

BRISTOL & DISTRICT LADY GOLFERS' ALLIANCE
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD BY ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE
On Friday 21st May 2021 at 10.00

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 19th March 2021** agreed and signed by Lis
- 3. Matters arising - Nil**
- 4. Chairman's Report – Lis Henniker-Heaton**

I have contacted Bristol & Clifton regarding playing of the Bath Aqua Glass Challenge Bowl. The new date is Sunday 17th October. I will be there and it will be useful to have one other committee member in reserve.

Bristol & Clifton have been given limited tee times in which to play matches due to Covid and at present all tee times are for fourballs. Their teams therefore decided to play two-ball matches in fours. This has been received negatively by some clubs whose team captains have approached the committee. We had already gone back to B&C to say that this was not in accordance with the alliance but it appears it is still being requested by their team captains. The committee agreed that this must not happen so we will write to their Ladies' Captain explaining this and asking that she requests additional tee times from their management board.

LH/AF/ALL

- 5. Treasurer's Report – Gill Prophet**

No formal report as Gill joined us from her hospital bed, showing wonderful commitment to the Alliance! There are no finance issues. The committee will take on any treasurer tasks until Gill is home.

- 6. Secretary's Report – Angie Frith**

Other than Lansdown being unable to take part this year due to the Covid Vaccination Centre at Bath Racecourse disrupting the playing of their course, the teams are running smoothly after a delayed start.

Now that the WHS is in place, a temporary rule allowing B and C Team Captains to 'set' their team up to a week in advance so even if a player becomes ineligible during that week she can still play, has been met with positive comments. I will keep an eye on this and circulate any feedback going forwards.

Covid does not seem to have had any impact on the matches being played at the moment. Basic refreshments outside have been offered and no issues have yet been flagged to me.

The Foursomes matches are not being played this year.

There are no website issues

Knowle Golf Club has been booked for the AGM on 24th November if we are allowed to meet together at that time.

7. Results Co-ordinator's Report – Carol Kirkwood

Matches played by end of today will be 23 - half the number usually played by now, leaving 175 still to be played.

Results are coming in promptly. The first weekly reports have been posted to the website.

Most team captains are remembering to include the Division number in the subject line of the email when they send in the results but there's still the occasional omission so I will remind those who forget as and when.

We have seen our first hole-in-one of the season at by a Henbury player at Henbury.

8. Championship Secretary's Report – Alison Rushgrove

Entrants: We have 53 entrants, most of whom entered in the last 10 days. Half the field have a plus handicap, highest handicap is 6.

Practice round: Times have been offered and taken up by 12 entrants.

I have sent through entrants list to Gill to check BACS. The cheques are still with me and Diney Costello is also sending her cheque through to me, which I will pay in to our account. **AR**

COVID: Risk assessment is written, based on the Somerset Risk Assessment from County competition held at Bath GC at the beginning of May. I have changed some items due to changing level of restrictions. This will be on display at the registration desk and also on the website prior to the day. **AR/AF**

Also prior to the event I will send a letter to all entrants detailing any restrictions, how the event will be organised and run on the day and what is in place to mitigate the risks from COVID. **AR**

Parental Consent: Form will be sent to all those entrants aged 18 or under prior to the competition. They can return them on the day.

Referees: Janet Fear, Alison Lee and Pam Jarvis are the referees. Buggies have been booked via Bath GC for use during the competition.

Sponsorship and funding: We are very grateful to Diney Costeloe for sponsoring the event again this year; I am not sure if she will be there to present the prizes. Ruth to check

whether Gloucestershire Ladies' Golf Associations has contributed £100 and I will check on and Somerset County's contribution. **AR/RH**

Bath Golf Club preparations: I have spoken with the office, catering, pro shop and Course Manager. The Clubhouse will open at 7:15am, registration desk open at 7:30. Practice facilities will be open earlier. At the registration desk entrants will receive their card, a leaflet with need-to-know information, a copy of Local Rules, pin position slip, sandwich order slip, water and ball marker.

Start Sheet: Alison Rushgrove **AR**

Closing Competition/Results: Alison Rushgrove, Anne Hitchen **AR**

White board will be written up. Alison **AR**

Ball spotters: Bath GC members – in hand.

Registration Desk & help with cards: Alison, Angie, Rachael until 3pm

Starter: Lis plus others from BGC to be asked **AR**

All ball spotters will be given a free drink, all referees, sponsors, committee etc will be given drinks and light meal/snacks.

Prize Table:

Lis will bring the cloth **LHH**

I have both trophies. **AR**

'One' Vouchers to be purchased **LHH**

Flowers for prize table **AR**

Publicity: I will send report to publications as per last year and hope that one or more of them will publish. **AR**

9. Treatment of two teams from the same club in the same division

This project will be resurrected now as there is a risk of this occurring by the end of this season. Rachael and Angie to liaise after the meeting to approach those who were interested in being on the project team before. **RP/AF**

10. Return of Trophies for engraving

All trophies will need to be collected and brought to the next committee meeting, or given to Zena in time for engraving to be completed before the AGM. We agreed that there would be no engraving for the missing year, which will be documented on the Trophy Winners list on the website. **ALL**

11. Succession Planning

In November, Angie and Gill have to come off committee as they will have fulfilled their maximum term. Alison will also step down as Championship Secretary so we all actively need to look for suitable replacements. To facilitate this, and also for good business continuity, Angie will circulate the current Roles and Responsibilities documents she has on

file, for all to review and update ready for circulation to interested potential new committee members.

AF

Also the committee discussed storage of data and the need for good housekeeping. Our G-Mail account has storage on the G-Drive so all committee members should upload any important or current documents to that drive as a central filing repository.

ALL

12. AOB

The committee are very saddened to hear of the untimely death of Ali Vyas, B Team Captain at B&C, hence their Ladies' Captain taking over this role pro tem.

Somerset County now has five qualified lady referees. Ruth will find out about the status of referees at Gloucester to call upon for the Championship.

RH

13. Dates of 2021 meetings –

- Friday 24th September at 10.00 at The Bristol Golf Club or by Zoom if necessary due to Covid restrictions in place at the time.
- AGM - Wednesday 24th November at 11.00 at Knowle Golf Club as restrictions allow

The meeting closed at 11.45am