

BRISTOL & DISTRICT LADY GOLFERS' ALLIANCE  
85th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT  
KNOWLE GOLF CLUB ON  
MONDAY NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 2014 AT 11am

Barbara Cuff, in the chair welcomed the Ladies to Knowle. She thanked Knowle for hosting the AGM and Ryan from Knowle GC for his support.

Barbara then introduced the Committee to the Alliance Ladies.

There was then a minute's silence in memory of these ladies; from Worlebury Jill Webb, from Weston Super Mare Betty Butler aged 100, Maureen Anderson Ladies Captain 1995, and Jenny Carter Ladies Captain 1981 and 1991 and President 2000-2002, from Tracy Park Audrey Junghanns, from Shirehampton Pam Cecil, from Knowle Edith Taylor and Irene James, from Long Ashton Isabel Lawson and Ruth Porter Curtis Cup and English Ladies Champion 3 times, from Clevedon Eileen Nicholas Ladies Captain 1960 and Osbourne Cup winner 1968 and from Burnham and Berrow Janet Stocks Ladies Captain 1993, who passed away this year.

1. Notice convening the meeting

The secretary then declared the 85th Annual General Meeting of the Bristol & District Lady Golfers' Alliance open.

2. Apologies were received from Susie Gibbins Lady Treasurer Clevedon, Elaine Morgan Clevedon, Jacky Chadwick Chipping Sodbury, Alice Robinson Burnham and Berrow, Karen Price Bristol and Clifton and Ruth Hughes Thornbury.

3. Minutes for the Annual General Meeting 2013 were taken as read and the Chairman signed them as a correct record of the proceedings. The acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Sheila Burrige Lansdown and seconded by Paula Crabtree Bristol and Clifton.

4. Reports:

**Treasurer**

Susie Gibbins was unable to be present and so Claire Biggs was pleased to present the accounts for the year ended 31st October 2014. She stated-

Looking at the Income and Expenditure for the year there are two columns dealing with this year. The first relates to the running of the Alliance and the second to the running of the Championship, the far right column being last year's comparative figure.

There is a surplus of £262.57 for the running of the Alliance (£278.46 last year) and a surplus of £593.75 for the Championship (£541.00 last year).

The two holes in one were not notified before the accounts were audited and therefore a total of £40 will appear in next year's accounts.

The general running costs have been kept to a minimum this year. The miscellaneous figure under the general section has increased as we purchased the two tablecloths with the logos displayed today. These have also been used for other presentations during the year.

The Championship column shows that we still had a good surplus despite some increased costs.

The balance sheet shows an increase on last year and the £6016.12 is represented by cash at Lloyds and Santander plus a stock of silver ball markers.

Thank you.

The accounts were accepted. Proposed by The Isle of Wedmore and seconded by The Bristol.

The Chairman then asked for any questions and as there were none she thanked Susie in her absence for all her hard work.

### **Secretary**

The secretary started by thanking all Captains for their prompt returns of league, foursomes and halfway and full match results. She stated she had to send out a few reminders at the end of the season for the final spreadsheets as it does make trophy sorting easier if these come in promptly. There occurred a few problems reading some e-mails but the ladies sent paper copies instead. The weather certainly helped this year with very few postponed matches.

Claire Biggs also thanked Sue Gibson for all her hard work in her last season as website organiser compiling the results and leagues.

Claire then congratulated all the division winners – Bristol and Clifton, The Mendip A, Burnham and Berrow, The Bristol and Thornbury B. There were some very close leagues with some results both promotions and relegations resting on final matches and a tied result which was decided by the number of wins.

Also congratulations were given to the individual winners; Jade Cope WSM, Paula Crabtree B&C, Helen Cole Kendleshire, Alice Robinson B&B, Jo Francis-Pope Lansdown, Louise Buxton Bath and Jan Pitcher LA. There are seven winners as two Divisions had tied winners.

The finals of the Scratch and Handicap Foursomes at B&C saw WSM beat Knowle and then Henbury beat The Bristol. Well done to all four teams.

The Committee received a very nice letter of appreciation from Cotswold Hills who played B&C for the Challenge Trophy at B&C. B&C won and a very good day was had by all those attending. We saw some excellent golf and enjoyed a lovely tea. Thank you to B&C for their hospitality. Next year B&C as Division 1 winners will play away at a CDLGA club and we hope they meet with similar success.

There were a few problems voiced to the Committee over slow play due to busy courses and Claire stated that teams are sometimes allocated very small slots to play the matches, so she asked for tolerance from all. We do need to appreciate that we are out playing golf at so many lovely courses. Also many people do not realise how quickly we play singles match play.

Claire reminded Captains of clubs with two teams that during the season they do need to e-mail if the top seven players change so teams can be easily checked and also to take care to record teams carefully in the correct handicap order. She reminded everyone that players can go out in a different order when playing as long as each player plays the correct opposite player, thus if a player is delayed by traffic they can slot in at the end.

