

**MIDLOTHIAN COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE MEETING AT KINGSKNOWE GOLF CLUB
Wednesday, 15th February 2017 at 7.00 pm**

PRESENT:

President	Norma Richmond
Vice Captain	Louise Fraser
Captain	Jacky Burnett
Secretary	Lisa Kilpatrick
Treasurer	Maureen McLeod
Junior Secretary	Sharon Macpherson

Members Present

Representatives from 14 Clubs:

Hannah Scott, Broomieknowe; Morag McPherson, Craigmillar Park; Mary Nicol, Dalmahoy; Jane Browitt, Glencorse; Linda Boyle, Harburn; Elaine Lumsden, Kingsknowe; Fiona Findlay, Lochend; Isobel Halliday, Merchants; Catherine Stewart, Mortonhall; Barbara Hamilton, Newbattle; Anne Wheelhouse, Ratho Park; Shona Morland, Ravelston; Helen Ross, Turnhouse and Muriel Gilligan, Swanston New.

1. Apologies

Kate Johnstone, Baberton, (represented by Mandy Dougal); Susan Randall, Carrickvale (represented by Jacqui McIntosh; Kirstin Everett, Comiston Ladies; Caroline Steedman, Murrayfield and Liz Taylor, Prestonfield;

2. Captain's Opening Remarks

The Captain opened by welcoming everyone to the meeting particularly our new reps, Hannah Scott and Morag McPherson. Introductions were carried out round the table. She wished everyone a good season.

3. Minutes of Meeting - 12th October 2016

The Minutes of the Meeting on 12th October 2016 had previously been circulated and the Captain asked if there were any amendments. **It was noted that Jane Browitt is the recorder of the 5-a-sides and Anne Hanson is the 5-a-sides rep.**

The captain advised that a copy of a draft of the AGM minutes from November 2016 were prepared. These had not been circulated at the time of the meeting but were available if requested.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Captain's Report

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

- (a) The Captain and Vice-Captain attended a meeting with Scottish Golf on the amalgamation. No further progress from Scottish Golf as to how this will work.
- (b) The Captain attended East of Scotland meeting at Pitreavie. The EOS Championship will be held at Royal Burgess on Sunday 15th October. 117 Spaces are available. Cost retained at £15.
- (c) The draw for the Cuthbertson Cup was made for Sunday 15th April. Midlothian will play Fife in the morning. Midlothian to host the Cuthbertson Cup in 2018 at a venue yet to be agreed.
- (d) Inter-county championship at Stirling on 25-28th June. Draw has been made. Midlothian play East Lothian on day 1, Fife on day 2 and play Stirling and Clackmannanshire on day 3. The finals will be held on 15-17 September at Glenbervie. 2018 jamboree will be held at Dunbar.
- (e) Club 2000 has now been upgraded to V1. This should allow easier organisation at meetings.

The Captain advised that Sharon Macpherson had been nominated as Volunteer of the Year. Unfortunately Sharon didn't get through to the final stages however the Captain took the opportunity to thank Sharon for her hard and continuous work.

The Captain has requested that she would like to see reports submitted earlier. Ideally these reports should be sent to the Secretary 14 days prior to the committee meeting. The Secretary will send out a draft agenda 18 days before the committee meeting (Jacky please check this)

6. Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report had previously been circulated and there were no amendments to the report. The Reps have asked for a list of their members to be circulated showing the list of paid and unpaid members. The Vice-Captain asked for ways to encourage ladies to enter competitions. Reps agreed to remind their members of closing dates for competitions. Lisa will remind the reps of these dates.

7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's reported had previously been circulated and she highlighted the following points.

The accounts show a surplus of £1,657, however please remember that whilst 5/12 of the subscription money received has been included, practically no golfing activities have as yet taken place.

All monies received for meetings are included as sums received in advance. The costs of meetings to members are charged to members at the rate decided by the host clubs. MCLGA pay these clubs for the number of members playing on the day, refunds are not made for non- attendance. The costs of all prizes and administration costs have to be met from subscription income.

The stock of clothing has been written off as the remaining 4 blue polo shirts and 2 blue fleeces are expected to be used for team purposes. Debtors of £48 relate to the money due by East Girls for computer training.

So far no grants have been paid to the Junior development squad members or those Juniors who have qualified for Academy status. Scottish Golf has indicated that a maximum of £ 1,250 will be awarded for training, presumably for both the Junior and Senior Squad. Although further squad training has taken place, no accounts have as yet been received for this.

Application will be made to the Bank of Scotland to enable the President to act as a cheque signatory. It is expected that this process will take some time to be finalised.

8. Junior Secretary's Report

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

- (a) There are currently 61 Junior members.
- (b) Limited spaces are available for coaching at the Braids.
- (c) Adult and Junior competition was held on 15th November 2016. Winner of the Hennessey Golf Cup was Erica McIntosh and Craig Taylor. Scratch was won by Emily Walker and Andrew Walker.
- (d) 9 Girls took part in the 9 hole competition on 15th January. Won by Erica McIntosh. Devon Boyle was the leading non-handicap winner.
- (e) Entries are open for the knockout draws.
- (f) Captain will email the Reps and ask for help with juniors.

9. Squad News

- (a) The Captain advised that Morag McPherson is having to withdraw from the Squad.
- (b) It was advised that the Squad have been working away with the last training session being held in March. The Captain advised there will not be a squad match against Duddingston. Also the Vets will not have a match against the squad.

10. 5-a-Sides

The Vice Captain advised that she emailed the reps at the start of the year. Louise would like to put a tighter structure in place. She advised that she is currently working on template and will send out to the reps soon. Muriel Gilligan (Swanston New) advised that she is struggling to get team for these matches. Helen Ross (Turnhouse) asked for a list of 5-a-side competitions.

11. Greensomes Competition

Jane Browitt of Glencorse will be the Recorder for the 2017 matches. There was discussion around the table regarding the recent changes. It was agreed that the Captain would organise a meeting and invite the Greensomes reps or reps to come along.

12. Hole and Hole competitions

The Secretary advised that the winter hole and hole competition was running along nicely with matches being played on time despite the winter weather. It was also advised that the Secretary would be the Recorder for the Hole and Hole this year as Shelagh McComiskey would be on extended leave.

13. Champion of Champion Competition - 2017

A discussion ensued about whether runners up should be entitled to play in the absence of the Club Champion. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed by the Committee and Reps that it would not be possible for runners up to play in the champion of champions.

Thereafter the draw was made for the Champion of Champion Competition. The Secretary will post on the website, along with sending out the usual information to the competitors.

14. AOCB

- (a) Refunds
Kate Johnston of Baberton had emailed asking about refunds for competitions where members have had to withdraw prior to the closing date of the competition. It was agreed that members would be reimbursed starting from 2018. Members would only be reimbursed before the closing date of the meeting.

(b) Race Night

The Captain advised that unfortunately the Race Night for the juniors has had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers from parents. This may be rescheduled for another time later in the year.

(c) Tri-Am

Fiona Ford from Murrayfield has emailed the Secretary and President a copy of the entry form for the Tri-am. Fiona returns from extended leave in a few weeks time, so the Secretary will liaise with Fiona and thereafter email out the entry form to all members and put a copy on the web.

15. Date of Next Meetings

Wednesday, 24th May, 7pm at Murrayfield GC.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.