

BRISTOL & DISTRICT LADY GOLFERS' ALLIANCE
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT SALTFORD GOLF CLUB
On Thursday 3rd June 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	Marian Crewe	MC

ACTION

1. Apologies – None

2. Minutes of Meeting of 6th March

Error in section 7 amended – Karen will send all championship cheques to Gill. Otherwise agreed and signed.

3. Matters arising from previous meeting – None

4. Chairman's Report

Sue thanked the committee for their patience in sorting background information on issues and quick responses to e-mails. She reminded all of the need for discretion when writing any reports that will be published to the website.

The Interleague match for the Bath Aqua Glass Bowl between Henbury and Minchinhampton was a very good day and the result of a draw seemed the fairest result. The two teams will share the trophy as per Sue's match report.

The history of all the trophies including the Harper Salver and Bath Aqua Bowl is progressing

SJ

Transgender guidelines have been obtained from EG and to be circulated for all to read and familiarise ourselves with.

SJ

5. Secretary's Report

League: Two matches had to be rearranged due to bad weather. The new dates have been entered onto the spreadsheet and uploaded onto the website.

One club inadvertently played an A Team player in a B Team match, the implications are to be discussed at this meeting.

Half-way results are now coming in and will be checked by Debbie and Angie together. Angie to remind other clubs to send their half-way results in.

AF/DD

Scratch & Handicap Foursomes: All matches have so far been played within the time limits. The draw sheets are updated weekly and uploaded to the website. However, as soon as matches in the same box have been completed Angie lets the relevant captains know so that they can arrange their matches, regardless of whether the sheet has been uploaded.

Committee roles and responsibilities: Up-to-date versions for Secretary, Web Organiser and County Representatives and am awaiting one for Treasurer and Championship Secretary. **GP/KBW**

6. Treasurer's Report

Gill reported £2,758.66 in current account, £3,441.21 in deposit account and £15.21 in petty cash. Championship money still has to be paid in and expenses paid out.

7. Championship Secretary's Report

There are 72 entries to date, so there will be 60 players with handicap of 6 or less and 12 reserves. The current start sheet will be put on the website. **KBW/DD**

Karen has had a meeting with the office staff in Bath to ensure all is in order and has drawn up a rota for Starters and helpers on the day. Referees will be Di Yates and Janet Fear as Susie Gibbins cannot now referee.

Prizes will be Post Office vouchers, which Gill will purchase. **GP**

Local Rules still to be clarified re 1) stones on fairways and 2) GUR at back of 5th green. **AF/KBW**

Bottles of water to be provided, purchased by Gill. **GP**

Towels and ball markers obtained. Diney Costeloe has kindly donated a few copies of her book and also bookmarks for all players.

Marian brought the new Costeloe Trophy to show the meeting and we discussed whether the same player can win both trophies. It was agreed that they could, but can only win one (higher) monetary prize on the day. Karen will e-mail Diney to inform her. Rules of the Championship to be reviewed and updated at the next meeting. **KBW/AF**

Poster to be written for the sign-in desk explaining the new trophy being for the best nett, dedicated to Diney Costeloe, one of our sponsors, and that trophies can be won by the same person, but only one prize. **KBW/SJ**

Diney sends her apologies as she cannot be at the Championship.

Gill will provide a cheque for £950 to Bath Golf Club. Incidental expenses will be on a tab. **GP/KBW**

8. Website Organiser's Report

The domain name ownership is now in Debbie's name. **SJ/DD**

The website has been reformatted by Debbie and Sue and looks much better, with archive areas for Minutes and Results. It is an awkward website to manage so Debbie and Angie to look into using another website platform such as Wordpress. **DD/AF**

Results are coming in on time and half-way results are beginning to come through. These will be checked by Debbie and Angie. **DD/AF**

9. "A" Team Player played in "B" Team

One of our clubs inadvertently played an A Team player in their B Team due to issues with their handicap system. One low handicap player who was listed as eligible for the A Team turned out not to have an active handicap, making another of their players eligible, and therefore ineligible for the B Team. This was only noted after the first B Team match and the club itself flagged the issue. This

was discussed at length and as per the Rules, the committee agreed that the team should forfeit the points they gained from this match. There will be a review of the two teams' performance at the end of the season and additional action may be taken if the other team is in threat of being relegated due to this result alone.

Sue to write to both affected clubs explaining the issue and resolution.

SJ

10. Return of Trophies for engraving

In order to get the trophies engraved before the AGM, all trophies need to be back to the committee by the next meeting (23rd Sept) so each trophy will be collected by a nearby member – list attached.

ALL

Gill is opening an account with Brunel Engraving in order to get a 10% reduction in engraving costs.

11. Review of League & Foursomes Rules and Regulations, including use of caddies

The Rules and Regulations (Revised AGM 2015/16) were reviewed. The wording for use of DMDs to reflect that from the R&A needs updating. A few other clarifications were agreed, which can be changed immediately and circulated.

AF

Other more major changes will need to be agreed at the next AGM, i.e. the use of caddies in Alliance matches. This was discussed and the recommendation is that caddies are not allowed in league matches, except for players with disabilities in accordance with our published policies.

AF

In order to clarify A team players and handicap orders, team captains to be encouraged to print off the current handicap list for each match and file with the match results.

AF

12. AOB

Lansdown Ladies Section has elected to become part of Gloucester rather than Somerset, with effect from 01.01.2017

13. Date of next meeting

- **Friday 23rd September** at 10.00 at Knowle GC

The meeting closed at 1.00pm