

BRISTOL & DISTRICT LADY GOLFERS' ALLIANCE
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT KNOWLE GOLF CLUB
On Monday 13th January 2014 at 10.30am

Present

Barbara Cuff (Chairman), Sue Gibson, Mary Groves, Di Yates, Karen Beaumont-Wraith, Rosemary Fife and Claire Biggs

1. Apologies

Susie Gibbins

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 9th September 2013

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3. Matters arising from previous meeting.

None

4. Chairman's Report

Barbara welcomed the Committee to the meeting and thanked Sue for all her work on the website and Claire for her work on the January Pack.

5. Secretary's Report

- Claire reported that the January pack had been prepared and sent to all Lady Captains. The committee accepted Claire's suggestion that to give the members earlier information the January Pack becomes the December Pack.
- Claire reported that the majority of fixtures have been sent in and the dates will be ready to go on the web very soon. Note that there are some October dates this year due to various clubs' congested fixtures.

6. Treasurer's Report

Susie sent the balance details as follows:

Santander £3426.79

Lloyds £2274.79 (including £13.50 float)

7. Championship Secretary's Report

Karen thanked Janet Fear for her help.

Karen reported that she had e-mailed potential players but as yet there are no entries.

She asked the committee for names to be referees as Pauline Thorogood will be unable to be at Bath. The committee made several suggestions and Karen will follow up those suggestions.

There was a short discussion about the date of the Harper Salver following so closely on County Week and therefore the likelihood of numbers being reduced.

For 2015, Karen will look at the dates of competitions nationwide that may take priority for the ladies likely to enter the Harper Salver, as well as the date of County Week. The committee can then look at the possibility of a change of date.

8. Website Organiser

- The annual subscription to Webeden has been paid to 5.12.14 at a cost of £72.
- The website is now fully updated with all the 2013 year end results and new information for 2014 - Divisions, Scratch and Handicap draws and the West of England Open.

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- Sue has contacted the Site Support Team at Webeden in order to establish how to alter the order of items on the page for viewing via a mobile/tablet.
- The upgrade (mentioned at the AGM) will require some changes to the look and feel of the site and certain features currently used are not yet available in the new version therefore Sue will carry out more research before the upgrade is actioned.
- The 2013 BDLGA AGM minutes have been added to the website

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9. Correspondence

None

10. Dates for the committee meetings were agreed and are now confirmed:

Monday, March 31st at Knowle 10:30am

Monday, 2nd June at Knowle 10:30am

Wednesday, 1st October at Knowle 10:30am

AGM Monday, 10th November 2014 at Knowle 10:30am

11. AOB

Following points raised by ladies at the AGM:

- Matter raised by Chipping Sodbury – that because the committee all have a vote on any proposal made at the AGM, their votes could undemocratically tip the balance of a two-thirds majority. Their suggestion is that just the Chair has a vote plus 1 vote per Club. The committee discussed this and Claire will e-mail CS to agree with their idea and to suggest that they make this a proposal for the 2014 AGM, seconded by another club.
- Matter Raised by The Kendleshire – the club has encountered a problem with ladies leaving as they finish their game when there is any delay to tea being served, leaving the home club to pick up the cost. This was discussed by the committee who all agreed that courtesy requires visiting teams to let home team have tea numbers. It was also thought that teas should be served as games finish, which reduces the wait time for early finishers. Claire will e-mail The Kendleshire suggesting this and the committee are willing to support the team by approaching the management of the club if they consider it would be useful.

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Other AOB

- Barbara raised the idea of the BDLGA having its own prize table/AGM cloth with our emblem on it. The committee agreed that the idea was worth pursuing and Barbara will explore different possibilities.
- After discussions around the table all the committee agreed with Barbara's suggestion that committee members received a nominal honorarium to cover travel and incidental expenses of £15 per year. The committee voted and the idea was passed.
- The BDLGA appreciates the sponsorship received for the Harper Salver from Gloucestershire and Di Yates (Somerset Rep) will approach Somerset again to see if they are willing to give some support. Karen will give her the figures showing Somerset players in the competition for the last 3 years.
- The date for the B & C match against Cotswold Hills for the Bath aqua glass trophy is Monday, 14th April. Sue will publish this on the web and ladies will be welcome to watch and support.

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- Sue brought to the attention of the committee that the Scratch/Handicap rule 1 vii needed rewording and the committee agreed it should now read (last sentence) “Should the home team fail to make contact within the first ten days of the playing round then their opponents assume responsibility for the match to be played at their club.” Sue will highlight this rewording on the web.
- In response to correspondence from Bath Golf Club, the committee discussed the question of weekend matches needed/used by several clubs. Claire will e-mail team captains to ask for numbers of working ladies and students in their teams to give the committee an idea of the percentage of ladies playing in the league who would be unable to play on a week day, making it difficult for some clubs to field a team. Claire would contact Bath once the findings had been investigated and discussed by the committee.

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The meeting closed at 12:10pm

Date of next meeting: Monday, 31st March at Knowle at 10:30am