The January Pack with all the details of Captains etc will now come out ASAP after the AGM and will be the December Pack. It will be sent FAO The Lady Captain to your clubs from now on.

Barbara Cuff then thanked Claire for her report and asked if there were any questions, there were no questions.

### **Championship Secretary**

Karen Beaumont-Wraith reported –

What a fabulous day we had for the West of England Amateur Open Championship this year held on Sunday 15th June at Bath Golf Club.

With a field of 57 Girls and Ladies the eventual winner of the Harper Salver was Becky Harries from Haverfordwest with a combined score of 146. Ainee O'Connor from Sundridge Park who plays off a handicap of 4 won the best nett with a score of 146.

Our thanks go to Bath Golf Club who were superb hosts, also thanks to the green staff who had the course in fabulous condition and the bar and catering staff who managed to provide food and drink to all.

Without the volunteers from Bath Golf Club the day would not have run as smoothly as it did, so many thanks to them.

If anyone wants to see some spectacular golf I would highly recommend attending. I hope next year I shall get to spend a little more time on the course.

And finally thank you to Janet Fear and the BDLGA Committee for their help on the day, this being my first year organising the competition. I know I would not have managed without Janet's help and she must have been fed up with all my e-mails and telephone calls.

So a note for your diary, Sunday 14th June at Bath Golf Club and I hope to see you there.

The Chairman thanked Karen for her hard work this year

### **Website Organiser**

Sue Gibson reported – the current website has now been up and running for three years and she welcomed any feedback. She had done some work this year to make it more user friendly when viewed through a tablet or smartphone – mainly by changing the order in which items are displayed.

She raised the issue of match reporting and said that she was not keen on the suggestion at last year's AGM to introduce a template, as this would mean more work for everyone. She handed out a sheet detailing the information required and timescales for both the League and the Scratch & Handicap Foursomes games and asked that this be passed to team captains. A simple email detailing this information is all that is required.

Some frequently asked questions will be published on the website for next season. These will be questions that have perhaps been raised in the past and may be of interest to teams.

SG asked for any information or news items that may be relevant to the Alliance and might be of interest to members. She also asked to be advised of any hole in ones during any Alliance match.

The Chairman then thanked Sue for all her hard work and asked if there were any questions, there were no questions

### **5. Election of Committee members**

The following members are standing for re-election

Barbara Cuff, Claire Biggs, Susie Gibbins, Rosemary Fife and Karen Beaumont-Wraith.

The election was proposed en bloc by Proposer Bath Secunder The Kendleshire.

The Somerset and Gloucestershire Liaison Officers remain on the Committee.

Nomination of the vacant position of Website Organiser

Debbie Darbis from Saltford was proposed by Sue Gibson and the Committee and seconded by Chris Harris Saltford and accepted by those present.

The Chairman asked Debbie to stand and she introduced her to the members.

The Chairman then presented Sue Gibson with a silver ball marker and thanked her for her hard work throughout her time on the Committee.

6. Draw for the Scratch and Handicap Foursomes

The draw for the Scratch and Handicap Foursomes was made and will be posted on the website. The date of the final for 2015 is Sunday 13th September; the 20th September will be used in case of inclement weather. The venue will be announced at a later date. The members were reminded that any individual player may only play in one event, either the scratch or the handicap matches, during the year.

7. Date of next AGM – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 11am. Clubs will be informed of the venue.

8. Presentation of trophies

The Chairman presented the Division Trophies and the trophies to the individual members for top scores in each division and then she was delighted to present the Bath Glass Bowl to Bristol and Clifton Ladies for winning the match against the Champions of the Cotswold and District League. The match for 2015 will feature Bristol and Clifton but will be played away.

9. The Chairman formally closed the AGM at 11:45am

She then invited informal discussion-

After a question from Bristol and Clifton as to why the BDLGA holds such a high reserve there followed suggestions from the floor as to some possible ways to spend some of the money.

CB reminded the Ladies that we will need to purchase ball markers for the Harper Salver and for retiring Committee members this year.

The Bristol asked for more money to be spent on the prizes for the Scratch and Handicap Foursomes, the problem of different players playing through the competition could mean a club prize.

Bristol and Clifton suggested a cash prize with the League trophies. Again this would need to be a club prize.

The Committee suggested a replica to be given to the individual league winners.

A lady suggested having the trophies engraved before the AGM and paid for from the funds.

The Committee agreed to discuss these and other ideas at the next Committee meeting.

10. Chairman's closing remarks

Barbara thanked the Ladies for attending and also thanked the Team Captains for all their hard work as this is a voluntary job but takes up a great deal of time, making sure they have a team, arranging transport and sending in results for all the matches and the summary spreadsheet. She acknowledged that without them there would be chaos.

She also thanked all the Committee. She then wished everyone an enjoyable season in 2015.

She said play well everyone and win or lose enjoy your golf.