

## KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB

### Ladies & Junior Girls Section

Committee Meeting held on: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am

### MINUTES

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

The new Lady Captain welcomed the Committee and reminded them that anything discussed at this Committee was confidential until the minutes were published.

1. **Apologies for Absence: none**
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting –**

The August Minutes under “Treasurers Report”:

“The Treasurer reported that the Club Manager had been unable to supply the Ladies Activity Report up to the end of July”. The following would be added: **“as there was only 3 days to do the report before this meeting”**. This would be added to the August Minutes in the Changing Room and signed by the Lady Captain. **ACTION: SS**

3. **Matters Arising –**

Doug Proctor Trophy: Due to illness and holidays the LC had not been able to talk to Richard Pearce before the end of his year. She had spoken to Derek Haines, the new Seniors Captain and he thought it was not possible to fit the Trophy in this year. The seniors were having a problem playing 3 days in a row so the date of the Trophy had now been changed to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July for 2023.

4. **Reports**
  - a) **Lady Captain**

- i) **Captains & Management Committee–**

**6<sup>th</sup> October Capcom meeting.** – The sub group meeting to review the 2023 diary did not take place as Reunert was away. So the times for the ladies competitions at a weekend were discussed again and it was agreed that they should be from 10.30 -12.00.

**2<sup>nd</sup> November Capcom meeting** – Manco has confirmed the ladies times as 10.30-12 noon at weekends. These would be reviewed if not fully utilized.

**Sally Hawkrigde** has been appointed to Manco: sitting on the Greens Committee and the Club House Projects.

**LC** has been asked to join the Driving Range (landfill) Project.

**Mixed Turkey Trot** – None at present but we have been asked to look at this in the future.

**Andy W** reported that the redesigned card for the **Gender Neutral tees** had not yet been approved.

There will be a **Charity Day** in memory of Andy Nicholas. There was some discussion about the date but it will probably be instead of the PGA Pro Day, which has never really taken off.

The Ladies have been asked to find a team captain for the **mixed competitions**. Several names were suggested and LC will contact them. **ACTION: LC**

Simon Rook wants to eliminate **slow play**, and will send out a newsletter. How he will try to achieve this is not clear. The ladies have tried posters and Newsletter requests but there is still slow play. The ladies asked if there would be Marshalls on the course especially at big events. If anyone complains to the Manager will it be confidential? LC was asked to take the request for a Marshall back to Capcom. **ACTION: LC**

**Toilets** – A member has offered to donate some materials for our new toilets and showers.

**Membership:** Reunert reported membership was 569 with 478 playing members. PC asked if reinstating the interview system for new members had come up. JB said that formal interviews would not be reinstated, but JB had tried to get in touch with new members last year but sometimes it was difficult.

There would be another **Charity Golf Day** as Bramshaw cannot host this in future. It will be on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023 with a shotgun start.

A request from the **Holburne Group (Bulbury Woods & Crane Valley)** for a **reciprocal** has been turned down.

Andy W is having an end of season **sale in Pro Shop**.

**2 new chefs** are having a trial week, one last week and the other this week. Reunert would like feedback.

## **ii) Appointments**

County Delegate: Jackie Stoodley – Proposed by JB , seconder JW. Unanimously elected.

Women in Golf Charter Champion: LC explained that this position had been held by Linda Holden. LC explained that the aims of the Charter were to:- enhance gender balance and

inclusion and to get more women into golf . These aims should be discussed at Board level. The Plan agreed by the Club is to deliver minimum 2 initiatives each year, one, the buddy system was partly done last year. LC has said to Capcom that we will continue to try to include new members this year. Another aim is to achieve 30% ladies on Board of Directors - we have started with Sally Hawkridge. We are already a Safe Golf Accredited Club and Jackie Wilson has this role. We must appoint a new lady as Champion: JB thought it would be a good idea for this to be part of the Captain's job and role over every year. Although the Captains year is very busy it would help with continuity.

As we had not had any new lady members recently, it was thought that the initiative had to come from the top – so that any new to golf ladies were able to have time on the course, as well as taster sessions as an introduction.

LC is happy to be the Champion.

PY: Noted in Chris Hill's speech at the AGM, KHGC wanted to retain their current members and grow the Club by 5-10% with new members. LC said that we have had no new ladies this year.

PY: said that the buddy system was not working. Perhaps the Thursday roll up was a good time to play with other ladies. Plus Knighton Heath needed to work on its PR.

