

**MIDLOTHIAN COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE MEETING AT MURRAYFIELD GOLF CLUB
Wednesday, 24th May 2017 at 7.00 pm**

PRESENT:

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

Members Present

Representatives from 17 Clubs:

Kate Johnstone, Baberton; Hannah Scott, Broomieknowe; Susan Randall, Carrickvale; Morag McPherson, Craigmillar Park; Christine Clarke, Deer Park; Jane Browitt, Glencorse; Elaine Lumsden, Kingsknowe; Mandy Bell, Liberton; Fiona Findlay, Lochend; Isobel Halliday, Merchants; Catherine Stewart, Mortonhall; Caroline Steedman, Murrayfield; Liz Taylor, Prestonfield; Anne Wheelhouse, Ratho Park; Shona Morland, Ravelston; Muriel Gilligan, Swanston New and Helen Ross, Turnhouse.

1. Apologies

Maureen McLeod, Treasurer; Kirstin Everett, Comiston Ladies; Mary Nicol, Dalmahoy; Linda Boyle, Harburn; and Barbara Hamilton, Newbattle;

2. Captain's Opening Remarks

The Captain welcomed everyone to the May meeting.

3. Minutes of Meeting - 15th February 2017

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 15th February had previously been circulated and the Captain asked if there were any amendments. Vice Captain, Louise Fraser asked that she be added to the attendees list and asked for clarification on the points raised with regards to the timings of reports submitted. After further discussion, it was agreed that reports would be sent, when possible, 5-7 days prior to the next committee meeting.

The Vice Captain also noted that in item 10, Catherine Stewart of Mortonhall raised the query regarding the 5-a-side matches and not Helen Ross from Turnhouse as previously noted.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Treasurer's Report

The accounts for the 8 months to 20th May showed a surplus of £3,466. This surplus will be used up in payment of the East Inter County matches at Stirling in June, expected costs around £3,500. Should Midlothian qualify for the Scottish Finals at Glenberrie in September further costs of £ 1,600 (net of a £1,500 grant) are likely. Subscription numbers have increased from May 2016, a welcome trend to that of recent years. Junior costs have decreased. 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 2016 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 2016 will expire on 31 July 2017. Vouchers awarded in May 2017 will expire at the AGM on 15th November 2017.

A list of all prizes awarded annually by Midlothian was circulated for information. A discussion ensued with regards to the prize list and it was agreed that a sub-committee (Louise Fraser, Norma Richmond, Lisa Kilpatrick, Maureen McLeod and Morag McPherson) will be formed to review/discuss and report back to the main committee.

6. Captain's Report

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

- (a) SGU/SLGA Amalgamation still ongoing, at a slow pace. There is a potential issue with Lothians with not having the same boundaries and the compulsory membership fee.
- (b) Scottish Golf events – Gabrielle MacDonald and Kate McIntosh played in the Helen Holm with Kate making the cut.
- (c) Cuthbertson Cup – the MCLGA Juniors were beaten by Fife and East Lothian in the two matches. These matches were very close.
- (d) Draw for the Jamboree has been done with Midlothian playing East Lothian on Monday, Fife on Tuesday and Stirling and Clackmannanshire on Wednesday.
- (e) East of Scotland Championship will be held at Royal Burgess on Sunday, 15th October.
- (f) MCLGA championship held at Turnhouse GC on Sunday 16th April. 36 participants entered. Gabrielle MacDonald was the leading qualifier with 73. Louise Fraser beat Wendy Nicholson in the final. Barbara Hamilton beat Jaci Moriarty in the B Championship.

The Vice Captain asked if there was a review scheduled after the two year trial of the County Championship. The Captain advised that the change in format was agreed as a two years plan to see how the trial worked out with further discussion after this time. However it was noted that this year was well attended in comparison to last year. Susan Randall felt that some ladies didn't realise that they could play in the championship despite the entry sheet confirming that it was open to all handicaps. The Reps discussed a ballot may be required if numbers exceed entries.

