DD

All trophies have now been returned ready for engraving prior to the AGM, with the exception of a couple that will be return next week.

MC

## 10. AOB

Congratulations to Mabel Ford on reaching her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 11<sup>th</sup> September. Mabel was a past Ladies Captain of Shirehampton and active member of their Alliance team.

Congratulations also to Gloucester who won the County Finals last week – a huge achievement.

## 11. Date of next meeting

- **AGM - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** at 11.00 at Knowle GC.

The meeting closed at 12.45pm