

KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB

Ladies & Junior Girls Section

Committee Meeting Held on: Tuesday 25th July 2017 at 2pm at the clubhouse

Present:

Debbie Lennon.	Lady Captain
Pam Chard	Immediate Past Captain
Grace Burke	County Delegate
Jane Paine	Secretary
Jackie Wilson	Treasurer
Elaine Senior	Handicap Secretary
Joy Crawford	Assistant Handicap Secretary
Linda Pickford	Committee Member

The meeting started at 2.10 pm

1. Apologies for absence.

Jan Bailey

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the last meeting (13th June 2017) were amended at 5 b) to "Captains 36 Hole Ladies Championship Cup" and were then agreed as a true record and a copy signed by the Lady Captain.

3. Matters Arising

4 a) iii) The Lady Captain reported that the holes in the shelf had been filled in, at no expense, and following a further discussion about finishing off the refurbishment of the locker room it was agreed that the Lady Captain would get new shower boards to replace the slippery ones currently in place and that the Committee would take up Sylvia Kent's kind offer to find another one or two mirrors to be put up from the charity shop where she works. **Action: The Lady Captain and Pam Chard.**

5 b) Elaine Senior reported that the Club rule about minimum numbers did not apply to a stroke play competitions and the Lady Captain reported that at the recent Captains' Meeting the decision had been taken to remove a minimum number requirement.

After discussion it was agreed to put forward a proposal at the AGM to have a minimum number of 8 entrants for the Ladies Section Trophy competitions. **Action: The Secretary.**

6 The Secretary explained that she had given confusing information at the last meeting about the LGU Breakthrough Brooch. It was in fact the Golf Foundation Brooch that the Committee had decided to return and the LGU Breakthrough Brooch could still be played for. It was agreed that this could be played with the stroke-play part of the Autumn Cup. Grace Burke agreed to check whether the Breakthrough Brooch, as such, still existed.

The Secretary also reported that the Foundation Brooch had been returned. **Action: Grace Burke.**

4. Reports

a. Lady Captain

1. Management Committee and Captains Committee

The Lady Captain reported that:-

- i) The Management Committee had agreed to upgrade the showers and toilets in both the men's and ladies changing rooms during the winter.
- ii) There had been three ladies leave the club at the year end.
- iii) The Management Committee noted that the owner of a house adjacent to the 13th green had put a gate in the fence, ostensibly for the purposes of access for maintenance. The Management Committee had decided to monitor the situation.
- iv) The Management Committee had agreed to set aside £1,000 to subsidise two social events during the year.
- v) The Captains Committee had asked that the 36 hole championship competition be reviewed. After some discussion, in order to avoid confusion, it was agreed to amend the diary to put more space between the Ladies Section and the Club competition.

Action: The Lady captain and proposed Vice Captain

2. General

The Lady Captain reported that:-

- i) There had also been some confusion about which competitions were eligible for the Par & Birdie Trees. It was agreed the criteria should be more explicit to make it clear that only pars/birdies in Ladies Section medals, stablefords and stroke- play competitions were eligible. **Action: the Secretary.**
- ii) Our team had been successful in the Parkin Cup and were through to the semi final against Crane Valley on 11th August.
- iii) The ladies had won the annual Ladies v Seniors match 5½ - 4½.
- iv) It had been agreed that because of a skin condition the dress code should be waived for Sarah Lilles and she should be allowed to wear collarless tee shirts.
- v) Margaret Boyle has started to tidy up the garden around the practice green with the General Manager's approval.

vi) The Lady Captain had received a letter from Dementia Awareness asking whether they could come to give a talk about the subject. **Action: The Lady Captain will see if there is enough interest to arrange a talk.**

c. Secretary

Nothing to report

d. Treasurer

The Treasurer presented the Income & Expenditure account as of end of June 2017. This showed a small surplus at the end of the year of £103.37 and accumulated funds of £4,662.71. The Treasurer also stated that, as in previous years, the surplus includes the accumulated prize money for the Trophy and Board Competitions which will be paid out at the AGM.

e. Handicap Secretary

Nothing to report

f. Juniors

Nothing to report

g. County Delegate.

