

**MIDLOTHIAN COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING AT RATHO PARK GOLF CLUB  
Wednesday, 23rd August 2017 at 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:**

President	Norma Richmond
Captain	Jacky Burnett
Vice-Captain	Louise Fraser
Secretary	Lisa Kilpatrick
Junior Secretary	Sharon Macpherson

**Members Present 17**

Morag Macpherson (Craigmillar Park), Mary Nicol (Dalmahoy), Christine Clarke (Deer Park), Jane Browitt (Glencorse), Linda Boyle (Harburn), Elaine Lumsden (Kingsknowe), Mandy Bell (Liberton), Isobel Halliday (Merchants), Catherine Stewart (Mortonhall), Barbara Hamilton (Newbattle), Elizabeth Taylor (Prestonfield), Anne Wheelhouse (Ratho Park), Shona Morland (Ravelston), Muriel Gilligan (Swanston New). Murrayfield was represented by Norma Richmond, Baberton was represented by Sharon Macpherson and Turnhouse was represented by Shelagh McComiskey.

**1. Apologies**

Maureen McLeod, Treasurer; Kate Johnston (Baberton); Fiona Findlay (Lochend) Helen Ross (Turnhouse), Susan Randall (Carrickvale), Caroline Steedman (Murrayfield), Kirsten Everett (Comiston Ladies), Hannah Scott (Broomieknowe).

**2. Captain's Opening Remarks**

The Captain welcomed everyone to the August meeting. The Captain requested that item 16 Subscriptions was discussed at the next meeting when the Treasurer would be present.

**3. Minutes of Meeting - 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> May had previously been circulated and the Captain asked if there were any amendments. There were no additional amendments required to the previous minutes.

**4. Matters Arising**

Muriel Gilligan asked regarding about an update on the MCLGA Crest be put on the MCLGA website.

**Action: Lisa agreed to liaise Mary Richardson to see if this can be done.**

**5. Captain's Report**

The Captain's Report had previously been circulated and she highlighted the following points:

- Scottish Golf News - continues to be consultation although lately this has concentrated more on Clubs. Scottish Golf is still urging Areas and Counties to amalgamate but without issuing any guidelines or initiatives as to the structure and remits of these combined bodies.
- Sharon and I had a meeting with Stuart Clayton, Performance Development Manager, concerning the Junior Development Programme. We had a very positive conversation about this year's programme both from the players and the coach's perspective.

**East of Scotland News**

The Jamboree took place at Stirling this year on 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of June.

Our team consisted of;

Gabrielle MacDonald, Kate McIntosh, Louise Fraser, Alison McBride, Karen Ferguson-Snedden, Caroline Steedman, Hannah Darling and Karen Marshall. Our reserves were Hannah Scott and Susan Rennie.

We won all three matches convincingly to gain the spot at the Scottish County Finals. Thanks also to the others on the selection team of Louise Fraser and Linda Wemyss and to Norma Richmond who worked with us at the event.

As usual, a big thanks to our caddies who play an invaluable and much appreciated role in the team's performance.

The County Finals are being held at Glenbervie GC from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Our team for this event will be announced by 28<sup>th</sup> August and will be posted on the website. Any member available and interested in caddying should contact Louise Fraser, Vice Captain.

The Jamboree is being held next year at Dunbar from Mon 25<sup>th</sup> June to 27<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Other Midlothian News and squad news**

#### **Triam**

The biannual Triam was being hosted by Murrayfield on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August. Thanks to Murrayfield GC who have granted us courtesy of the course and to the catering staff who provided us with excellent food and service.

Many thanks to Fiona Ford and her team of ladies who ensured the event was well organised and went very smoothly on the day they even managed to supply an unusually sunny day.

#### **East of Scotland Championship**

We are hosting the EOS Championship at Royal Burgess this year on the Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Entry forms are on the web site. If we are oversubscribed there will be a ballot based on handicap.

