

## KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB

### Ladies & Junior Girls Section

Committee Meeting held on: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 12.00pm

### MINUTES

**In Attendance:** Jane Paine (Lady Captain)  
Grace Burke (Lady Vice Captain)  
Jackie Wilson – Treasurer  
Sue Saunders – Secretary  
Pam Chard  
Sharon Aldrich  
Penny Yeats

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Jan Bailey, Jackie Stoodley
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** –These were signed as a true record.

3. **Matters Arising –**

LC raised the question of slow play at Capcom and passed on the Ladies Committee suggestion for using a marshal from time to time. This had not been accepted but Capcom decided to enforce the Club policy on slow play against one group of seniors. SA asked if it was being made clear to the whole club that this was happening and publicised. **ACTION: LC/LVC**

Reunert has reduced the bill for the drinks at the Ladies AGM.

Interviews for new members would not be reinstated; LC reported that the new lady member, Fiona Lewis, had been played in and was keen to be involved with the ladies section and to play in the competitions.

Manco Minutes: LC has not done this yet and will try and see Reunert when he returns from holiday.

**ACTION: LC**

JW has calculated and printed a spreadsheet for all the percentages for every possible competition we are likely to play. One will be put on the board in the Locker Room and another in the flip chart. JW was thanked for her hard work. GB offered to check the 60% - 10%.

**ACTION: LVC**

We are now using HDID for signing up to LGP competitions.

PC had contacted a logo company, which still has our KH Shirt logos. We would have to buy the shirts and they sew on the logo. SS to contact the company for their price & timescale.

**ACTION: SS**

Time of play for Societies: LVC bought this up and Capcom will minute our question. The response was that the day in question was “exceptional” and there will be no change made at the moment.

#### 4. Reports

##### a) Lady Captain

###### i) Capcom 7<sup>th</sup>December

The Andy Nicholas Charity Golf Day has been confirmed as 15<sup>th</sup> September.

There will also be a KHGC 36 Hole Scratch Open on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, which will be an order of merit event. This is in place of ProAm.

The Seniors had requested a new sign on 6<sup>th</sup> tee asking players not to tee off until golfers are out of sight. Capcom agreed this.

The Seniors Captain reported they would not use HDID Teams for their Friendlies & VC Sean Keen agreed they were not likely to use it for Hardy matches. LC agreed that the ladies would not use it for Interclub or Woods either.

The Seniors Captain reported they were investigating playing 9 hole qualifiers.

Membership – there had been 17 new members since the last meeting including 1 lady.

There would be no Capcom meeting in January as Reunert is away. There had been no Manco Minutes since the last meeting.

###### ii) LGP

The LC thanked everyone who has helped set up the on-line booking, especially SA and Sally H. Reunert was also very helpful with the set up. LC also thanked SA for the flip charts. Paula G and Sally H are putting together an Information Sheet as a guide as to how to create start sheets. The Secretary will be given a copy. **ACTION: SH/SA**

Several ladies had asked PC if someone was acting as a Point of Contact on the LGP weeks if they had to withdraw. As the sign up for this was now just the same as a qualifier it was thought that allocating a lady for each LGP day was not necessary. If players have to withdraw, they should contact their playing partner/s, in the normal way. LC will include this in the January newsletter. **ACTION: LC**

A discussion took place regarding the holding of and presenting the prize money. It was suggested that we could have a prize giving either every month or once a quarter. This discussion is still on-going as JB (the organiser for the LGP money) was not present. Where the money should be kept until it had been allocated was also discussed. It was agreed that asking whether we could keep a cash box in the Office safe would be the best solution. **ACTION: LC**

JW has modified a spreadsheet to calculate the prizes. This would be filled in for each competition. It automatically splits the number of players and allocates the money to the winners in the relevant divisions. If there were not enough entries for all the divisions then the form could be manually over ridden and changed. It is all based on the same percentages as our qualifiers. Once the form was completed it would be saved on the Office computer and printed out for the notice board. JW would give lessons on how it works and will provide a written Guide. **ACTION: JW**

LC asked for volunteers to be Card checkers: LC & SA agreed to cover the Purple Tee Bowmaker on 31<sup>st</sup> January and LVC & JW will cover the Waltz on 14<sup>th</sup> February.

###### iii) General – nothing to report.

iv) Social – Bring & Win – LC thanked everyone and confirmed that £160 was raised from the raffle for the charity. LVC explained that the raffle drawn at the Dinner Dance in December, which includes the Christmas Hamper draw needs to be organised better next year.

