

**MIDLOTHIAN COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE MEETING AT BABERTON GOLF CLUB
WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER 2016**

PRESENT:

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

Members Present

Representatives from 17 Clubs:

Baberton, Carrickvale, Comiston Ladies, Craigmillar Park, Dalmahoy, Deer Park, Glencorse, Kingsknowe, Liberton; Merchants, Mortonhall, Murrayfield, Newbattle, Ratho Park, Ravelston, Swanston New and Turnhouse

1. Apologies

Kate McIntosh (Broomieknowe); Linda Boyle (Harburn); Fiona Findlay (Lochend) and Liz Taylor (Prestonfield)

2. Captain's Opening Remarks

The Captain welcomed all to the meeting and asked for introductions around the table. The Captain advised that we would need to get through the business as quick as possible, as Baberton was closing at 8pm.

3. Minutes of Meeting of 18th August 2016

The Minutes of the Meeting on 18th August 2016 had previously been circulated and the Captain asked if there were any amendments. There were no amendments and the Minutes were proposed by Helen Ross (Turnhouse) and seconded by Isobel Halliday (Merchants).

4. Matters Arising

The Captain advised that she been asked if there was a minimum number of drives for each player for our Greensomes matches. The Captain reported that there is no minimum number of drives required.

The Captain advised that Tracy Laughland has served her 3 years as President. Tracy then advised that the new President will be Norma Richmond who is a member of Murrayfield. Tracy advised that Norma has been ladies captain at Murrayfield, has been a MCLGA rep previously. Tracy said that she is delighted that Norma has accepted the role as next President.

The Vice Captain advised that Ruth Brown has stepped down as Selector however was delighted to announce that Linda Wemyss will be the new Selector. Linda has previously played for the squad team and will be a valuable asset to the squad selection.

The Captain advised that Dalmahoy have decided not to enter into Greensomes. Mary Nicol advised that unfortunately she could not drum up the required support from the ladies section to enter a team.

The Captain also advised that Lisa has recently written to Prestonfield Golf Club to enquire about hosting our Autumn Meeting for 2017. Prestonfield have agreed but that the fee would be £13 per person. The Captain asked the reps for their feedback on this increased fee and it was agreed that the Secretary would write back to Prestonfield and ask if it were possible to have the fee reduced to £12 pp.

Caroline Steedman (representing Murrayfield) advised that the date was set for the Tri-am next year at Murrayfield on 8th August.

The Commonwealth Spoons date for 2017 was confirmed for 15th May 2017.

The Captain asked the Reps whether we should increase the fee for the associate membership from £5 to either £10 or £15. This had been briefly discussed at a previous meeting. The Captain asked for feedback round the table and it was asked if the Secretary could send a list out to all the reps of their members with the date of joining as associate membership should have served at least 5 years. Lisa agreed to send out a list to the reps but explained that our database has some dates missing. Reps will complete missing information and email back to Lisa.

It was agreed that an increase of associate membership will be highlighted to the AGM and also the committee should look at other ways to encourage new ways of increasing the membership.

5. Captain's Report

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

- (a) SGU/SLGA Amalgamation – optimistic news from Scottish Golf regarding the amalgamation with counties and areas being potentially retained. Confirmation that Scottish Golf will continue to support the county finals in 2017 in the East. Venue to possibly be Dunbar.
- (b) Zandra suggested to invite Blane Dodds (Chief Executive of Scottish Golf) to one of meetings to let him know what goes on in
- (c) East of Scotland Championship at Elie on 9th October. Kate McIntosh 2nd, Karen Ferguson? 3rd
- (d) Squad finished 3rd in county finals in Aboyne.
- (e) Jennifer Bryans from Harburn won the Vets Championship at Blairgowrie 4&2 against Sheena Wood. Sheila Hunter won the Salver for Best Net Bronze. Kate Johnston and Fiona McLaren (Baberton) won Friendship Foursomes Quiach.
- (f) Emma Morrison won scratch competition at the Stephen Gallacher, Race to Dunbar.
- (g) Karen Ballantyne (Craigmillar Park) won the silver hole and hole. Clem Douglas (Turnhouse) won the bronze final.

6. Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report had previously been circulated. Points of note were:

- (a) Karen Ferguson-Snedden beat Karen Marshall 2&1 in the Champions of Champions final.
- (b) Gill Petrie won the Autumn Meeting at Pumpherston with a net 71. Louise Fraser had the leading scratch score with a gross 73. Morag Wardrop won the silver division and Jane Crispin won the bronze division
- (c) 46 teams have entered to play in the winter foursomes. Shelagh McComiskey and Lisa Kilpatrick are the Recorders for the Competition.
- (d) A Notice regarding the AGM and calling for any Proposals would be e-mailed out to all members 28 days before the AGM.
- (e) Subscription Letters would be sent out at the beginning of 2017

7. Treasurer's Report

The accounts for year ended 30th September 2016 had been emailed to committee members. Copies of the accounts together with the relevant books and papers would be given to the examiner on 13th October 2016.

The accounts showed a deficit of £ 929, (2015 deficit of £ 944). The number of members who paid subscriptions was down from 404 to 397, following the trend in recent years.

Scottish Golf (SLGA) did not require a subscription, and Pumpherston G.C. did not charge their course fees (£510) for the autumn meeting. We sent them a donation of £100 in lieu towards a charitable cause.

