

KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB

Ladies & Junior Girls Section

Committee Meeting Held on: Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 2pm at the clubhouse

Present:

Jackie Wilson	Lady Captain
Cicely Welch	Vice Captain
Debbie Lennon	Immediate Past Captain
Jane Paine	Secretary
Sally Hawkrige	Assistant Secretary
Jenny James	Treasurer
Joy Crawford	Handicap Secretary
Debbie Knight	Assistant Handicap Secretary
Sandy Wright	Committee Member
Jan Bailey	Committee Member
Lynn Scoones	Committee Member

The meeting started at 2.20pm

The Lady Captain welcomed Sally Hawkrige to her first meeting as a co-opted member of the committee.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Grace Burke.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the last meeting (29th November 2018) were agreed as a true record and a copy signed by the Lady Captain. Lynn Scoones commented that the decision-making process when assessing the course for play (para 4, 1.viii) was in the wrong order. The committee agreed but did not feel the minutes needed formal amending.

3. Matters Arising

4.1.iii. New 2019 rules presentation by DCGU to be held on the evening of Thursday 10th January 2019. The event is limited to 40 people only – 32 people have signed up currently.

4.2.v. Christmas tips were distributed to staff in December.

4.b.i. Posters for the Open and Coffee Morning have been produced and are with the Club Manager. The Committee asked the Secretary to remind the Club Manager to advertise on the Golf Empire website. The Secretary said she will also be taking posters to distribute to other clubs at the Annual County Secretaries Meeting on Monday 14th January 2019. **Action: Secretary**

7.viii. A dustpan and brush is now available in the locker room, stored under the desk.

4. Reports

a. Lady Captain

The Lady Captain reported that:

1. Management Committee and Captains Committee

- i)** A new organiser is still required for the Mixed Fours Competition. Although it's still possible that one couple will come forward, responsibility might be shared across several couples who will organise one event each. However, if no one volunteers the competition may be cancelled.
- ii)** Handicap limits for club competitions, as detailed on pages 14 & 15 of club diary, have been changed. The limit for ladies has been increased from 30 to 32.
- iii)** The number of playing members now stands at 526
- iv)** Yeovil have introduced a charge of £10 per person for reciprocals. KH will now mirror these charges for Yeovil visiting members in future.
- v)** Cricket St. Thomas Golf Club in Somerset is now on the reciprocal list (1 fourball per week). We now have 20 clubs on our reciprocal list.
- vi)** New 2019 rules: As a local rule option, KH will not be adopting the '*Balls Lost or Out of Bounds: Alternative to Stroke and Distance*'. However, members may use for social golf only.
- vii)** The Captains Committee discussed the issue of temporary greens not being up to standard. This will be raised at the next Greens Committee Meeting.
- viii)** The raffle for a dedicated parking slot (offered by the Vice Captain for the two years she will be on the ladies committee) will be drawn at the Tom Jones Tribute Night. The raffled parking bay will be the one closest to the clubhouse main doors and for the two years the Club Captain will be using the Ladies Vice Captain slot.

2.General

- i) **Age ranges for Sally Fish/Austin Cup.** The Lady Captain has reviewed club membership and said that we have 34 ladies of 69 years old or less and 36 ladies of 70 years old or over. She therefore proposed that eligibility for the Sally Fish be moved to 70 and over, with the Austin Cup open to ladies of 69 or under. Given the current age bands, this should also create some competition longevity. The committee voted and agreed with this proposal. **Action: Lady Captain to include in her next newsletter.**
- ii) **Bring and Win Vote results:** The Lady Captain said she had received 42 votes (40 at the Bring and Win meal and 2 by separate email). One vote had to be discarded as it voted for all three options. Of the remaining 41 votes, 10 people voted for the cheaper menu option (i.e. no change); 31 people voted for the £15 carvery/vegetarian option (plus pudding and tea/coffee); and no one voted for the full Christmas meal package. Therefore, it was suggested that the results of this ballot be born in mind by the Vice Captain when setting the meal choices and that the £15 carvery should be offered in December 2019. **Action: Lady Captain to include in her next newsletter.**
- iii) **Cost of Ladies Invitational Day.** It was agreed that this would remain at £30 per pair, as it was sufficient to cover food costs and any increase may also deter entrants.
- iv) **Ladies Club Championship.** The Lady Captain referred to correspondence the Committee received in 2018 from Sandy Wright and a decision made then to issue a ballot seeking members' views on the future format of the competition. This ballot has been on hold, so the Lady Captain sought the Committee's views as to whether it was appropriate to issue it now and, if so, what options to include. After discussion it was agreed that the options should be: **a)** no change (36 holes on a Tuesday); **b)** 18 holes on two consecutive weeks (Tuesday) totalling 36 holes; or **c)** move the competition to a weekend, playing 18 holes on Saturday and 18 holes on Sunday). If possible, this would be played alongside the men's club championship. Subject to the Lady Captain checking with the Club Manager, exceptionally, **this option would be added to the list** of concessionary weekend play for 5-day members. **Action: Lady Captain to speak to the Club Manager and advertise the ballot in her next newsletter.**
Action: Secretary to make hard copy voting forms available in the locker room, ideally at the end of February 2019.

