

BRISTOL & DISTRICT LADY GOLFERS' ALLIANCE
84th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT
KNOWLE GOLF CLUB ON
MONDAY NOVEMBER 11TH 2013 AT 10:30am

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 minutes silence in memory of Joan Leonard and Becky Ryder both from Filton who passed away this year.

1. Notice convening the meeting

The secretary then declared the 84th Annual General Meeting of the Bristol & District Lady Golfers Alliance open

2. Apologies were received from Sue Bindon, Su Worthington, Liz Hale, Gwen Spear, Jacky Chadwick, Donna Robinson, Jenny Mealy and Sue Moore

3. Minutes for the Annual General Meeting 2012 were taken as read and the Chairman signed them as a correct record of the proceeding's, the acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Long Ashton and seconded by Bristol and Clifton.

4. Reports

Treasurer –

Susie Gibbins was pleased to present the accounts for the year ended 31 October 2013. 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 £278.46 for the running of the Alliance (deficit last year of £10.40) and a surplus of £541.00 for the Championship, (surplus of £558.85 last year) giving a net surplus of £819.46 which is an increase on last year of £271.01

The Alliance Section relates predominantly to the scratch and handicap foursomes. Only one lady had a hole in one this year for which she received a cheque for £20.00.

Under General expenses, the Committee has endeavoured to keep costs to the minimum by e-mailing and publishing documentation on the website so that it may be printed by the team captains. The Miscellaneous expenses include the cost of running the website and the silver ball markers given to retiring members of Committee.

This has resulted in a decrease in total general expenses of £131.57

The accounts were accepted

Proposed - Thornbury – Seconded- Long Ashton

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

Secretary –

Claire Biggs began by thanking all Captains for their prompt returns of league, foursomes and halfway and full match results, very few reminders needed to be sent out during the season. The weather certainly helped this year with very few postponed matches.

She also thanked Sue Gibson for all her hard work compiling the results and leagues for us all.

Congratulations go to all the division winners – Bristol and Clifton, Lansdown A, The Isle of Wedmore, Mendip Spring and Lansdown B. There were some very close leagues and some results actually rested on final matches.

She then congratulated the individual winners Sue Worthington, Liz Nichols, Gwen Spear, Sue Tarry, Heather Kerr- Wilbur, Jane Belston and Di Garry. There are seven winners as two Divisions had tied winners.

The finals of the scratch and handicap foursomes at Bath saw Long Ashton beat Knowle and then Lansdown beat Tracey Park. Well done to all four teams. Following the change of venues so that one team played at home overall there were 25 home wins and 15 away wins and Sue and I had to toss for only a few matches.

The committee is very pleased to welcome Thornbury B team to Division 5 making that division now the same as all other divisions.

The Chairman then thanked Claire for her hard work this year.

Championship Secretary

Janet Fear reported

A beautiful sunny day, if a bit windy, saw 50 Girls and Ladies competing for the West of England Amateur Open Championship, on Sunday 9th June at Bath Golf Club.

The course played tough but still the competitors managed 127 birdies between them during their two rounds of golf, 18 of them 2's on the par threes.

Katherine O'Connor from West Byfleet, who also plays for Wales won "the Harper Salver" with a gross score of 151 on count back from Bethan Morris from Tenby & Ellie Goodall from Selby who both also had a score of 151 for the 36 holes.

Hannah Stradling from Up Avon who plays off a handicap of 9, won best nett with 142 which was six under her handicap over two rounds

Bath Golf Club as usual were wonderful hosts, the course was in fantastic condition and the staff looked after everyone so well and we look forward to returning to Bath next year.

My three years as Championship Secretary have flown by and I have really enjoyed it, the competitors have all be so pleasant and full of smiles, and their golf has been amazing to watch.

Bath Golf Club have been so helpful and made it a pleasure to arrange the Championship with them. I wish Karen all the best for the next three years, I am sure she is going to enjoy it as much as I have.

The Chairman thanked Janet for her hard work throughout her time as Championship Secretary.

Web Site Organiser

Website Organiser's Report

Sue Gibson reported that the request at last year's AGM to add match dates to the Detailed Results spreadsheet had been investigated but there was insufficient room. The match dates were published on the League page of the website instead and would be again for 2014.

She advised that some changes would be made to the website over the coming months. The website providers, Webeden, had launched an updated version of their software and there was the option to migrate the current site over to the new software. There would not be a big difference to the way the site works but it would have a slightly different look and feel. Further changes were also required to the website to make it more user friendly when viewed through a tablet or smartphone as the content was not currently displayed correctly on these devices. The changes would be completed before the start of next season.

The reporting of match results had gone well this year. Sue asked the new team captains to look at the League page of the website to check what information was required, however, as some details were being omitted. Full details are given on the relevant pages of the website. There had been a few instances of ladies not being able to open documents on the website, usually because they didn't have the latest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader. All the documents on the website are pdf files and the latest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader can be downloaded free of charge from www.adobe.com.

Sue asked to be advised of any difficulties using the site or finding information and said she welcomed feedback. She asked the ladies to keep looking at the website for match results, the relevant rules and regulations, Committee minutes, details of the West of England Open and regular messages from the Chairman, Barbara Cuff.

The Chairman then thanked Sue for all her hard work and asked if there were any questions, Sue was, asked if it was possible to have a proforma with which to submit the results, Sue will look at this for next year.

5. Election of committee members

The following members are standing for re-election

Barbara Cuff, Claire Biggs, Susie Gibbins, Rosemary Fife and Sue Gibson.

The Somerset Liaison Officer remains on the committee.

The election was proposed on bloc by Proposer Lansdown Seconder Isle of Wedmore

Nomination of the vacant position of Championship Secretary

Karen Beaumont-Wraith from Tracey Park GC proposed by Tracey Park and seconded by Mendip Spring and accepted by those present.

The post of Gloucester Liaison Officer has been taken by Mary Groves of Shirehampton GC

The Chairman asked the two new committee members to stand and she introduced them to the members.

The Chairman then presented Janet Fear and Pat Murphy with silver ball markers and thanked them both for their hard work throughout their time on the committee

11am - At this point the ladies all stood in silence for two minutes in remembrance on Armistice Day.

6. Draw for the scratch & handicap foursomes

The draw for the scratch and handicap foursome was made and will be posted on the website.

The date of the final for 2014 is Sunday 7th September, the 21st 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 during the year.

7. Date of next AGM – Monday 10th November 2014 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 2014 will take place at Bristol and Clifton.

9. The Chairman formally closed the AGM at 11:40am

She then invited informal discussion-

There was a request from The Kendleshire that visiting team Captains inform home teams if any of their team will not be staying for tea at the end of matches.

The Chairman listened to comments from the floor and then said that good manners should ensure that this happens. She reminded members that there was no need for all players to wait for tea for the last player to come in but it was not fair to all leave before the last players are in.

Bristol and Clifton asked for the exact handicap rule be changed to allow Captains to choose the order of play. The Chairman reminded them that the committee had looked at this during 2013 but that it would be raised at the next committee meeting.

10 Chairman's closing remarks

Barbara thanked all the committee and the Lady Captains of the Alliance for all their hard work and time given to ensure that the league runs as smoothly as possible. She then wished for everyone an enjoyable season in 2014. Play well everyone.

