KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB

Ladies & Junior Girls Section

Committee Meeting held on: Tuesday 25th August 2026 at 2.30pm

MINUTES

In Attendance: Alison Cumming (Lady Captain)
Martine Clark (Lady Vice Captain)
Chris Bartlett
Sarah Lillis
Jackie Stoodley
Kate Bull

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting –** Signed as a true record

3. **Matters Arising** – None

4. **Reports**

a) LC - CapCom/Manco feedback

- Simon Rook has resigned as Club VC; Gary Tutton to restand for a second year if elected
- Discussions re getting more water onto the golf course for Member's use
- Buggy storage area is not in good condition so likely future project
- Twilight zone golf recent time changes have proved popular and led to increased numbers playing
- Mens Open was very successful
- CapCom was briefed on the situation in the Ladies section and, in general terms, how the section plans to mitigate this
- Seniors Section – David Taylor is Captain Elect and will attend next meeting

b) WHS – Nothing to report

c) County Delegate – JS reported that the role is becoming increasingly redundant but she remains happy to receive emails and be a conduit if necessary.

5. **Forthcoming Events & Results**

- Coffee Morning preparations are well underway, though more bottle donations need to be solicited. The LC Charity (Homestart Wessex) will be present, along with Surprize Shop, Jewellery, plus Sue Merritt's plants and jam stall. There will also be a putting competition (Sally and Sharon), Tombola and Raffle. Committee members to support from 8am.
- Ladies Section future situation – LC reported she is encouraged at the numbers of people who have put their name down to volunteer to organise events in

2027. This means that events like the Open and Invitation Day will still go ahead when the section is without a Vice Captain. The LC will be presenting our situation (and our plans to manage it) at the next CapCom meeting. She has also received offers from a number of ladies to be available to attend CapCom meetings along with LC in future, or in event of no LC being appointed in 2027/8. This will be discussed at CapCom and along with any changes to the Articles of Association which may be needed to accommodate this. Finally, the LC and VC are to meet with the Seniors Capt and Vice Elect to discuss an increase in joint working.

- Lady Members Open, 22nd September. This will follow the format from 2025 ie a Florida Scramble followed by a buffet. Prices for food have been requested, and a notice will then go up in the changing room.
- AGM Trophy Winners prize amounts agreed to be £30 for winners, £20 for runners-up.
- Margaret Joyce/Freeman Fours competition. SL reported that numbers for these two drawn high-low handicapper competitions have been dropping in recent years and she has been exploring alternative formats which will encourage more entries. The issue has been the handicap limits on higher handicappers which mean that they lose quite a few shots, over and above any playing handicap reduction (85% for pairs). Not only is this discouraging for them, but the lowest handicappers who are paired with the highest handicappers feel that it is an unfair set-up. The proposal is that the Freeman Fours becomes a Foursomes competition for lower handicappers and the Margaret Joyce a Betterball competition for higher handicappers (right up to 54 handicap allowance). Both events will remain 'drawn' but the split means that the high/low anomalies will be ironed out. In addition it is proposed that both competitions take place on the same day (in April, subject to the agreement of Margaret Joyce/family).

6. Correspondence – none

7. AOB – none

8. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 29th September 2026 at 2.30pm.

9. The Meeting closed at 4.30pm

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