

**MIDLOTHIAN COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING AT CRAIGMILLAR PARK GOLF CLUB  
Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**Members Present**

Representatives from 16 Clubs:

Kate Johnston (Baberton), Sal Shepherd (Craigmillar Park), Kirsten Everett (Comiston Ladies), Mary Nicol (Dalmahoy), Christine Clarke (Deer Park), Jane Browitt (Glencorse), Linda Boyle (Harburn), Elaine Lumsden (Kingsknowe), Mandy Bell (Liberton), Isobel Halliday (Merchants), Fiona Ford (Murrayfield), Shona Morland (Ravelston), Muriel Gilligan (Swanston New) and Helen Ross, Turnhouse.

**1. Apologies**

Kate McIntosh (Broomieknowe), Catherine Stewart (Mortonhall, represented by Tracy Laughland), Barbara Hamilton (Newbattle), Anne Wheelhouse (Ratho Park).

**2. Captain's Opening Remarks**

The Captain opened by welcoming everyone to the meeting and asked for introductions around the table.

**3. Minutes of Meeting of 24th February 2016**

The Minutes of the Meeting on 24th February had previously been circulated and the Captain asked if there were any amendments. There was one amendment under item 13 where Jane Browitt is the recorder for the Champion of Champions and not Hilary Anderson as previously advised. Jane Browitt proposed and Mandy Bell seconded the minutes for February.

**4. Matters Arising**

Regarding the recent request from Swanston New regarding a Greensomes team – the Captain asked Muriel Gilligan if there was any further news from Swanston re putting in a team. Muriel advised that she will speak to the ladies for next year. Mandy Bell stated the possibility that Liberton could also put a team in. Kirsten Everett will also enquire if the ladies at Comiston would be interested also.

**5. Captain's Report**

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

- (a) SGU/SLGA Amalgamation – very little update. Funding received this year for juniors, unlikely for 2017.
- (b) The Scottish County Championship has been funded for 2016 but uncertain for 2017.
- (c) The County Finals will be held at Aboyne from 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September.
- (d) Next year's Jamboree will be held at Stirling 26-28<sup>th</sup> June.
- (e) The Girls won the Cuthbertson Cup at Craigielaw, beating Stirling and Clackmannanshire in the finals.

**6. Squad News**

Of note were:

- (a) Friendly matches were arranged against Borders and Lanarkshire with Midlothian. The match with Borders was halved. Midlothian beat Lanarkshire and the Scottish Vets.

## **7. County Matches 2016**

The Inter-County matches will take place at Mortonhall Golf Club from 26-28 June. Jacky advised that caddies are still being sought.

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

The Secretary's report had previously been circulated and highlighted the fact that there were still approximately 6 members either still to pay or intimate their resignation. The numbers for Summer Hole and Hole Competitions were up from 2015.

- (a) Spring Meeting at Newbattle. 92 players played although we had a number of call offs in the days leading up to the event. The results are on the webpage. Congratulations to Maruy Irvine from Baberton for winning.
- (b) Commonwealth Spoons – 72 couples entered and 7 couples have qualified for the finals at Eyemouth Golf Club on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Congratulations to Jill Millar and Kate Brannan for winning.

## **9. Treasurer's Report**

The accounts for the 8 months to 24<sup>th</sup> May showed a surplus of £2,176. This surplus will be used up in payment of the East Inter County matches at Mortonhall in June, (£1,816 is due for accommodation on 1<sup>st</sup> June, and another £1,000 will be due for catering). In addition significant money will be needed for new clothing for the teams. Subscription numbers continue to fall slightly. Junior costs have risen, since the development grants offered by Midlothian are more this year. However we have saved £627, as the SLGA subscription of £1.50 per playing member is no longer required. Debtors include a deposit of £100 paid to Kingsknowe for the summer meeting and £61 for East matches balls already purchased. You are reminded that these accounts do not include the costs of events which have not yet taken place. (The Summer and Autumn meetings, East and possibly Scottish finals and the Champion of Champion finals).

