

BRISTOL & DISTRICT LADY GOLFERS' ALLIANCE
78TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT LANSDOWN GOLF CLUB
ON 12th November 2007

Mrs. Liz Nash, in the chair welcomed everyone to Lansdown.

Mrs. Liz Nash then asked the Ladies present to remember Barbara Rixson, Ruth Allwood, Jean Sewell and Ann Dyson, who passed away earlier this year.

Mrs. Nash then introduced the BDLGA committee members to those present.

She thanked Lansdown for hosting the meeting and thanked Terry Mercer for making the arrangements. She reflected on the inclement weather during 2007, and thanked all the Lady Captains who had responded so well to the BDLGA web site with their team results. She thanked Lindsey Hammond for her hard work in setting up the successful web site. She thanked Su Worthington of Bristol & Clifton and Val McFarlane of Lansdown for helping the Hon. Secretary with the input of the results.

Mrs. Nash then commented that she hoped the clubs had found arranging matches before the meeting beneficial.

Unfortunately there had been a problem during 2007 when clubs had arrived to play matches without a full team. She pointed out that sometimes there were unforeseen circumstances i.e. A broken down car but, in future, should it happen that a club is unable to field a full team they will be asked to withdraw from the Alliance the following year.

She continued to say that on a happier note Bristol & Clifton were entering a "C" team, this is for a trial year, and will be reviewed.

She informed the members that the committee had invested in mementos for the winners of the Foursomes events, these were Silver Ball Markers with the BDLGA logo. She informed the members present that the Handicap Foursomes Runners up Salver had been replaced as it had been misplaced. She then asked the secretary to convene the meeting.

1 Notice convening the meeting.

The secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

2 Apologies

Janis Dall

3 Minutes for the Annual General Meeting 2006

The minutes of the 2006 AGM had been circulated and were taken as read and the Chairman signed them as a correct record.

Proposed by Weston super Mare and Seconded by Orchardleigh. A show of hands confirmed the correct minutes

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1. HON TREASURER

Clare Page presented the accounts to the members. The accounts were copied to all Lady Captains. She pointed out that the two columns of Income & Expenditure related to the general running of the Alliance and the second column to the running of the Harper Salver. There is an overall surplus of £778. She pointed out the extra expenditure for the Silver Ball Markers of £640 will be carried forward to stock over the next few years. The bank balance was healthy at £2757. Due to a good set of accounts there would be no increase in the subscriptions this year.

The Accounts were approved.

Proposed:- Stockwood Vale Seconded:- The Mendip

The Chairman expressed her thanks to Clare Page.

2. HON SECRETARY REPORT

The Hon Secretary reported that the weather had played a great part in the disruption of matches during 2007 there being 10 matches postponed one week.

Mrs. Fay Galley reported that the first Division was won by Bristol & Clifton with 121 points for the third year in succession, Lansdown were runners up.

In the Second Division Bristol & Clifton B make an immediate return to the first Division and The Mendip A return to the top Division

The Third Division was a very exciting affair with the last few matches of the season deciding the promotion and relegation of the division. Long Ashton A won the Division with 93 points. Only 3 points separated the top 4 teams.

The Mendip B won Division 4 with 102 points. And Knowle make an immediate return to division three.

Division 5 welcomed new members Thornbury who swept all before them scoring 104 points from only 10 matches joined by Weston super Mare B team in promotion.

Val McFarlane	Osborne Cup	Division 1	20 points
Jane Rose	Trill Cup	Division 2	17points
Gwen Spear	Tracy Park Cup	Division 3	20 points
Max Birtles	Bath Salver	Division 5	20 points

The Scratch foursomes was won by, Burnham & Berrow, beating Isle of Wedmore in the final.

The Handicap Foursomes was won by Stockwood Vale beating Knowle. Both finals were played in pleasant conditions at Bristol & Clifton GC.

The Committee purchased Silver Ball Markers for the winners of the foursomes events. These were well received.

Mrs. Fay Galley thanked Su Worthington and Val McFarlane for their help with league and foursome results during 2007. This made the updating of the web site easier for Lindsey Jenkins. She requested that Lady Captains passed on all the up to date information to their team captains, and reminded them that the Rules & Regulations were on the web site and ready for downloading. She reminded those present that they could also refer to the web site for details of "how to send in your results". An electronic summary sheet will be sent to all new Lady Captains.

The Chairman thanked her for her report and asked for any questions.

