

**MIDLOTHIAN COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING AT LIBERTON GOLF CLUB  
Wednesday, 25th February 2015 at 7.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**In Attendance:** Lisa Kilpatrick

**Members Present**

Representatives from 15 Clubs:

Lynn Cackett, Broomieknowe; Fiona Tyrrell, Craigmillar Park; Mary Nicol, Dalmahoy; Christine Clarke, Deer Park; Jane Browitt, Glencorse; Elaine Wilson, Harburn; Elaine Lumsden, Kingsknowe; Karen Ferguson, Liberton; Catherine Stewart, Mortonhall; Barbara Hamilton, Newbattle; Liz Taylor, Prestonfield; Anne Wheelhouse, Ralston; Shona Morland, Ravelston; Muriel Gilligan Swanston New and Helen Ross, Turnhouse.

**1. Apologies**

Kate Johnstone, Baberton, represented by Yvonne Wilson; Susan Randall, Carrickvale; Liz Riach, Merchants; Fiona Ford, Murrayfield and Norma Richmond, Murrayfield

**2. Captain's Opening Remarks**

The Captain opened by welcoming everyone to the meeting and said that she would hope to serve the County to the best of her ability and would welcome any ideas or suggestions on improving the running of the County, if appropriate.

Since there were several people stuck in traffic due to an accident in the By-pass, introductions around the table would take place later on.

**3. Minutes of Meeting of 9th October 2014**

The Minutes of the Meeting on 9th October 2014 had previously been circulated and the Captain asked if there were any amendments. There were no amendments and the Minutes were proposed by Karen Ferguson and seconded by Christine Clarke.

The draft Minutes of the AGM held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014 would be circulated with these Minutes for note only.

**4. Matters Arising**

- (a) Diane Morrison had resigned as Junior Administration Secretary for the Juniors and had been succeeded by Sarah Ledingham. Sue Cowie would be assisting Sharon Macpherson with the running of the Junior Section. The Captain thanked Diane for all her hard work over the years.
- (b) Item 5.9 of the Constitution had been amended as a result of the vote taken at the AGM

Any other Matters Arising would be taken under their appropriate heading or under AOB.

**5. Captain's Report**

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

- (a) The SLGA AGM had been held on 7<sup>th</sup> February ; Mary Richardson (Craigmillar Park) remains as East Representative and performance Director.
- Fiona De Vries remains Scottish Representative on the International Selection Committee of the LGU for the 4<sup>th</sup> year.
- (b) The vote took place regarding the amalgamation of the SGU/SLGA and was passed unanimously
- (c) The East of Scotland Championship in 2015 will be held at Luffness and will be limited, if necessary, by handicap to 50.
- (d) The draw for the Cuthbertson Cup, hosted by Stirling & Clackmannanshire and to be held at Glenbervie on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April had been made, viz:

Morning Singles Draw    Stirling & Clackmannanshire v Midlothian  
Fife v East Lothian  
Afternoon ties:              The two winning teams will play singles for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
The two losing teams will play foursomes for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place

- (e) The draw had also been made for the Inter-County matches to be held at Scotscraig from 22nd to 24<sup>th</sup> June.

## **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. The numbers for Summer Hole and Hole Competitions were slightly down on the previous year.

The Secretary provided Clubs with a list of their members together with Fixture Cards.

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

The accounts showed a surplus of £151. The subscription income due for 5 months had been worked out on the cash received by the Treasurer at 20th February 2015, and on an estimate of the junior subscriptions expected. This explains the difference in subscription numbers between the Treasurer's and Secretary's report. The donation of £70 to the East of Scotland Girls for 2014 has now been paid. Debtors included a deposit of £996 (1/2) paid to the hotel in Dundee for the East County matches.

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

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

- (a) There are currently 69 Junior members, with ages ranging from 6 to 17; 28 have handicaps and 45 are members of clubs
- (b) The Adult/Junior Competition took place at Swanston in November with 27 girls competing.
- (c) The Stephen Gallacher Foundation Christmas Texas Scramble took place on 7 December, Abby Steedman was in the team that finished second.
- (d) Coaching continues at the Braids on the first Sunday in the month. 58 girls attend, with one-hour scheduled sessions. Midlothian is grateful to Ian Young, Mark Berrie, Paul Malone, Paul McKenzie and Sandy Stephen who all provide this coaching.
- (e) 17 girls are undertaking winter training with David Patrick at Kingsfield Golf Centre through the Development Squad.
- (f) The Cuthbertson Cup will take place on 12 April at Glenbervie Golf Club

## **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 has been arranged.

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

- (a) The Vice Captain had updated the website to show the League tables in the two Divisions
- (c) Results should go to the Vice-Captain with the clubs retaining a copy

## **11. Greensomes Competition**

Ruth Wilcock, Craigmillar Park will be the Recorder for the 2015 matches.

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

- (a) Winter Foursomes – Jane Browitt, Recorder, reported that the competition was up-to-date with matches through to the Semi-Final stage.
- (b) Summer Knockouts - 2015: Shelagh McComiskey had offered her services to assist with administration and had undertaken to do the draws for the Silver and Bronze Knockouts and to be the Recorder.

## **13. Champion of Champion Competition - 2015**

The draw was made for the Champion of Champion Competition.

## **14. AOCB**

- (a) **Funding** - The Vice Captain, Jacky Burnett and Wendy Nicholson (Broomieknowe) had met and prepared a paper (attached) regarding various ways in which funding could be raised, principally to support expenses for caddies for the squad at the Inter-County matches, and Junior Coaching. She covered ideas such as a Quiz, Race-night, Silent Auction and various categories of Sponsorship. In the first instance a Quiz had been prepared for distribution by the Reps to all members and beyond.
- (b) **Winter Foursomes** - A proposal had been received from Murrayfield whether MCLGA would consider the Winter Fours to be played using three-quarters handicap difference which would mean that the lower handicappers would not be penalised when playing on a shortened course. After general discussion the proposal was rejected.
- (c) **Communication** - The Captain was keen that the business of MCLGA reached as many members as possible and to this end asked that Reps circulate the Minutes to all their club members. She also said that she would like to get produced a Poster for club notice boards and asked if anyone was able to assist with this.
- (d) **Braids Coaching – Assistance** - The Captain had produced a rota for Club Reps to spend one Sunday providing assistance at the Braids when coaching was taking place. This was not to coach but just to provide help in keeping an eye on the juniors when practising. If the Rep themselves could not attend, they should provide a deputy.
- (e) **Tri-am** - The Tri-Am would be taking place at Craigmillar Park in August and Fiona Tyrrell would be organising this with a small sub-committee.
- (f) A request had been made to see if it was possible to arrange competitions/medals at the weekends, particularly to benefit those members who were full-time workers. This would be looked into for 2016.
- (g) **5-a-sides** – A request had been received in October to see whether it would be possible to split the Divisions into three and to play home and away matches. Reps were asked to canvas their team members as to the practicalities of this suggestion and report back.

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

Tuesday, 26th May, 7 p.m. Location - tba

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