The general funds at 30th September 2016 decreased to £10,760. In addition funds were raised to support caddies who assisted the squad at the East Jamboree and County final matches. £1,747 is left to carry forward to be used in future years. (The Baberton figure includes £250 from sponsorship which has not yet been received).

It is recommended that the subscription for Associate members should rise from £5 per year to £10 per year for 2016/17.

The value of clothing stock remaining comprises 4 blue polo shirts £120, and 2 fleeces at £80. These items would be retained for future team use. It was agreed that the remaining jumpers would be offered for sale at the AGM at £15 per item.

The Committee approved the accounts subject to any alterations required by the Examiner. Copies of the accounts will be e mailed to club reps to be displayed on appropriate notice boards, after the Examiner's approval.

It should be noted that no bank interest will be paid by Barclays after 1 December 2016, and the maximum grant for training from Scottish Golf will be limited to £1,250.

9. Junior Secretary's Report

The Junior Secretary's report had previously been circulated. Points of note were:

- (a) Emma Morrison won the Girls Championship at Baberton with a scratch 80. Ella Marshall won the Handicap Championship with a net 67
- (b) Emily Tait won 9 hole event on Sunday 20th Sept. Victoria Weir was the leading non handicap player.
- (c) Coaching has commenced again at the Braids with 43 girls on the list.
- (d) 12 Girls are in the development squad with Ian Muir now coaching the girls.
- (e) Carys Irvine and Hannah Darling have been re-selected for the Scottish Academy coaching over the winter.
- (f) Clean sweep for the East of Scotland Girls Autumn Meeting at Dunnikier Park – Eilidh Crawford was the scratch winner with a gross 73. Ellie Ferguson, under 14 handicap winner, Lauren Reid under 16 handicap winner and Emma Morrison, under 18 handicap winner.
- (e) Julia Smith won the Summer Hole and Hole.

10. 5-a-Sides.

Division 1 Winners – Mortonhall

Division 2 Winners – Baberton

The Captain advised that we will be doing the draw for the 5-a-sides will be done shortly.

11. Greensomes

Division 1 Winners – Mortonhall

Division 2 Winners – Ravelston 1

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Greensomes competition. The Captain thanked the club reps for responding to her email.

The question on two teams being in the same division was raised by the Captain. The responses were equal with no preference either way. Shona Moreland (Ravelston) put a good case forward for two teams from the same club not to be in the same division. Shona read out the minutes taken at the previous captains house (Sheila Stuart). It was agreed that the two teams could be in the same division next year however Ravelston were happy to remain in separate divisions.

Sal Shepherd (Craigmillar Park) suggested this has the potential to evolve with more teams and more leagues being involved.

There are 13 teams entered for the 2017 Greensomes competition. This will be split, with 7 in division A and 6 in division B.

The subsequent question of where two teams from the same club should be allowed the members to be used in the two teams or whether a player from the 5 a-sides could be used. After a lot of discussion another vote was taken and it was that as a very last resort they could use a team member from the other team for this coming year.

It was agreed that there perhaps needs to a sub-committee for next year to discuss the Greensomes again and put a proposal to the committee.

12. Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will be on Wednesday 16th November. The Captain asked for volunteers to help with the car parking.

Car Parking – Mandy Bell (Liberton), Shona Moreland (Ravelston)
Registration – Fiona Findlay (Lochend) and Isobel Halliday (Merchants)
Raffle Tickets – Elaine Lumsden (Kingsknowe) and Muriel Gilligan (Swanston New)
Clothing – Jane Browitt (Glencorse) and Barbara Hamilton (Newbattle)

The Captain asked if the reps who have agreed to help could be there for 6.30pm with the AGM starting at 7pm.

13. Representatives 2016/17

Club Representatives for 2017 were confirmed as:

Club	Representative
Baberton	Kate Johnston
Broomieknowe	Kate McIntosh
Carrickvale	Susan Randall
Comiston Ladies	Kirstin Everett
Craigmillar Park	Morag McPherson
Dalmahoy	Mary Nicol
Deer Park	Christine Clarke
Glencorse	Jane Browitt
Harburn	Linda Boyle
Kingsknowe	Elaine Lumsden
Liberton	Mandy Bell
Lochend	Fiona Findlay

Merchants	Isobel Halliday
Mortonhall	Catherine Stewart
Murrayfield	Caroline Steedman
Newbattle	Barbara Hamilton
Prestonfield	Liz Taylor
Ratho Park	Anne Wheelhouse
Ravelston	Shona Morland
Swanston New	Muriel Gilligan
Turnhouse	Helen Ross

Jane Browitt advised that Anne Hanson will be the recorder for the 5-a-sides.

14. AOB

The Captain asked the reps if there were any obituaries to be reported at the AGM. Club Reps agreed to advise the Secretary as soon as possible.

The Captain asked if anyone has a projector for the AGM – Sal Shepherd thinks there may be one in Craigmillar Park. She will check and advise.

The Vice Captain presented two items of Midlothian clothing that would be available to order. The Gillet retails at £40 and the jumper at £25. The Vice Captain advised that she would need to take orders from those interested and then will place an order with the stockists.

Lastly, the Captain thanked the Reps for all their hard work and assistance during her term and wished everyone all the very best for the future. The Captain will thank the committee at the AGM.

15. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting would be the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 16th November 2016 at Liberton Golf Club.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.