**b) Secretary –**

Ladies Open – There have been 8 entries so far. Many have used the Portal option to pay but it is proving more difficult to reconcile the applications to the money. SS & JW will arrange to see Reunert when he is back from holiday. **ACTION: SS/JW**

Golf & Coffee Morning – We have 2 entries so far. SS will see Reunert to ask that the Coffee Morning be added to the “Ladies” & “Mixed” areas of Golf Empire. At the moment it can only be seen under KHGC area. **ACTION: SS**

**c) Treasurer**

There was no report as Reunert is away on holiday.

**d) County Delegate–**

JS had nothing to report. She has not heard anything regarding the second vote on the number of players in the Interclub teams. The draw for the Interclub and Woods matches will be done in February. LVC reported that the previous organiser for the Woods competition has left and Ben Hunter has taken over.

**5. WHS – JW**

JW gave out a leaflet on the new Rules. This is Addendum ‘A’ at end of the Minutes. England Golf is going to promote mobile and digital access to the rules.

**6. Subsidising Interclub & Woods Match meals from the Ladies Open**

LC reported that last year for home games only, team players paid a match tea contribution of £3/player for drink & teacake or £5 if it was a full meal, the rest of the cost being subsidised by the Ladies Section. Players in Friendly matches paid the full cost of the meal.

The overall cost of this in 2021/22 was £83.00. As there were no account figures available at this meeting and there would shortly be a new list of menu choices it was decided to defer this matter to a later meeting. JW volunteered to look at all the matches and would calculate how much it was likely to be when the new menu was available. **ACTION: Defer until February**

**7. Terms of Reference (TOR)**

An issue had arisen regarding the number needed on the Ladies Committee. Manco’s aim is to bring the sections in line with the Club’s Memorandum & Articles of Association (M & A).

LC introduced a discussion on the various points where TOR possibly needed to be amended:

**TOR pt 3:** Currently is in line in needing minimum of 6 & max of 9, excluding LC & VC, to be on the committee. After discussion, it was agreed that this was disproportionate in relation to the number of ladies in the section and that it should be amended to a minimum of 5, excluding the LV and LVC, and a maximum of 8.

**TOR: pt 4:** Covers the length of time members of the Committee should stand. To bring TOR in line with the M & A, this should be changed to 3 years. After discussion it was agreed to leave the length of time as it was.

**TOR: pt 4.3.** Deals with the places where notice of proposed candidates should be displayed. The Club's website should be added.

**TOR: 5.2.** Regarding voting, this should be amended to include postal votes and to add electronic votes.

LC: will produce an amended draft to be considered by the Committee at the next meeting.

**ACTION LC**

## **8. Recruitment & Retention/ Welfare**

- There had been a useful meeting with the County Club Support Officer Kate Dimmott (KD).
- The audit of the Club's Safeguarding certification was successfully concluded.
- Following discussions about recruitment and retention KD has sent links to the "Get into Golf Tool Kit" which contains marketing materials we can use. It was suggested e.g on our Open Day & Coffee Morning we should have information regarding membership available on tables and possibly offers to be agreed with RB. e.g sign up on the day for a 'one day only' offer on membership.

**ACTION: LC/LVC**

In addition, the Club may consider setting up taster sessions, with AW & Jack Baker providing group lessons. It would be possible to use LGC sessions to give any participants the chance to play some holes on the course. LC said she would set up discussions with AW.

**ACTION: LC**

Girls Golf Rocks was briefly discussed but with the on-line closing date set for 5th February, it left too little time to organise anything.

Welfare and supporting a lady member with possible dementia was also discussed, KD had again provided a range of resources via the EG website. PC agreed to contact the individual concerned and possibly to involve her and her partner in arranging further support. **ACTION PC**

## **9. Forthcoming Events & Results**

4 <sup>th</sup> February	Roy Orbison Tribute Night
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Quiz
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Elvis Tribute Night
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Ladies Section to organise the Quiz

## **10. Correspondence – none**

## **11. AOB**

i) **LVC** – There should be an agreed format for the Any Combination competitions and LVC thought that this item would come up at the next Capcom - Chris B & Pauline W had both asked for clarification for the Any Combination competitions before the events not afterwards, as it seems to change every time. If AW does not bring the Any Combinations issue up at the next Capcom then LC will.