MCLGA players have been very successful so far this year – congratulations to all those who won competitions with a special mention for the following

Fiona De Vries – Scottish Senior Champion

Jennifer Bryans – East Vets Champion

Selected to represent Scottish Vets against Ireland

Hannah Darling – Scottish Girls Champion

Selected to represent Scotland in the Europeans Junior Masters in Oslo, Norway

Selected to represent Scotland in the Home Internationals in Little Aston, 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> August.

Being part of the handover team at the Solheim Cup at Des Moines, Iowa.

## **6. Secretary's Report**

The Secretary's report had previously been circulated. There was one amendment to the report with Anne Wheelhouse noting that the East of Scotland Championship at Royal Burgess is 15<sup>th</sup> October and not 15<sup>th</sup> September as stated in report. There were no other questions.

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurers report had previously been circulated and in her report the estimated accounts for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 show a surplus of £ 2,361. This includes an estimate net cost of

£2,012 for the County finals to be held in Glenbervie (after the deduction of £1,500 grant assumed to be due from Scottish Golf).

Thank you must be given to Murrayfield G.C. who raised £1,097 from the Tri-am (having declined to charge their course fees for this event) and for donating the raffle proceeds of £363 at this event to the Juniors.

Banks have refused to pay interest on business accounts from December 2016. Other information should be able to be gleaned from the circulated accounts.

Subscription income has increased due to an increase in numbers from 468 to 491.

Prize vouchers issued in November 2016 amounting to £ 198.00 have not yet been claimed. (Adults (7) £ 140.00, Juniors (7) £58). A separate list was provided to the members. A discussion ensued regarding the unclaimed prize vouchers. Committee approved the writing off of unclaimed amounts. Although some ladies had indeed claimed their prize amounts, the relevant professionals or shops had not returned these vouchers to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

The committee accepted keeping prize vouchers at flat rate and prize voucher list and value in its current form.

The Treasurer requested that all people who have claims for expenses submit these by 30<sup>th</sup> September.

## 8. County Matches 2017

The Captain advised that she would include this report in these minutes.

### The East District Inter County Qualifier

This event took place at Stirling this year on 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of June with Midlothian winning all three matches. Our team consisted of;

Gabrielle MacDonald	Kate McIntosh
Louise Fraser	Alison McBride
Karen Ferguson-Snedden	Caroline Steedman
Hannah Darling	Karen Marshall

Our reserves were Hannah Scott and Susan Rennie.

### Results

<b>Day 1 Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b>	<b>East Lothian</b>	<b>Won 6.5 – 2.5</b>	
		Won	Lost
<b>Foursomes</b>			
L Fraser & K McIntosh	v	L Lee & L Atkins	A/S
K Marshall & H Darling	v	S Cameron & J McNicoll	3/2
G MacDonald & A McBride	v	H Saunders & M Watkins	8/7
<b>Singles</b>			
L Fraser	v	S Cameron	6/5
A McBride	v	L Atkins	2/1
H Darling	v	P Hall	6/4
K Ferguson-Snedden	v	A Hall	4/3
C Steedman	v	M Watkins	1up
K Marshall	v	J McNicoll	7/6

**Day 2 Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017****Fife****Won 8 - 1**

## Foursomes

	v		Won	Lost
G MacDonald & A McBride	v	E Moffat & A McKay	6/4	
K Marshall & K McIntosh	v	J Mackie & E Hynd	4/3	
K Ferguson-Snedden & C Steedman	v	K Sharp & B Clark	4/3	

## Singles

G MacDonald	v	L Morrow	7/6	
K McIntosh	v	B Clark	6/4	
H Darling	v	E Hynd	1up	
C Steedman	v	K Sharp		1up
K Ferguson-Snedden	v	E Moffat	2/1	
L Fraser	v	J Mackie	5/3	

**Day 3 Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017****Stirling & Clackmannanshire****Won 7 - 2**

## Foursomes

	v		Won	Lost
G MacDonald & A McBride	v	M Hall & L MacGregor	2/1	
L Fraser & H Darling	v	L Allan & M Gardner	6/4	
K Marshall & K McIntosh	v	L Bissett & A Davidson	1up	

## Singles

L Fraser	v	M Hall	3/2	
K McIntosh	v	L MacGregor	2up	
K Marshall	v	J Allan	5/4	
K Ferguson-Snedden	v	M Gardner	5/4	
A McBride	v	F Wait	1up	
G MacDonald	v	A Davidson	2/1	

**9. Junior Secretary's Report**

The Junior Secretary's Report had previously been circulated and she highlighted the following points:

We currently have 66 girl members.

