

**MIDLOTHIAN COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING AT LIBERTON GOLF CLUB  
Wednesday, 26th February 2014 at 7.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

President	Tracy Laughland
Captain	Sheila Stuart
Vice-Captain	Zandra Mathieson
Secretary	Hilary Anderson
Treasurer	Maureen McLeod
Junior Secretary	Sharon Macpherson

**Members Present**

Representatives from 15 Clubs:

Baberton, Deer Park, Glencorse, Harburn, Kingsknowe, Liberton, Merchants, Mortonhall, Murrayfield, Newbattle, Prestonfield, Ratho Park, Ravelston, Swanston New and Turnhouse.

**1. Apologies**

Mary Macpherson, Craigmillar Park, represented by Fiona Tyrrell; Lynn Cackett, Broomieknowe, represented by Zandra Mathieson; Carol Brown, Mortonhall, represented by Sandra Dickson; and Mary Nicol, Dalmahoy, represented by Pamela Woods

**2. Captain's Opening Remarks**

The Captain commenced by introducing and welcoming the new President – Tracy Laughland. Tracy had been a previous Captain of Midlothian and would be an asset to the County. She also welcomed Sharon Macpherson who has taken over as Junior Secretary. Sharon has given much of her time and support to the Juniors for several years and we are fortunate that she has agreed to co-ordinate the juniors.

In view of the fact that there were some new Club Representatives the Captain asked for introductions around the table and wished everyone well, particularly those new Reps who had come on board this year.

**3. Minutes of Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

The Minutes of the Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013 had been circulated and the Captain asked if there were any amendments. Apart from the addition of Swanston New to the list of attendees, there were no amendments and the Minutes were proposed by Karen Ferguson and seconded by Christine Clarke.

The Minutes of the AGM held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were noted.

**4. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**5. Captain's Report**

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

- (a) The SLGA AGM had been held on 18<sup>th</sup> January and Midlothian were well represented in those receiving mention with Joan Marshall being elected Vice President; Mary Richardson being appointed East Representative and Performance Director; Karen Marshall being appointed Captain of the Home International matches for a second year; Fiona De Vries appointed for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year as Scottish Representative on the International Selection Committee of the LGU and Noreen Fenton appointed for the third year as East Division Selector.

- (b) SGU/SLGA Amalgamation - the working group were preparing a draft Amalgamation proposal which was approaching final stages.
- (c) The East of Scotland Championship held in 2013 had made a slight profit and the balance would be passed over to Stirling & Clackmannanshire who are hosting the 2014 Championship at Falkirk Tryst.
- (d) The draw for the Cuthbertson Cup, to be held at Broomieknowe on 12<sup>th</sup> April had been made.
- (e) The draw had also been made for the Inter-County matches to be held at North Berwick from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June.
- (f) Emily Dalgetty had been selected for the Scottish Junior Training Squad.

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

The Secretary's report had previously been circulated and highlighted the fact that there were still approximately 70 members either still to pay or intimate their resignation. There was a good number of entries for the Summer Hole and Hole Competitions.

The Secretary was requested to provide Clubs with a note of their members at the end of the season. Discussion took place regarding streamlining a method for the collection of subscriptions.

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

The subscription income due for 5 months had been worked out on the cash received by the Treasurer as at Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February. The agreed reduction in selling price of the "Sophie" shirts from £15 each to £10 each had been reflected in the clothing sales figure. (Loss of £55). The debtor of £600 is the grant due from SLGA for the girls in the Junior development squad. Club Golf's invoice for this training was paid in full on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013, but SLGA have not yet issued the appropriate form to enable the grant repayment.

The Captain agreed to "chase up" those who had not yet claimed their East of Scotland voucher issued in October 2013. The balance remaining will be sent to the Treasurer of Stirling and Clackmannan in May/June 2014.

The Committee agreed that the President Tracy Laughland's name would be added to the bank signatories list and that Janet Wake's name would be deleted.

## **8. Junior Secretary's Report**

The Junior Secretary's Report had been circulated.

- (a) Junior membership stood at 70, with ages ranging from 6 to 17. 40 girls were members of golf clubs and 20 had handicaps.
- (b) The Adult/Junior Competition had taken place at Swanston on 17th November, with 24 girls taking part.
- (c) The Stephen Gallacher Foundation Christmas Texas Scramble took place on 1 December and Midlothian were well represented in the prizes
- (d) The Stephen Gallacher Foundation Hermitage event took place on 16<sup>th</sup> February with 54 children taking part
- (e) Coaching continues at the Braids on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in every month and 12 girls are in the Development Squad undertaking winter training at Kingsfield Golf Centre.

Sharon asked Club Reps to provide her with the name of any Juniors who might be interested in joining the Junior section. She also said that she would welcome assistance from anyone who had time to spare on a Sunday morning for a couple of hours.

## **9. Squad News**

Of note were:

- (a) The Squad had been announced and is on the web

- (b) Practice matches had again been arranged between the Main and Junior Squads and friendly matches against Borders, Lanarkshire and the Vets were being arranged
- (c) Coaching Sessions with Jane Connachan had commenced.

#### **10. 5-a-Sides**

- (a) The Vice Captain had prepared a comprehensive schedule of matches and would distribute it to Reps.
- (b) Up-to-date Rules were on the website.
- (c) Results should go to the Vice-Captain with the clubs retaining a copy

#### **11. Greensomes Competition**

Fiona McLaren would be the Recorder for the 2014 matches. There would be two Divisions this year.

#### **12. Hole and Hole competitions**

- (a) Winter Foursomes – Carol Brown, Recorder, reported that the competition was up-to-date with matches through to the Semi-Final stage.
- (b) Summer Knockouts - 2014: Carol Brown would be the Recorder for the Silver Division and Jane Browitt would be the Recorder for the Bronze Division.

#### **13. Champion of Champion Competition - 2014**

The draw was made for the Champion of Champion Competition.

#### **14. AOCB**

1. It was agreed that SLGA Vouchers could be used towards the cost of Fleeces.
2. The Secretary reported that Fixture Cards would not be available this year but confirmed that full details were under the "Fixture List" banner on the website. It was agreed that Reps would put a copy of this list of their noticeboards.
3. The Captain reported that a letter had been received in connection with the method for selecting the team for the Inter-County matches. It was decided that a sub-group should be formed to consider the way forward regarding selection and Jacky Burnett, Louise Fraser and Pam Williamson were to be approached to see if they would sit on the group, alongside the Vice-Captain – Zandra Mathieson

#### **15. Date of Next Meetings**

**Tuesday, 27th May, Murrayfield Golf Club – 7 p.m.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.