ii) **LVC**: The launch of the Commemorative Stone for DCGU's centenary year will be on 25<sup>th</sup> January at Came Down. At present no member of KHGC was going and it was felt that someone should represent us at this prestigious event. **ACTION: LVC** to speak to Simon Rook

iii) **SA:** The clock in the Locker Room is not working. LC said that a new battery had been put in but it still did not work **ACTION: SA** to buy a new one

iv) **SA:** Asked if we could dispense with waiting for players to drive off on 15<sup>th</sup>, when teeing off on the 14<sup>th</sup>. This slowed down play and it was agreed that we should alternate our teeing off. **ACTION: LC** Newsletter

v) **SS:** Linda P was in hospital. Everyone hopes she recovers soon. **ACTION: LC** to arrange a card and flowers.

12. **Date of Next Meeting** – 7<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm

13. **The Meeting closed at 2.35pm.**

**Signed:** ..... **Dated** .....  
**Lady Captain**

## **Addendum “A”**

### **The new Rules that went into effect on 1 January 2023.**

The governing bodies are promoting digital and mobile app access to the Rules while significantly reducing the production and distribution of more than four million printed books.

Several penalties have been relaxed and language has been clarified to help golfers at all levels of play.

Key changes include:

- **Modifications for Players with Disabilities:**

The modifications to the Rules for players with disabilities have been made part of the Rules and are in effect for all players who fall under the categories covered in Rule 25. Now, rather than being dependent on local rules, the modification to the Rules of Golf which allow disabled to play automatically apply to all competitions, including all forms of play.

- **Handicap Usage in Stroke Play:**

With the continued growth of digital scoring following the adoption of the World Handicap System, players are no longer required to show their handicap on their scorecard in stroke play. The Committee will be responsible for calculating the player's handicap strokes for the competition and using that to calculate the player's net score.

- **Club Damaged During Round:**

The Rule has been amended to allow a player to replace a club that is damaged during a round, provided the player did not damage it through abuse.

It used to be that players who incurred damage on their clubs, whether through their own actions or freak events had to take those clubs out of play - using a damaged club would result in disqualification. In 2019, the R&A and USGA changed the rules so that players could play with such damaged clubs without penalty. Now there is a further change: players can repair or replace a damaged club, however this only counts if the player did not damage it through abuse.

- **Ball Moved by Natural Forces:**

A new Exception provides that a ball at rest must be replaced if it moves to another area of the course or comes to rest out of bounds after being dropped, placed or replaced.

Until now if a natural force such as wind, water or gravity moved a ball that had been dropped, place or replaced you had to play it from its new location without penalty. Sometimes this could have quite far-reaching consequences, an example given is when a Pro replaced his ball on the 15th green at Augusta in 2016 and a gust of wind then blew it into the water, turning a possible eagle into a bogey. Under the

2023 rules, The Pro would not have been penalised but could have fished his ball out of the water, replaced it and continued as if it had never happened.

This does not mean it has to be replaced any time it moves after being dropped or replaced. If you are dropping in the General Area for example, the ball must roll into another area of the course, such as a penalty area, a bunker or a putting green, in order for it to need replacing. Same goes for a ball rolling out of bounds. If it simply rolls, but stays within the area of the course you dropped it, it is in play.

- **Back-on-the-Line Relief Procedure:**

The back-on-the-line relief procedure, often used for penalty area and unplayable ball relief, has been simplified so that the player now drops their ball on the line, and the ball must come to rest within one club-length of where it is dropped.

Previously, it was the case that players taking relief from a hazard or from an unplayable lie back-on-the-line were able to drop as far as they wanted no nearer the hole on a line between the flag and their ball. Players were given a one-club-length relief area within this, and if their ball rolled outside of this sphere they had to re-drop it. However, the R&A and USGA included a Model Local Rule which gave committees the power to allow players to play balls which rolled outside the relief zone under specific circumstances, and this could be manipulated to get a good lie. Now, the rule has been simplified: simply go back on the line with the hole, drop and the ball can roll up to one-club length in any direction.

- **If a putt hits an insect, the player or the putter (outside the stroke) the ball must be played as it lies (Rule 11.1b)**

An ambiguity surrounding wording in this rule prior to the update allowed some players to argue that if a putt struck a person or outside influence the ball could be replaced and the stroke replayed. This was never intended to be the case and the R&A and USGA have now clarified this.

Golfers can learn more about the major changes and view the official 2023 Rules of Golf by visiting [RandA.org](https://www.randa.org).