### iii) Committee Responsibilities

#### Team Captains

Interclub - LVC  
Woods - LC,  
Friendlies: - PC with helper: SA

2 or 3 **friendly matches** were stopped a couple of years ago but one club has been re-instated.

LC had received correspondence from Christchurch GC regarding a new friendly home & away fixture. We have 8 at the moment and with June and July being busy months, it was agreed that we could not commit to another fixture at present. LC will write to them.

**ACTION: LC**

**Interclub** remains at 7 singles matches, even though many clubs find 7 difficult to field.

**Locker Room:** It was agreed that it was not necessary to appoint someone to look after the locker room. Any committee members can keep an eye and fill up e.g. cards as necessary.

**ACTION: All**

**Raffles:** LN did a very good job last year. It was agreed that the Treasurer would organise the money side and the rest of the Committee take it in turns to run the Raffle.

**Results/Printing:** LVC volunteered.

**WHS:** JW happy to continue.

### iv) LGP Responsibilities

LC and the diary sub-committee have come up with proposed fun competitions for the **1<sup>st</sup> 3 months**. SA passed round the sheet. **Tee Times would be 9-11am** with the competition first, including 9 hole if possible with general play following.

**Sign up sheets** would be put up in the locker room 3 weeks beforehand.

It was suggested that we would **pay £1.50 + 50p** to LC Charity (optional?) collected by JB

**Cards:** would be collected afterwards by LC and other members of the Committee.

**Prize money** pay out – this needs to be discussed at the next meeting. **ACTION: SS**

**Handicap:** Initial thoughts were for Course Handicap for individual competitions. This would be confirmed in a Newsletter. **ACTION: LC**

We cannot use Howdidido. LVC has asked Reunert and he said yes. JB pointed out that in the past he has definitely said no. It was unclear who holds the License for Howdidido, but the website says that we have not got access to Casual Bookings. IG seems to be more flexible, but it is too costly to change now. The ladies used to do the Howdidido in the Office. Historically AW set up the week competitions but the ladies had access if needed.

LC would have a look on Office Computer.

**ACTION: LC**

Sarah & Mike Lillis have been looking into electronic booking.

**Questionnaire:** LC will put up the results in the locker room.

**ACTION: LC**

v) **Subs for match teas**– defer to 2023

vi) **Prize money for Diarised Comps**–

Happy to continue with the same 30-70% split - 1<sup>st</sup> prize only with 6 players or less: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> with 7-11 players and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> for 12 ladies or over.

vii) **Social**

Christmas decorations would be put up on **29<sup>th</sup> November**.

**ACTION: SS**

4<sup>th</sup> December: mixed golf and carols. SS would ask Denise about Carol sheets

**ACTION: SS**

9<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Quiz.

11<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas lunch.

17<sup>th</sup> December: Dinner Dance, the Club would be subsidising this event.

FIFA World Cup would be screened at the Club.

18<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Lunch

3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> December: Bowmaker

11<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> December: Bring & Win

b) **Secretary** –

SS had asked Gill Tyler for the form for Jan to join the Dorset Ex Captains. **ACTION: SS**

c) **Treasurer**

The Income & Expenditure sheet was handed out.

JW reported that as of the end of October 2022 the balance was £840.85 after deducting the AGM Vouchers, AGM catering plus paying out the Captain and Vice Captain honorariums at a total of £230 for the year just finished.

It was noted that this includes the winnings from 2 outside competitions - the Broadstone Eclectic - £125 and the County Interclub Foursomes -£25. So under normal circumstances the October balance would have been £150 less.

Nearer the time JW suggested we must consider the cost of catering for next years AGM as with the clubs recent increase in prices it has risen from £83.90 last year to £148 this year. This figure was broken down as £70 for food and £78 for the wine and squash, an increase of £64.10, which is approximately 77%. It was agreed that the JW would see Reunert regarding the wine & squash prices. **ACTION: JW**

Gwen Howe Trophy. We have now paid the donation of £50.00 to MacMillan.

The Treasurer was asked about any fall off in numbers for our competitions. The answer was probably yes, maybe due to going out in 3s but JW had only started the numbers spread sheet which was given to Reunert each month, last April, so there was nothing to compare yet. We should be able to see differences going forward. Manco will be monitoring any gaps in our ladies times for competitions.

**d) County Delegate**

Nothing received this month.

