

BRISTOL & DISTRICT LADY GOLFERS' ALLIANCE
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT CLEVEDON GOLF CLUB
On Tuesday 25th September 2018 at 6.30pm

Present:

Sue Johns	SJ	Gill Prophet	GP	Ruth Hughes	RH
Angie Frith	AF	Marian Crewe	MC		
Rosemary Fife	RF	Zena Balcombe	ZB		

ACTION

- 1. Apologies** – Carol Kirkwood
- 2. Minutes of Meeting of 29th May** – agreed without change and signed
- 3. Matters arising** – None

4. Chairman's Report

As this was Sue's last meeting before standing down, she thanked the committee for working so well as a group this past three years. The league has had very few queries or issues to resolve and she has thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the Harper Salver Championship, acting as a starter for this prestigious low handicap ladies' event.

5. Secretary's Report

League - All matches have been running smoothly and on time. Two clubs have requested to add B teams in 2019 – Saltford and Burnham & Berrow. The committee were very pleased to welcome these to the league so that each division now has seven teams.

Scratch & Handicap Foursomes - There was a second issue with a match being arranged late so the teams were running out of time to play and one team wanted to take over the home venue. However, Sue sorted this and it was played on time. In summary, during the year, one match changed venue due to a late contact, one nearly changed, and one wasn't played. Angie to give a reminder at the AGM to try and avoid the issues next year.

AF

The finals were held on 16th September at Chipping Sodbury GC, who have been thanked for their course availability and hospitality. Knowle beat Long Ashton on the 19th hole in the Scratch 4s and Lansdown beat Bath in the Handicap 4s. It was an excellent day all round and our thanks go to Janet Fear who was the official referee.

This year, the finals date coincided with the County Finals practice round, so it was agreed that next year's finals avoid this time (16th – 20th). 22nd September was agreed as the best date, with 29th as reserve.

Website - All running smoothly. Sue is back-up at the moment so this will need to be transferred to another when Sue steps down, but she is willing to continue with this until it has been transferred.

AF

GDPR - No issues to report. The club forms for 2019 have amended to show that all personal data that is provided will be shared with other Ladies Captains and Team Captains, who have been asked to keep this data securely.

Those stepping down from committee will need to delete all personal data as per our GDPR policy.

6. Results Co-ordinator's Report

End of season spreadsheets are trickling in. We are looking at them to find the trophy winners in each division. It is a great help if the division number is included in the halfway/fulltime report email subject (and on the spreadsheet itself) as well as in individual match results. This is still sometimes omitted so I will remind again at the AGM. It makes it easier to file them correctly, especially when a club has both an A and B team. In summary, the division number can't be given too often!

Filton pointed out the red/black situation in the Detailed Results report. If a match result is 14/0 the 0 is not in red. This means that it is not possible to tell the difference between a match which has not been played and one which has a 14/0 result. I have not been able to find a way to change the spreadsheet so if anyone can help it will be much appreciated.

ALL

At the last meeting there were still 186 matches to go. Now only 6 with the final match on 7th October, weather permitting. I still need to learn how to post reports on website.

CK/AF

Generally, there are very few problems, the season has gone smoothly and everyone is most helpful.

7. Treasurer's Report

Gill reported £1,244.00 in current account, £3,441.21 in Santander account and £32.60 in petty cash.

The £300 promised by Bath University for the Harper Salver sponsorship last year has still not been received. She will chase payment.

GP

Gill has rearranged to meet Susie Gibbins on 9th October to close the Santander account and will then set up a deposit account linked to the Lloyds current account.

GP

8. Championship Secretary's Report

It hadn't rained for at least ten days before the Harper Salver and all golf courses were drying out and run on the ball increasing. Then on the day, 50 competitors started with an hour's delay due to unseasonal fog. However, with the gaps in the start sheet and by shortening the lunchtime, the day finished only slightly later than planned.

Apart from a small hitch involving the cards, the day went very smoothly with the catering staff efficiently providing lunch for the competitors immediately they came in.

Prior to the event, Bath Golf Club were extremely helpful with the organisation and printing necessary for a successful event. On the day, the course and practice facilities were in excellent condition.

The rough on the 13th seemed to be very tricky as some high scores were recorded on this hole, but this helped to sort out the better players. The sun came out before the first

round finished and the cool conditions gave way to hot summer sunshine. This continued for the rest of the day making the golf more of a physical challenge for the competitors, but we had provided at least two bottles of water for everyone, so all were kept hydrated.