Grace Burke reported that:-

i) In correspondence Sue Crabb from Ferndown objected to the Spring meeting and Johnstone Cup, for handicap purposes, being classed as the same competition. The view was that as these two competitions were played on the same day there was no reason to split them .

ii) SW match week at Wrag Barn in Wiltshire was very enjoyable, unfortunately some of our best players were unable to attend. Everyone played well and we had some good wins but Gloucestershire prevailed and will go forward to the County Finals at Felixstowe.

iii) The new Strategic Plan for 2017-2021 is out and it appears that nothing has changed except instead of trying to get new players in to golf, the new focus is retention. With this new strategy, instead of County Development Officers (Elaine Barrow) we will now have Club support Officers (Natalie McCall) who will be going into Clubs to see the Manager and help tailor a plan for each individual club if they feel they would like help with this . She will manage Dorset and Wiltshire so has a big area to cover.

iv) There was a short discussion on the fact that the Ladies County Association pay disturbance fees to Clubs to play our competitions but the County Union does not. This obviously is a big expense for us. Apparently this situation was negotiated with Clubs by the Union for a ten year period which is coming to an end soon. There might be some negotiation in the future with the Union the Association and Clubs to ease the burden on the Ladies.

v) Juniors came up in the subject of money and obviously we want to encourage them. 18-30 year olds, which would include University students, perhaps need to be given reduced fees to keep them as members of Clubs and in turn playing golf.

vi) The Handicap Advisor reiterated the plea to Clubs to send the top five scores from any Opens they run back to be used in handicap reviews.

vii) The rules changes re Captain and President of the Association which was discussed at the last Committee meeting was discussed at length, with a different amendment eventually voted on and carried. This change to the rules of the association if voted for at the AGM will lead to a Vice Captain for one year, Captain for two years and the Immediate Past Captain for one year(non-voting). Also there will no longer be a Vice President but the President will still stand for two years. The incoming President would shadow the President from the July Delegates meeting till taking office in the October. The next future President, who will take over from Grace herself is Val Ford from Parkstone GC who has been playing golf for thirty years, a member of Parkstone for twenty years and is Captain of the County Seniors team. She will be the President 2020-21.

5. Forthcoming Events

a) Gwen Howe Trophy will be played for on the 8th of August. It is usual to send the proceeds of this event to the MacMillan Trust. It was agreed to send a donation of £50 from the event with the rest going to the Ladies Section funds. Anyone who wanted to donate further could put the money in an envelope in the box.

b) Coffee Morning. The Secretary reported that so far there had been 29 entrants. The range of stalls was discussed and a poster asking for donations had been put up. There was a discussion as to whether next year all the money raised by the Coffee Morning should go to charity or whether some of it should be retained by the Ladies Section. **Action: The Secretary to include this for further discussion on a later agenda.**

c) The AGM. The Secretary reported that the final date for the notices for the AGM to go on the notice board will be the 19th September and that she anticipated various questions as to how the section would be run without a Ladies Captain. It was agreed that the Lady Captain, Pam Chard as the Immediate Past Captain, the

Secretary and the Assistant Secretary should meet on 5th September to have a preliminary discussion about the AGM.

6. Correspondence

None received

7. A.O.B

a) It was suggested that before each function someone was responsible for checking the toiletries in the locker room. **Action: Linda Pickford volunteered to do this.**

b) The issue of how to deal with an odd number of entrants into the Ladies Club Championships was raised. It was agreed that next year where there was an odd number the extra entrant should be given a choice, with the agreement of the preceding pair of whether they wanted to go out in a 3 ball or to go out with a marker.

c) There had been some adverse comments about the quality of the food on Ladies Invitation Day. It was agreed, as this was a showcase event, the Ladies Section should be prepared to subsidise it more next year. **Action: the Secretary will include for discussion on a later agenda.**

d) The Secretary reported that Penny Parkes and Wendy Hanford have got through to the area finals of the Coronation Foursomes and will be playing at Cavenham Golf Club on 1st August.

MEETING CLOSED AT: 4.05pm

Date of Next meeting: 22nd August 2017

Signed..... Date.....