The coaching at the Braids is to recommence after summer break, there are a few spaces left at the 11am/12pm session. Anyone that is interested please contact Sarah Ledingham.

We are liaising with Scottish Golf regarding the girls that are interested in attending development coaching on this and will get dates for the girls shortly. Elizabeth Taylor asked regarding development coaching at Kingsfield. Sharon confirmed that the girls will be getting coached by Ian Muir

The foursomes and singles matches are being played which is better than last year and we are through to the quarter final of the singles and semi-finals of the foursomes.

We had 6 girls playing in our monthly Swanston competition in May and 9 girls in June, scoring is getting a lot better. Good to see new girls coming to these events.

17 Girls took part in the Adult/Junior competition, next one in November. Winners were Emily and Brian Tait 27-8.25=18.75. The winner of the scratch was Georgia and Sarah Ledingham with 33.

Our girls are continuing to play in the Stephen Gallacher foundation competitions and doing well. They are also in contention for invitations to the finals day at Dunbar. This is not finalised until after the East of Scotland Autumn meeting. Lucy Hall from Craigmillar Park won the under 13's competition.

East of Scotland Girls Summer Meeting and Championship – Bathgate

Overall Handicap Mollaidh Nicholson (Prestonfield) 82-16=66

Under 18 Handicap Erica McIntosh (Lochend) 87-34 =70

Under 16 Handicap Jessica Walker (Mortonhall) 89-19 =70

3 girls qualified for the matchplay, Carys Irvine( Craigiellaw) and Lucy Morrison (Craigmillar Park) were both beaten in the semi-finals.

Scottish Golf

Hannah Darling (Broomieknowe) won the Scottish Girls Championship at Scotsraig beating Jillian Farrel (Cardross) 2up in the 36-hole final.

Hannah also won the Under 14's Scottish Championship.

#### **10. Five-A-Sides**

The Vice-Captain gave an update on the current standings of the 5 a side matches. There are a couple of matches still to be played in Division 1 and 2 which should conclude in the next few days.

The vice-captain advised regarding a matter of an unregistered mclga golfer playing in a match during season 2017. The relevant club or match was not stated to the reps prior to full discussion for an outcome. 5 a-side rule 1,18 and 21 were clearly read to the reps to aid an outcome to this matter. Various options were discussed between the reps for a possible outcome but as nothing was unanimous, the Captain advised a vote would take place based on the current rules in place, as a decision was required. 10 reps voted in favour of a 5/4 result for the affected game only and 7 reps voted for 5/4 result in the affected game with the subsequent 3 games following to be 5/4 as if they had played out of turn.

After the vote, the vice-captain confirmed Murrayfield played the unregistered player in a match against Glencorse. The 5s rules were due a review with other rules and the Captain advised a subcommittee would be formed for the 5s rules.

The Vice-Captain asked if Shona Morland (Ravelston) would be available. Catherine Stewart (Mortonhall) and Elaine Lumsden (Kingsknowe) offered to be part of the 5's rules subcommittee.

#### **11. Greensomes**

Jane Browitt advised that there are three teams that remain in contention to winning the league this season. Jane proposed that two teams should be promoted and two to be relegated rather than three teams go up. This was agreed by the Committee.

#### **12. Tri-am**

Thanks to Fiona Ford and her committee for their excellent organisation of a very enjoyable, successful event. Lisa has written to thank both the Captain and Lady Captain of Murrayfield. Fiona's report is below.

Ladies Triam

Finally, the golfing gods smiled on us for a competition and we were blessed with fantastic weather. The course was in great condition in spite of the heavy rain recently and hopefully everyone enjoyed their round.