3. Championship Secretary Report

Annie Hill reported on the 26th Anniversary of The Harper Salver for 2007 played at Bath on a very fine June day. There were 47 entries and the scoring extremely well.

The Winner Joanne Hodge (Knowle), scored gross 144, second was Hannah Barwood (Knowle) also 144. All five gross scores were below par, and Bethan Pople aged 11 shot a nett 66 in the morning round.

Many thanks go to sponsors Harper Business Contracts for providing sponsorship, unfortunately they are not renewing their sponsorship. We are actively looking for funding, but next years competition will go ahead using the excess profit from this year. Our thanks go to Bath Golf Club for closing their course to members on a Sunday, something which many clubs were unable to do, whatever price we offered to pay.

Mrs. Hill remarked that it was her fifth and final year and it had been a privilege. She added that the Championship had moved forward and was now on the ELGA Order of Merit, a new course record for Bath Golf Club had been set, and many of the girls who had played in the past were now at the top of their game and some were professional. Many current players were in the England Elite squad. She hoped all the Members would support the new Championship Secretary to ensure the future of this prestigious event.

Liz Nash thanked Annie Hill for her hard work over the past five years in making this event so successful and such a great opportunity for youngsters. She presented Annie Hill with a Silver Ball Marker as a thank you.

5 Election of Committee members

Present committee

Chair	Liz Nash	Elected 2006
Hon Secretary	Fay Galley	Elected 2005
Hon Treasurer	Clare Page	Elected 2006
Hon Championship Secretary	Annie Hill (retiring)	Elected 2002
Committee Member	Lesley Floyd	Elected 2005
Gloucestershire Liaison Officer	Eva Tucker (retiring)	Appointed 2002
Somerset Liaison Officer	Janis Dall	Appointed 2006

Proposed en bloc by Bath GC Seconded by Wells GC

Nomination for new Competition secretary Alison Dodkin proposed by Bath GC and seconded by Burnham & Berrow.

The Chairman asked for a vote of confirmation.

The Gloucestershire Liaison officer is Elaine Hetherington from Chipping Sodbury, appointed by GCLGA.

The Chairman thanked Eva Tucker for all her support during the past 5 years. She remarked that Eva's knowledge and common sense had proved invaluable. The chairman presented Eva Tucker with a Silver Ball Marker

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The Proposal for change to Rule 3 (iv) was withdrawn by the Committee, The Chairman stated that due to the huge response to this rule change the committee had decided to set up a Working Party to review the Rules of the Alliance. She requested that interested parties let her know before the end of the year.

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Open dates for 2007 were distributed, the Chairmen requested that all amendments be sent to info@bdlga.org.uk The Gloucestershire County and the Somerset County fixtures were also distributed.

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Draw for Foursomes

The draw took place for both the Scratch and Handicap Foursomes during the Meeting and the draw for Venues followed the Meeting. The Draw sheets will be sent out with the next mailing and posted on the BDLGA Web site. The final will be held on Sunday August 31st Two weeks later if bad weather, 14th September, venue to be decided.

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Date of the next AGM November 17th 2008 at noon

10 Presentation of Trophies

The Chairman presented the trophies and reminded clubs that they have to bear the cost of engraving the trophies themselves, and requested that they are returned at the end of the year clean! She also requested that they sign the book to register that they had taken them!

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The Chairman formally closed the AGM at 12.45.

She then invited informal discussion.

Bristol & Clifton suggested that now the fixtures were done before the AGM perhaps the start time could be changed. The chairman asked for a show of hands to ascertain how many Clubs

had completed their fixtures before the meeting, it proved to be about 75 %. A time of 11.00 am was suggested and there were no objections.

The AGM for 2008 will be held on Monday 17th November at 11am at Lansdown GC

Stockwood Vale asked how many meetings there would be for the Working Party, the chairman replied she hoped 3 or 4 but no more than 6. The venues would move around the Alliance area.

Kath Shiels of Stockwood Vale also thanked the Committee on behalf of all the Foursomes Winners for the Silver Ball Markers. She also remarked that she had found clubs most accommodating when trying to make the fixtures. This was noted and the Chairman thanked her for her comments.

The Chairman's Closing remarks:

LN explained that the Working Party was in no way changing the ethos of the Alliance but merely to look at the Rules and Regulations as over the past fifteen to twenty years the golfing world has changed. More proprietary clubs, more working ladies playing golf etc. LN reminded the Lady Captains that if they had any queries regarding the Rules not to hesitate in contacting either her or the Hon Secretary.