

**BRISTOL & DISTRICT LADY GOLFERS' ALLIANCE**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT KNOWLE GOLF CLUB**  
**On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 10.00am**

**Present:**

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

**ACTION**

1. **Apologies** – Ruth Hughes
  
2. **Minutes of Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> September and extra meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> November** – both agreed without change and signed by Lis
  
3. **Matters arising** – None
  
4. **Matters arising from AGM**

**a. How to deal with two clubs in the same division**

At the AGM we agreed to get a working party together to explore options. Angie will write to all Ladies' and Team Captains asking for interested volunteers, a maximum of one person to be put forward from any club, for the first meeting to be held in February. Depending on the response, we will look to how we establish a suitable working party.

**AF**

**b. Rule for excessive heat**

Two years running, Weston has had an issue with fielding a full team in an away match on a very hot day, due in part to difficulty in playing after their ladies' day with some ladies being taken ill on their home course. After some discussion, it was felt that we should not need to stipulate a rule, but the home team captain should take a view as to all playing conditions. If the club itself deems the conditions to be unsafe, then obviously the match would have to be rescheduled. Other than that, Angie will send a reminder to all Team Captains to ensure that their players are fully equipped with protective clothing, sunscreen, water and isotonic drinks.

**AF**

**c. Foursomes - rule review re sequence of home advantages and annual draw**

Angie outlined the issue that had been brought to her attention, that in both foursomes last year a club had three home matches in succession. This can come about from tossing a coin when all other home or away matches had been equal, or a Bye had been taken into account as 'better than a home advantage'. The request received was that we limit the number of home advantages *in sequence* to two.

The committee felt that this could be seen as manipulating the draw rather than leaving it to chance as it is now. However, one suggestion was that, at the moment, the byes are all grouped together at the top and bottom of the draw, whereas by alternating them with matches it would reduce the likelihood of byes being a relevant factor. This then led to a discussion about how the annual draw is done as this has

apparently not followed previous guidelines which were part of the Championship Secretary's remit. Alison will try to find these guidelines from previous secretaries. Once we establish this, we will discuss the issue further.

AR

In any event, it will not affect the Scratch Foursomes this year as the reduction of clubs entering has reduced the number of rounds.

Prior to any rule changes, if there is a likelihood of one team having three home advantages in sequence, then the full committee will make the decision as to where that match should be played, taking all factors into account.

## 5. Chairman's Report – Lis Henniker -Heaton

Bath Aqua Blue Glass Challenge guidelines were reviewed again, with regard to the cost of post-match teas. The committee felt that the BDLGA could pay for the cost of teas for home matches (every other year), up to a maximum of £100. However, Lis will discuss this with the Chair of CDLGA to check whether they pay or are thinking of doing so.

LHH

Other than that, Lis thanked all of the committee for their sterling work this year and the positive attitude which was evident and commented upon at the AGM.

## 6. Treasurer's Report – Gill Prophet

Bank accounts now stand at £1842.55 in current account, £3,441.21 in Santander account and £183.80 in petty cash. Gill has sent the letter to Santander and will chase this up to close the account and transfer the funds as a matter of urgency now.

GP

## 7. Secretary's Report – Angie Frith

AGM – draft minutes and photos were published to the website straight after the meeting.

Rules and Regulations – updated versions for the league following the changes due to the admission of a C Team at the 2019 AGM are now on the website.

League – The information packs to the Ladies' Captains of each club is collated and ready to e-mail in January.

- List of committee contact details
- List of the Ladies' Captains' contact details
- List of Team Captains' contact details
- A covering letter will be finalised after this meeting

I have now received 17/35 of the fixtures dates for all teams, so the spreadsheet is being created but is not yet on the website. I will chase for dates in the new year.

AF

Scratch & Handicap Foursomes - The draw sheet is complete and published to the website. Venue and referees to be arranged in the new year.

GDPR - A reminder to all to ensure that we adhere to our privacy policy and are careful with all personal data, be it captains or championship entrants. The committee were asked to delete previous contact details when the new ones for Ladies & Team Captains are circulated in the new year.

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

The date for next year's Championship will be 14<sup>th</sup> June, again at Bath GC. As the costs for running this are being increased year-on-year, the committee discussed finding out what other clubs would charge for hosting this event in 2021.

**AR/RP**

It was agreed that we would leave the entry fee and prize money the same as last year.

The poster and entry form have been updated, ready to be put on the websites of the BDLGA, EG, Bath GC, SLCGA and GLCGA.

**AR**

This event should be publicised to all of the BDLGA clubs, so Angie will add this to her new year letter to Ladies Captains.

**AF**

## **9. AOB – None**

## **10. Date of next meetings –**

- 20<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30 at Knowle Golf Club
- 29<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30 at The Bristol (tbc)
- 16<sup>th</sup> September – time and venue tbc

The meeting closed at 11.40