3.Social

The Lady Captain reported the following up-and-coming events:

- 18th January – Quiz Night
- 23rd February – Tom Jones Tribute Night

b. Secretary

The Secretary reported that:

- i) **14th January 2019 - Annual Dorset County Secretaries Meeting at Dorchester Bowls Club.** KH are “hosting” the event this year. It has proved a difficult event to organise as not all clubs have responded to invitations and/or provided details of their current club secretaries, these details are necessary in order to update the county secretaries list for future correspondence or reference. Sally Hawkrige will attend with the Secretary (the Lady Captain sends her apologies as she can no longer attend) and will report back at the next committee meeting. It is believed that the county pays for room hire and that delegates pay for their own refreshments.
- ii) **Broadstone Interclub Eclectic Ladies Foursomes 26th September 2019.**The entry form has arrived and will cost £60 per team. The committee agreed that KH would enter a team. Team to be decided nearer the time. **Action the Secretary**

c. Treasurer

- i) The Treasurer presented the Income & Expenditure Account until the end of November (December figures were unavailable), which showed a deficit of £373.28. The deficit reflects the monies paid out in vouchers for the Trophy winners.
- ii) As reported in the last minutes, the Treasurer had picked up an earlier error where the Ladies Section had been billed for the Seniors’ and Men’s Competitions for one month as well as our own. This has now been refunded and included in the ‘Sundry Income/VAT refunds’ £688.12 figure.

d. Handicap Secretary

The Handicap Secretary reported that:

- i) The annual handicap review was completed on Monday 7th January 2019. Two players had their handicaps increased but several were reduced.
- ii) She and Debbie Knight then completed a review of the divisions. We now have: **20 silver** players; **22 low bronze** players and; **28 high bronze** players. Of the **high**

bronze: 5 play off 26; 3 play off 27 and; 3 play off 28. Based on this breakdown, it was agreed that it wasn't worthwhile changing the divisions at the moment.

- iii) She and Debbie Knight will attend the Dorset Handicap Meeting on 6th February at Dorchester.

e. Juniors

No report.

f. County Delegate.

No report.

5. Forthcoming Events

- i) **15th January** - Stableford.
- ii) **22nd January** - 9 Hole Competition.
- iii) **29th January** – Florida Scramble.
- iv) **5th February** - Mulligan
- v) **12th February** – Stableford **and** 9 Hole Competition. It was agreed that £2 would remain the entry fee for both events. Members will also be reminded that they cannot swap between events if, for example, the weather is bad that day.
- vi) **19th March** – Ladies Captain vs Vice Captain. The Lady Captain has chosen the menu and will put options up in the locker room by the end of January. The draw for teams will take place on Monday 11th March. **Action: Lady Captain to display menu options.**
- vii) **2nd April** – Freeman Fours. As the pairings are drawn in handicap order (high and low), this should take place after the 26th March qualifier to ensure handicaps are current. *Note:* The Lady Captain is away from Monday 1st April for 11 days – the Vice Captain will be the point of contact in her absence.

6. Correspondence

Nothing received.

7. A.O.B

- i) The Lady Captain said that she and the Handicap Secretary had been reviewing 'The Blue Book' and had found several anomalies between rules set out within the book and current practice. She said these anomalies need to be discussed at another meeting. Once discussed and a way forward agreed, Sally Hawkrige

will take on the project of creating an electronic version of the book, which can be easily reviewed and amended. **Action: Secretary to include in February's agenda.**

- ii) The Lady Captain asked if the committee were happy that the Flag Competition remained in three divisions, with therefore three winners. After a vote, this was agreed.
- iii) Par and Birdy Tree and Eclectic. Having been raised previously, the Lady Captain asked the Committee if they agreed that players records should be assessed based on which competition they originally entered, regardless of whether they had moved division (up or down) during the competition. This was agreed and will be documented/recorded as the rule from now on. After discussion it was also agreed that the eclectic will commence from the medal competition scheduled for 24th March 2019. The Par and Birdy Tree will begin in April as usual. **Action: Secretary to create an eclectic sign-up sheet for the locker room.**
- iv) Lynn Scoones asked if the new menu price list was available so she and Debbie Lennon could start planning the Friendlies. The Lady Captain said no, but gave them a 2018 price list to work with in the meantime.
- v) Lynn Scoones questioned several dates in the diary where either there is a clash or events are encroaching on member's tee-time. After discussion, there were no issues except re one of these dates (21st March 2019). The Lady Captain said she would check the Captain's Committee minutes to ensure this date was agreed by the committee. **Action: Lady Captain to check minutes.**
- vi) Debbie Lennon said the next round of the Legg Bowl 2018/19 at home to Parkstone has to be played by 28th February 2019 – she is working on dates and availability now. She added that the KH website had reported that the team had reached the semi-final, but in fact we have reached the semi-final of the Western Division. Naturally, this is still a great achievement. She asked if KH could offer free tea/coffee and cake/teacake to all players. This was agreed. Finally, there might be a requirement for caddies for this match, if players would like one.
- vii) Debbie Lennon asked if the clock in the committee room could be fixed; it needs a new battery. **Action: Lady Captain to speak to the office.**
- viii) Sandy Wright asked if players could play on after the 11th hole on the 22nd January 2019, 9-hole competition. The Lady Captain confirmed that players could although they would need to ensure their card was handed in after they had completed their 9 holes. **Action: Lady Captain to make this point clear in her next newsletter.**

- ix) Finally, the Lady Captain confirmed that a card of condolence had been sent to Brian Wheatley following the sudden death of Shirley Wheatley yesterday. All the committee expressed their sadness; Shirley was a very popular member and will be sorely missed. The Lady Captain awaits details of the funeral arrangements.

MEETING CLOSED AT: 4.13 pm

Date of Next meeting: 12th February 2019 @ 2.00.pm

Signed:..... Lady Captain. Date:.....