Prizes are as follows

1st £50 each Caroline Steedman, Abby Steedman, and Rachel Steedman Murrayfield total score 142  
2nd £35 each Viv Curran, Catherine Stewart and Hazel Carpenter Mortonhall total score 148  
3rd £25 each Mary Nicol, Linda Lindsay, Sheila Keddie Dalmahoy total score 149  
4th £20 each Angela Hughes, Iris O'Neil, Caroline Mansley Ratho Park total score 151  
5th £15 each Fiona Ford, Margaret Fergusson, Norma Richmond Murrayfield total score 152 (BIH.)

Worst score at the mystery hole (3rd): 4 ball at Merchants. Liz Findlay, Anne Boobis and Fiona Fraser  
Lucky card 4 ball at Harburn: Marion Glauch, Kay Wright, Sandra Liddle

Nearest the pin 7th 4 ball at Glencorse Jane Sanderson  
Nearest pin 10th 4 ball at Ravelston Shiela Keddie  
Longest drive bronze 12th 4 ball at Turnhouse Lisa Macpherson  
Longest drive silver 16th 4 ball at Craigmillar Park Caroline Mansley  
Nearest line at 4th 4 ball at Deer Park Mary Richardson  
Nearest pin in 2 at 18th 4 ball at Baberton Fiona Ford

Twos win £14.60 each.

Raffle prizes and prizes can be picked up if you are playing in the Greensomes at Murrayfield on Thursday 10th August, otherwise the reps will be given the prizes at the next committee meeting and asked to distribute them to you all at your clubs. Very many thanks to all the clubs who very kindly donated fourballs.

Our thanks to the Captain and club of Murrayfield for giving us courtesy of the course. This has allowed us to raise over £1000 for MCLGA funds. Thanks to all who helped organise the event. We do hope you all had a great time, thank you for supporting the triam.

### **13. Office Bearers – 2017-2018**

The only proposed change at this time is that Sharon Macpherson will stand down at the AGM as Junior Secretary. The post of Junior Secretary has been advertised within Midlothian.

### **14. Retiring Club Representatives:**

The Secretary confirmed that the following club reps are due for re-election:-  
Baberton, Carrickvale, Deer Park, Kingsknowe, Prestonfield, Turnhouse and Mortonhall

### **15. Remuneration**

A separate list had been prepared by Treasurer and circulated to the representatives prior to the meeting relating to honoraria and travel allowances for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The Committee agreed to payment of the amounts on the Treasurer's list.

### **16. Subscriptions**

This was in our agenda however the Captain advised that this would be discussed in at the October meeting

#### **17. 9-hole Competition**

Jacky suggested that a 9 hole competition might be an attractive proposition for members, particularly those who work and those who are finding 18 holes a step too far. Tee times starting in the afternoon and later in the evening e.g. starting at 1400 and finishing at 1900 would be appropriate. It was agreed to try a pilot event in August 2018 to assess uptake. Jacky thought Ravelston would be an excellent venue and will contact Shona Morland to discuss details before contacting the manager at Ravelston.

#### **18. A.O.C.B**

Website – Meetings for further discussion have been postponed until the closed season as bringing people together was proving difficult due to other commitments. Jacky has approached Jen Dick, Mandy Dougal and Wendy Nicholson to meet with herself and Lisa Kilpatrick regarding a new website. Christine Clark (Deer Park) suggested that Scottish Golf may be able to contribute.

A new website that would have easier access, including the ability to take entries for competitions subscriptions and results would hopefully be amongst other improvements.

**5 a sides** - The Secretary read out an email she had received from Susan Randall (Carrickvale) with regards to their club having difficulty in finding members to play in the 5 a-sides matches. Muriel Gilligan (Swanston New) also said she is also having similar issues in providing a team to participate. The committee had a discussion regarding this and it was agreed to be discussed at the next committee meeting as neither Susan Randall or Fiona Findlay (Lochend) were present at the meeting.

**Action:** The Captain would write the affected club reps asking their views on the situation and suggestions.

#### **19. Date of Next Meeting**

The Captain proposed to change the next meeting to Tuesday 10th October 2017 at Merchants of Edinburgh Golf Club subject to the availability of the Treasurer.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 9pm.

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