I was delighted that our main sponsor Diney Costeloe could come and present the prizes after going out with a referee on the course in the afternoon.

The committee members who helped were wonderful as ever. Especially Sue as Starter, out freezing on the first tee, Gill doing all the banking, buying the prizes and all the water while Angie handled the start sheets, labels, cards, etc. My thanks go to everyone for all their help and support.

Here is a quote from an email sent by the father of the Costeloe Cup winner:-

What a fantastic event you ladies organised in relation to the Harper Salver. Some of the other events Hannah has played in, could learn a thing or two from the way this competition is organised, in terms of friendliness, organisation and spirit. So a big thank you to everyone. H thoroughly enjoyed her time at Bath GC, and the course was in great condition.

It brought home to me how important it is that our competitors actually enjoy the day, especially as our winner had driven from Kendal to support our championship. So thank you to everyone for being so friendly and helpful.

As my time as Championship Secretary is nearly finished, the only issue that requires increased compliance is that of the Parental Consent Form. I have consulted England Golf and have a copy of their PC Form which goes into far greater detail than our existing one. Angie has adjusted our entry form to include the entrant's age if under 16 and the new PC Form will then be sent immediately by email to the entrant and returned by email prior to, or brought on the day.

Gill will provide a breakdown of the Championship finances to the committee at the next committee meeting so that the prize money can be reviewed and increased if appropriate. Rosemary will also find out from EG the current restrictions on amateur prizes.

GP/RF

The 2019 Championship has been booked for 9th June and once we agree the prizes in December, the poster and entry form can be finalised & publicised.

ALL

Otherwise everything is up-to-date and all the paperwork required is on a USB stick ready to handover.

As you know, my two Championships have been unexpectedly interesting and my thanks go to this superb committee for all their help and support

9. Changes in R&A Rules affecting our Rules

There are two sections of our rules which will no longer be relevant after the introduction of the new 2019 R&A Rules –

- 4.3 - Use of DMDs will now be allowed, the committee being able to make a local rule to prohibit them, so we will be seeking to remove this section.
- Player causing accidental movement of the ball or marker is now incorporated into the R&A Rules so is no longer relevant to state in our local rules.

Other changes allowing the committee to make a local rule were discussed and thought irrelevant at this stage. (4.3 Prohibition of audio or video devices; 16.3 restriction of relief for embedded ball; 24.4 ability for teams to name two advice-givers)

Other areas where the committee would like to recommend rules changes or clarification are :-

- 10.3 Use or restriction of caddies. At present, we do not restrict the use of caddies for foursomes matches. It is rare for caddies to be used other than in the finals and even then it is unusual. It was agreed to use the same wording as for the league match rules, so that caddies are not allowed, except for players with disabilities in accordance with our published policies.
- If a club has restrictions on use of electric trolleys and requires either 'carrying only' or use of hedgehog wheels, the home Team Captain must let the visiting team Captain know in good time so that the match can be rescheduled. If the visiting team routinely use hedgehog wheels themselves and are happy to accept the conditions, then there is no need to reschedule.

All to be incorporated into Rules and published prior to the AGM

AF

10. Changes in WW Handicapping System and how it affects the BDLGA

Agreed to defer discussions until next year

AF

11. AGM Planning

Draft letter to all Ladies Captains informing them of the forthcoming AGM and relevant action points was agreed so to be sent out ASAP.

AF

AGM agenda was agreed. Henbury's request to allow C teams in the future should the opportunity arise was also agreed with no changes required, so Angie to inform them.

AF

All trophies (bar one to follow) have been returned to Marian to arrange for engraving.

MC

There are three holes-in-one so Gill will arrange cheques to be presented. We agreed to increase the amount to £25 each as it has been £20 since before 2010.

GP

Potential committee members – a new chair has been identified, as has a new Championship Secretary. We still require one further committee member.

ALL

Next year's AGM date is proposed as 7th November 2019. Angie to check whether Knowle GC will be able to host us on this date.

AF

12. AOB –

Sue to contact Henbury to ensure that they have had the Challenge Cup engraved and sent the bill to Gill for reimbursement

SJ

13. Date of next meeting – AGM at Knowle Golf Club

- Thursday 8th November at 11.00am

The meeting closed at 20:30