**5. Forthcoming Events**

**a) The Open –**

The Treasurer confirmed that we had made a profit last year but the levy per person taken by the Club would go up from £5 to £10 this year. It was agreed that the cost for 2023 would be £30/person which covered the extra levy - Proposer: JW, Seconder: SS. All agreed.

Add to December Agenda: possible help for Interclub and Woods.

**ACTION: SS**

**b) Golf & Coffee Morning – leave until Jan.**

**c) Diary dates up to Christmas– Poster already up.**

**d) Christmas Decorations – date changed to 29<sup>th</sup> November**

**e) Christmas gifts for staff**

We spent £70 for the staff last year and it was decided that the same gifts would be given this year. LC will get the presents

**ACTION: LC**

**f) Daily Mail Foursomes**

SS had registered Knighton Heath for this event and Jan Finch and Jill Tappin, as winners of our competition, had been asked to register on the Daily Mail Foursomes site. SS had given them a copy of the T&Cs as well as the dates for each round.

**6. Correspondence – none**

**7. Any Other Business –**

LC – Gill Tyler wishes to give up being the Dorset Ex Captains Representative. After discussion there were no volunteers for the job and it was decided that any correspondence could be sent on to the Secretary who would display it on the Notice Board.

JW: Handicap Division

Jackie had looked into the Handicap split suggested by the County and calculated our numbers in each Division, if we decided to follow them:

Div 1: Up to 20.4 (**17** ladies)

Div 2: 20.5 – 28.9 (**23** ladies)

Div 3: 29 & above (**11** ladies)

There was much discussion on this but it was decided that the number of ladies playing in each Division needed to be as level as possible. **Therefore, as of January 2023 the handicaps for the new Divisions would be:**

Div1: up to 20.4 (**17** ladies)

Div 2: 20.5 – 26.9 (**17** ladies)

Div 3: 27 & above (**17** ladies)

These Divisions would be reviewed at the March meeting

**ACTION: SS**

Proposer: LC, Seconder: SA. GB & PY voted against this proposal.

SS and LC would go through the Blue Book and see what Trophy/Qualifying competitions would need to be changed and report back for the January meeting. **ACTION: LC & SS**  
Jackie was thanked for her work on this topic.

**The Honey Pot Charity:** LC had been given 2 dates to go and see the Charity –21<sup>st</sup> November in the afternoon and 24<sup>th</sup> November any time. JB, SA & PC would like to join her.

LVC: **General Play Tuesday** – LVC reported that at least 14 lower and mid handicap ladies have said to her that they are not happy if we go forward with the Ladies General Play Tuesdays. LVC spoke about her concerns at a chance meeting with Simon Rook, who seemed happy to try and arrange a meeting with himself and Andy Parsons. The LC suggested putting together a possible diary for our meeting, which the LVC has done, but due to time constraints this still needs more work.

It was pointed out that if anything changed now, it would have to go back to Manco and the Diary was due to go to the printers before their next meeting.

After much discussion it was decided that LC with Grace, Sally &/or Sharon would try and arrange to meet with Simon Rook and Andy Parsons to discuss their thoughts on Ladies Tuesdays and Weekend play. **ACTION: LC**

JW: Should we ballot the ladies now on the above - but how would the question be phrased? SA: thinks that many ladies are still upset by the way this was brought in, i.e.

with no consultation. LC: suggested that we try it and see and it will be reviewed. We must remember that this will affect the men as well.

SA: **Welfare:** How do we support one of our ladies with welfare issues. LC said that she was the Welfare Officer for DLCGA and will ask the County how to deal with this issue.

**ACTION: LC**

LVC: Felt that the Ladies Terms of Reference need to be looked at in January. Also the KHGC website still said you could look for your ball for **5 mins** not **3 mins**

**ACTION: GB**

PY: JB & JW did an amazing job in providing all the refreshments for Juniors Open competition. She thought that the Club should reimburse/donate money for this. The Committee agreed. LC will take to Capcom nearer the time.

**ACTION: LC**

PY: She had heard several generalisations & pieces of misinformation regarding some aspects of the Club/Ladies Section amongst the ladies, which might lead to a lack of trust and could create a problem. The Committee were asked to be aware of this and always ask how the person had got the information and from whom.

**8. Date of Next Meeting – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**9. The Meeting closed at 1.25pm**

**Signed:** .....

**Lady Captain**

**Dated** .....