Reps were advised of the prizes awarded in November 2015 which were still unclaimed, and asked to contact the relevant prize winners. It may be that the prize winners have claimed their prizes and that the Pro has not submitted the vouchers to the Treasurer. Vouchers awarded at the AGM in November 2015 will expire on 31 July 2016. Vouchers awarded in May 2016 will expire at the AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

The Treasurer was asked by Sal Shepherd about the surplus of money and talking about fundraising and whether the subscriptions should increase. Maureen advised that there is a surplus going forward due to the fact that she is unsure whether Scottish Golf will be giving any funding towards coaching and the inter county matches. The Captain stressed that the money being raised was to go towards accommodation or travel for caddies at county matches as it felt unfair to use general members money for this. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that we should discuss funds at a future meeting where we may have a better opportunity to know what funding comes in from Scottish Golf.

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

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

- (a) The Spring Meeting took place at Liberton on a very wet day with the girls playing in the afternoon rather than the morning. 1<sup>st</sup> place was Amy Foster with a net 70 (BIH). 2<sup>nd</sup> was Lucy Morrison with net 70. 1<sup>st</sup> scratch was Emma Morrison with 76
- (b) 12 girls took part in the annual outing to North Berwick.
- (c) East of Scotland Spring Meeting took place at Bonnybridge with 11 girls participating. Emma Morrison was first scratch with an 81. Lucy Morrison won the under 14 prize with a net 70 on the better inward half. Jessica Walker won the under 16 prize with a net 74 and Emily Rigg won the under 18 prize with a net 74 on the better inward half.
- (d) 49 girls are currently receiving coaching at the Braids.
- (e) Our level 1 girls have completed their 30 hours of coaching and they were out on the course on Sunday to be assessed by David Patrick. The level 2/3 girls have still got a few sessions left and I think these are assessment days on the golf course. There appears to be a big improvement in the girls and some girls have already reduced their handicaps. We will be looking at what we do with the development centres going forward.

- (f) Three girls are attending the Scottish Academy - Emma Morrison, Carys Irvine and Hannah Darling. These girls have attended a lot of coaching and matches already this year and are expected to play in as many national competitions as possible, they also have to keep accurate notes of all their games and feed this back to their coaches
- (g) Abby Steedman won the St Leonards National Junior Championship at the Strathryrum course in St Andrews with a net 61.
- (h) I am delighted to say that we have 15 girls playing in the hole in hole singles and 16 girls playing the foursomes. This is the first time the foursomes have been played for a few years.

#### **11. AOCB**

- (a) Lisa advised that she was approached by Jean Lumsden from West Linton Golf Club and said their lady members have expressed a desire to join MCLGA however there is a query regarding the boundary line between Borders County and Midlothian. Lisa advised she wrote to Toni Ffinch (Scottish Golf) who said there were no objections from Scottish Golf to this proposal and it is up to the counties to decide which County to be part of. There was a general discussion round the table and the overall consensus was that whilst Midlothian would be delighted for West Linton ladies to be members, they would not want to step on any toes. It was felt best that Lisa should advise Jean Lumsden to discuss this with Borders and to reiterate our Constitution for joining Midlothian.

#### **(b) Results**

Mary Nicol asked if all the Reps could be emailed out the results of the meetings. Lisa agreed to do this. Sal Shepherd asked if the 7 couples who qualified for the Midlothian Spoons could be named on the website. Lisa said she would do this.

- (c) The Captain advised that she had received notification from someone from Baberton advising that our match play rules with regards to the use of distance measuring devices is incorrect. The Captain asked if anyone had any issues with regards to the rules being updated on the web, to which there were none. This will now be updated on line.

#### **(d) County Championships**

The Captain discussed the County Championship format for next year as there was a poor turnout with only 17 ladies entering. A couple of the ladies had to withdraw at the last minute which meant that 15 ladies automatically qualified to the knockout stages. Various ideas for different formats were discussed round the table to which end Jacky suggested holding a meeting at Craigmillar Park on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July to have further discussions. The main point that came out was the option of having the qualifying days at the weekend rather than weekday qualifying.

- (e) **Tri-Am** - The Captain enquired if any of the clubs would be interested in holding the Tri-Am next year. A few of the Reps intimated they may be interested and will report back.

#### **12. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> August – Turnhouse Golf Club 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.