

**MIDLOTHIAN COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE MEETING AT LIBERTON GOLF CLUB
Tuesday, 27th May 2014 at Murrayfield Golf Club at 7.00 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 13 Clubs:

Baberton, Craigmillar Park, Dalmahoy, Deer Park, Glencorse, Kingsknowe, Liberton, Mortonhall, Murrayfield, Newbattle, Ratho Park, Ravelston, and Turnhouse.

1. Apologies

Lynn Cackett, Broomieknowe, represented by Zandra Mathieson; Elaine Wilson, Harburn, Liz Riach, Merchants, Liz Taylor, Prestonfield, and Muriel Gilligan, Swanston, represented by Maureen McLeod.

2. Captain's Opening Remarks

The Captain opened the meeting and asked for introductions from the Representatives.

3. Minutes of Meeting of 26th February 2014

The Minutes of the Meeting on 26th February 2014 had been circulated and the Captain asked if there were any amendments. There were no amendments and the Minutes were proposed Deirdre Turnbull and seconded by Frances Kerr.

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 items:

- (a) Gabrielle Macdonald had a fantastic win (at the 19th hole) at the Scottish Amateur Championship, held Prestwick Golf Club, to become the 100th winner and the first Midlothian winner since around the 1930s.
- (b) Sheila gave a brief synopsis of how the SGU/SLGA amalgamation will work and said that the Proposal is currently out to Consultation. It is hoped that voting will take place in November. Full information can be found on the SLGA website
- (c) The East Division County Matches will be held at North Berwick from 23rd to 25th June inclusive. Support would be much appreciated.
- (d) The County Championship took place at Mortonhall and Hannah Scott was the winner, for the second year running. The Captain noted thanks to Mortonhall Golf Club for letting us hold our Championships there and for all their help and assistance.
- (e) The Interclub was held at Royal Musselburgh with Glencorse emerging as the winners.
- (f) The Winter Foursomes was won by Jacky Burnett & Letty Mackinnon
- (g) The Captain outlined the reasons for the formation of a sub-committee to discuss who should be involved in the selection of teams for County matches and whether there was a need to change the wording of the Constitution. The Vice Captain said that selecting the team was not an easy process and the sub committee had had one meeting so far. Although it was agreed that this is an important

process, there were differing opinions on who should be involved which would be dependent on the mix of experience and knowledge at any given time. In the light of the variables involved and the fact that a proposal on the same subject had been rejected last year, the view of the Committee was that this should not be re-visited this year if opinions remain at odds and they questioned whether in fact the composition of a Selection committee was a matter which should be specified in the Constitution. The Vice Captain agreed to take back the Committee's view to the sub committee.

6. Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report had previously been circulated which highlighted the fact that there were still approximately 30 or so members either still to pay or intimate their resignation. There were 30 new members and 22 confirmed resignations.

Entries for the Hole and Hole competition were: Silver – 79; Bronze - 33.

7. Treasurer's Report

The management accounts for the (approx.) 8 months from 1st September 2013 to 31st May 2014 were available at the meeting. The surplus for 8 months was £2,321. It should be noted that the expenditure relating to the East Division County matches (£2,841 in 2013) - and possibly the Inter County Finals (£2,807 in 2013) - had not yet been included, as these events had not yet taken place.

Subscription income was in line with the year ended 30th September 2013. Donations Included £60 being the total amount of refund cheques uncashed from the abandoned spring meeting in 2013.

Reps were asked to note the names of their respective members who had not yet cashed their prize vouchers, issued in November 2013. Voucher expiry date is 30th June 2014. Sharon agreed to chase up the Junior members on the list.

8. Junior Secretary's Report

The Junior Secretary's Report had been circulated and covered:

- (a) Coaching – Development Centres have two more sessions to come. Braids coaching continues to be very popular.
- (b) Matches – a number of matches have taken place with some of the girls playing in the main squad
- (c) Midlothian girls came up against a very strong East Lothian team in the morning, and although all matches went at least to the 15th, the East Lothian team won. Although Midlothian won their match in the afternoon, East Lothian emerged as the eventual winners., with Midlothian finishing 3rd.
- (d) Various meetings have taken place in March, April and May and the Annual Outing to North Berwick had also taken place.
- (e) Individual success included, Emily Dalgetty having the best final round score at the Irish under 18s; Caitlin Turner winning 2nd handicap in the Adult Spring Meeting; Megan Linton won the under 16 prize at the East of Scotland Girls Meeting at Pitreavie and Alexandra Massey won the under 14 prize.

10. 5-a-Sides

A request was made as to whether it was possible to play 5-a-side matches at the weekend, particularly if they have to be re-scheduled because of bad weather. After discussion regarding the availability of players and whether tee times would be available, Reps were asked to discuss with their teams and Clubs whether they would be able to play at weekends. There were no issues re Greensomes.

11. Correspondence

Correspondence had been received regarding the order/value of prizes after the Spring Meeting when it was queried why the Best Nett Prize was of more value than the Bronze Scratch prize. It was agreed that the vouchers for the Bronze scratch in the Spring, Summer and Autumn meetings would be increased from £20 to £25.

12. AOCB

- (1) Fleeces would be available at the beginning of June and it was agreed that Reps would collect these from the Captain and hand them out to their members, collecting the money at the same time.
- (2) Suggestions/Offer were requested regarding the venue of the Tri-Am for 2015. It was suggested that perhaps this could be held in alphabetical order.

15. Date of Next Meetings

21st August 2014 at Liberton Golf Club – 7 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.