

BRISTOL & DISTRICT LADY GOLFERS' ALLIANCE
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE KENDLESHIRE GOLF CLUB
On Thursday 10th March 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 3rd December

Agreed and signed.

3. Matters arising from previous meeting.

11 AOB – re sponsorship of the Championship. It was agreed that we are not actively looking for a new sponsor as Diney Costeloe is kindly continuing to sponsor for the time being, but to be aware of a potential need in the future and to keep any names on file.

4. Minutes of AGM

Minutes are now on the website but need to make clear that these are subject to approval at the next AGM. All published meeting minutes should have this proviso until after the next meeting where approved, or words to that effect.

DD

5. Chairman's Report

Since I saw you I have been focussed on sorting my eyes ready for the new season. Now two working eyes, but going through a steep learning curve as a result.

Paperwork – Now able to focus on paperwork, I have reduced the archives by 3 folders as sorted and disposed of so much duplicated paper it filled 2 recycling bags! I now have easy access to every change to rules made since the beginning of the alliance and any correspondence that may help us with queries is all collected in one place.

The folder containing the Roles and Responsibilities was temporarily passed to Angie to circulate electronic versions to all for review.

AF

The list of Championship winners needs to be updated so was passed to Karen to action.

KBW

Sue will create a history of all the trophies including the Harper Salver and Bath Aqua Bowl, to go on the website

SJ

Correspondence – I have had a couple of queries passed to me to sort. The first from Bath – straightforward as ladies have to play for their home club, where their handicap is held.

The second query has had me thinking through the problem of dementia and discussing my ideas with various people. Having checked no precedence within our alliance, I have been in contact with England Golf Disability officer to ensure our wording and actions are correct legally. I was sent what disability legislation is in place by our Gloucestershire Secretary plus a booklet entitled Modification of the Rules of Golfer for Golfers with Disabilities, issued by the R & A.

Disability Policies – From this I created possible wording to issue to our lady captains. Tom Yates (England Golf paralegal) has perused both our Use of Buggies policy and our Dementia policy and only suggested one minor change that has now been incorporated.

The committee reviewed and agreed both policies at the meeting. I will phone each captain who may be affected at this current time, to explain what will happen if contacted by a team captain prior to a match if someone with this condition is playing.

SJ

Following this, Angie will write to all Team Captains to let them know of our policies and publish them to the web.

AF

Both approved policies are appended to these minutes.

6. Secretary's Report

Annual packs – Ladies Captains' packs were sent out in late December.

League – All the match dates have been collated onto the spreadsheet and uploaded onto the website.

The updated Rules and Regulations are also on the website, with a reminder in the packs for team captains to download these and display on notice-boards.

Scratch & Handicap Foursomes – The updated draw sheet is now on the website. Bath has been booked provisionally for the finals, with Mendip Spring as a reserve venue should Bath players be in the finals.

Bath Aqua Glass Bowl – Angie ascertained from Fay Galley that she donated the bowl during her chairmanship. The finals are to be played as per the Alliance League Rules and Regulations, with each match being able to be halved. If the overall result is a draw, the trophy is shared between the clubs.

This match is being played at Henbury on April 1st. Angie to find out the time and let Sue, Mary and Di know, who will go along to support and Sue together with the CDLGA rep will award the bowl. Others are welcome to join her in supporting this event.

AF/SJ

7. Treasurer's Report

Gill reported that there was not much change from last meeting. All credits and debits have been actioned. Karen will send all Championship cheques to Karen to hold, but bank before the 6-month deadline.

KBW/GP

8. Championship Secretary's Report

There are 13 entries to date, two up from last year. Bath has agreed to keep the price at £950 for the Sunday and provide 8 practice tee times on Saturday.

Referees will be Di, Janet Fear and Susie Gibbins.

Prizes will be Post Office vouchers, which Gill will purchase

GP

9. Website Organiser's Report

The site has been upgraded to the version compatible with smart-phones and tablets.

Alliance clubs' Open competitions – these are now on the website in two formats, but neither is ideal, due to the lack of flexibility of the web design. Sue to assist Debbie in formatting this if possible and also to get the correct ratio photographs uploaded.

SJ/DD

Mary to e-mail Debbie updated information about Shirehampton's Opens

MG

Domain ownership – this needs to be transferred from the original owner but as we are not a recognised entity, charity or company, this needs to be in someone's name. It was suggested that Sue is primary domain holder, with Debbie as back-up, as Sue will be in post for longer.

SJ/DD

10. Review of Scratch and Handicap Foursomes Rules and Regulations

The Rules and Regulations (Revised AGM 2013/14) were reviewed and various changes agreed, particularly on updating the wording for use of DMDs to reflect that from the R&A. Angie will change them according to the discussions and circulate for approval prior to the next meeting. Some discussion points were also pertinent to the Rules and Regulations for the League matches, so these will also be drafted. Both will need to be discussed at the next AGM before implementation.

AF

11. AOB

Honorarium – payment to committee members was discussed and agreed to keep at £20 p.a. Expenses for significant items, such as stationery and stamps for captains' packs, Championship correspondence etc., should be claimed. Travel expenses can be claimed for attending specific events such as the Championship, Foursomes Finals etc., agreed at 30p per mile.

Transgender guidelines – to be sought from EG

SJ

League Results – will start to come out from 18th March onwards. Debbie will update the tables every Monday morning. Scratch & Handicap Foursomes will be updated as the results come in and Angie can inform the Ladies Captains of results when they happen to avoid delays in playing the next rounds.

DD/AF

12. Date of next meetings

- **Friday 3rd June** at 10.00 at Saltford GC
- **Friday 23rd September** at 10.00 at Knowle GC

The meeting closed at 12.00