7. County Matches

The Captain read out the list of players for the squad at Stirling Golf Club in June. These are -

Alison McBride
Caroline Steedman
Gabrielle MacDonald
Hannah Darling
Karen Ferguson-Snedden
Karen Marshall
Kate McIntosh
Louise Fraser

Hannah Scott and Susan Rennie are reserves.

Jacky advised that she had invited Rachael Livingston and Gabrielle to join the squad. Rachael wasn't available for selection due to work commitments. Morag McPherson had to withdraw from the squad due to work commitments.

It was also reported by the Captain at the meeting that the squad played in the SUGS match and lost 1.5 to 2.5.

8. Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report had previously been circulated. There was one amendment to the report in that the numbers of the pairs who had played in the Commonwealth Spoons was in fact 69 and not 68 as previously reported. There were no other questions.

The Captain advised that we get lots of raffle prizes in the mornings and hardly any in the afternoon. It was suggested that the reps could remind members to bring a prize.

The Secretary mentioned that her house move is now complete and will email the Reps a note of her new address as well as updating the webpage. The Captain congratulated Lisa on managing to maintain her secretarial duties throughout such a stressful event.

The Secretary advised the Reps that there are spaces available for our summer meeting at Duddingston and to encourage members to enter if possible

9. Junior Secretary's Report

The Junior Secretary's Report had previously been circulated and she highlighted the following points: We currently have 64 girl members. The Braids coaching is going well with some spaces left. Jacky and Sharon to attend a meeting with Scottish Golf on 7th June to discuss the future of junior coaching. Spring Meeting held on 10th April, 11 Girls participated. The overall winner was Ellie Ferguson with Emily Rigg runner up. Lucy Morrison won best scratch with Eilidh Crawford second scratch. Nicola Lamb won the non-handicap and putting competition.

The girls outing to North Berwick, 17 took part. First handicap was Erica McIntosh. Georgia Ledingham was runner up.

Good entry for the foursomes and singles, the draw available on the web.

The Captain advised that the Junior Secretary will be stepping from her post at the AGM, however she will continue to take responsibility for the development programme. Sue Cowie and Sarah Ledingham will take responsibility for the programmes at Swanston and the Braids respectively.

The Captain advised that she is looking for one person to be Junior Convener and to organise events e.g. Spring Meeting, Summer hole and hole, Junior Outing and Junior Championship. Jacky asked if the reps approach their clubs and see if anyone is interested. The post would commence from the AGM although some planning may be required during this season. Anne Wheelhouse asked if the reps could be emailed a copy of the job description.

Sharon suggested that the Remuneration for the Junior Convener post should be reviewed.

The Captain said that Scottish Golf has done some analysis, Midlothian girls have come down well, with significant reductions in handicaps.

10. AOCB

Muriel Gilligan (Swanston New) asked for clarity regarding the 5-a-side matches, (article 16). If a team captain prior to date of play can only field a four ladies team, does the opposing team require to have 5 in attendance on the day of the match? A discussion took place and it was agreed that if the parties had agreed that only 4 players would be attending, this should be recorded by e-mail and it should be only a 4 a side match with the last match being conceded to the appropriate team.

The Captain advised that she is looking at new options for a different website / web design. Jacky will find out about options/costs and report back to the next meeting. Louise asked if the Midlothian Crest could be added to the current webpage – this will be looked into.

Caroline Steedman (Murrayfield) advised that there are spaces available for the tri-am, Lisa will send out the entry form to the reps for distribution. Caroline asked if it were possible for the reps to ask respective clubs for four balls for prizes. Jacky Burnett reminded reps that an MCLGA member may enter a team that only contains one County member and two non-members.

Kate Johnstone (Baberton) asked where possible could people be moved up into spare slots to keep people moving. It was noted there was some two ball matches in between three ball matches and where possible it should be kept to three balls.

The Secretary will email out the Babe Zaharias entry form to the reps. Lisa will investigate first to see if entries are still being taken – closing date currently 5th August.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Date of next meeting – the Captain asked if we could change the date of the next meeting and it was agreed the date would change to 23rd August. Venue to be advised.

(NB August meeting booked for 23rd Aug at Ratho Park at 7.30pm).

There be no other official business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm.