**MIDLOTHIAN COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION**

**COMMITTEE MEETING AT MERCHANTS OF EDINBURGH GOLF CLUB**

**Tuesday, 10th October 2017 at 7.00 pm**

**PRESENT:**

Captain Jacky Burnett

Vice-Captain Louise Fraser

Treasurer Maureen McLeod

Secretary Lisa Kilpatrick

Junior Secretary Sharon Macpherson

**Members Present 16**

Kate Johnston (Baberton), Susan Randall (Carrickvale), Morag Macpherson (Craigmillar Park), Mary Nicol (Dalmahoy), Christine Clarke (Deer Park), Linda Boyle (Harburn), Elaine Lumsden (Kingsknowe), Mandy Bell (Liberton), Isobel Halliday (Merchants), Caroline Steedman (Murrayfield), Catherine Stewart (Mortonhall), Barbara Hamilton (Newbattle), Anne Wheelhouse (Ratho Park), Shona Morland (Ravelston), Muriel Gilligan (Swanston New), Helen Ross (Turnhouse).

**1. Apologies**

Norma Richmond (President), Elizabeth Taylor (Prestonfield), Kirsten Everett (Comiston Ladies) and Hannah Scott (Broomieknowe), Fiona Findlay (Lochend), Jane Browitt (Glencorse).

**2. Minutes of Meeting - 23rd August 2017**

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 23rd August had previously been circulated and the Captain asked if there were any amendments. There were no amendments required to the previous minutes. The minutes were approved by Christine Clarke.

3. Matters Arising

The Secretary advised that the MCLGA crest has now been put on the website by Mary Richardson.

**4. Captains report**

The Captains report had previously been circulated. The main points of the report were highlighted as follows:

* Scottish Golf no further regarding the amalgamation. Scottish Golf have issued some further correspondence and is available on the SGU website.
* County Finals – Midlothian a very close runner up to Renfrewshire, losing by 1.5 games only.
* East of Scotland Championship – over 100 people have entered on the day. Lisa Kilpatrick has organised the day. Burgess are giving us courtesy of course. In the past we have had six prize winners, SGU vouchers. Maureen asked in view of the increase in numbers, should Midlothian be able to claim the monies from the additional entries received. The Captain said that the monies belong to East of Scotland and will be used to keep entry costs low at future events. She has already discussed this with the other Counties and is clear we have no claim on the money. Monies belonging to EoS are simply held by the County hosting the EoS Championship and move on to the next ‘host’ county in February.
* Some recent winners were highlighted – Pat Walkinshaw (Murrayfield), winner of the Silver Hole and Hole. Louise Fraser won Champion of Champions. Alison McBride won the Babe Zaharias. Hannah Darling won Scottish Junior Champion of Champion. Jennifer Bryans was the Scottish Vets runners up. Harburn won Division 1 of the 5 a-sides. Turnhouse won Division 2 of the 5 a-sides. Ravelston 1, won the Greensomes (division A). Mortonhall 2 won (division B).

**5. Secretary’s Report**

The Secretary’s report had previously been circulated. The main points of the report were highlighted as follows:

* Lynn Cackett won the McIntyre Trophy and Caroline Steedman won the Lady Ford Cup at the Autumn Meeting at Prestonfield GC.
* 53 Teams are playing in the Winter Foursomes.
* The AGM Notice will sent by Wednesday 18th October, the agenda will follow on 1st November.

The Secretary advised at the meeting that the bronze hole and hole had been completed and that Claire Cunningham of Deer Park had won against Sally Cownie of Merchants on 18th.

The Captain asked if members could be mindful when entering competitions next year particularly that if they have prolonged holidays planned to ensure the spirit of the competition is maintained. Lisa agreed to mention this in next year’s membership letter.

**6. Treasurer’s Report**

The accounts for year ended 30th September 2017 had been emailed to committee members. Copies of the accounts together with the relevant books and papers would be given to the examiner after this meeting.

The accounts showed a surplus of £ 2,500, (2016 deficit of £ £ 929). This is a net improvement of approx. £3,400. Income is up by £1,700 and expenditure savings are £ 1,700. The number of members who paid subscriptions has increased by 24 to 492, resulting in increased subscription money of £770. Murrayfield G.C. did not charge course fees for the Biennial Triam which they hosted donating the proceeds of £1,097 from this event to Midlothian. The main savings in expenditure are from reductions in Squad costs of £ 700 and reductions in Junior costs of £1,000. Juniors benefitted by an additional £ 363 raised from the Triam raffle, and a reduction of £ 620 in Development squad grants financed by Midlothian. In 2017 the Development squad members reduced from 18 to 12.

Scottish Golf grants for training in 2017 amounted to £ 1,250, all of which was paid to Development squad members. In 2016 the training grants were £ 1,300, of which £ 1,100 was paid to Development squad members and £ 200 was retained by Midlothian to offset the Senior squad expenses.

General funds at 30th September 2017 have increased to £13,260. The Caddy fund was reduced to £1,547. Money received in this fund included £ 250 sponsorship, promised in the last financial year, and accommodation costs of £630 were incurred at the East Jamboree matches and the Scottish County finals.

The value of clothing stock Is not considered to be worth anything. 4 blue polo shirts and 2 fleeces will be retained for future team use. The remaining 6 jumpers (4 small) will be offered for sale at the AGM.

Susan Randall asked about the monies for the raffles, and where the amounts for this were reported in the accounts. Maureen confirmed that the monies go to the juniors. Susan suggested that a box be placed and that members can just make a donation rather than bring prizes Shona suggested alternating the prizes and donations box. Lots of good suggestions round the table, including one main prize at the end of the spring, summer, autumn meeting, a bonus ball format by buying six bottles of prosecco, suggestions box.

A bonus ball at each event was proposed by Susan Randall. It was suggested trying the bonus ball at the spring meeting (e.g. 1-50 on sheet) rather than a raffle.

Baberton asked if we could have a tri-am every year, Captain advised that we will have a 9 hole competition next year, and not sure if we would be able to hold a tri-am every year as it was dependent upon a club volunteering to host and organise it.

Approval of Maureen’s accounts – proposed, Helen Ross (Turnhouse) and seconded by Isobel Halliday (Merchants).

Copies of the accounts will be emailed to club reps to be displayed on appropriate notice boards, after the Examiner’s approval.

**7. Junior Secretary’s Report**

The Junior Secretary’s Report had previously been circulated however the main points were as follows:

* Laura Reid from Baberton won the MCLGA 9-hole event.
* 13 Girls entered the Junior Championship – Hannah Darling won the Junior Championship and Emma Lamond won the Handicap Championship.
* 45 Girls are on the list to be coached at the Braids
* 13 Girls are in the Development Centre – coaching will be continued to be provided by Ian Muir.
* Carys Irvine and Hannah Darling have been re-selected for the Scottish Academy.
* EOS Girls, Georgia Ledingham was the overall winner. Kirsten Murison won the under 14s. Ella Marshall won the under 16s and Emily Rigg won the under 18s.
* Stephen Gallacher Foundation – Laura Reid retained her under 18 title.

The Junior Secretary further advised at the meeting – that there were 7 girls competing in the Race to Dunbar. The finals of the Junior Hole and Hole Foursomes and Junior Singles will be completed in the next few weeks.

The Junior Secretary then thanked the Reps for their help over the year

**8. Five-a-side League Matches**

The 5-a-side league matches have all been concluded for the 2017 season.

Division 1 winners are Harburn. Broomieknowe and Dalmahoy are relegated to Division 2.

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| **Division 1** | Baberton | B'knowe | C'millar | D'mahoy | G'corse | H'burn | K'knowe | M'hall   | M'field | MATCHPOINTS | GAMEPOINTS |
| Baberton |  | 2 | **0** | 2 | 2 | **0** | 2 | **0** | **2** | 10 | 25 |
| Broomieknowe | **0** |  | 1 | 0 | **0** | **1** | 0 | **2** | 1 | 5 | 17 |
| Craigmillar Pk | 2 | **1** |  | 2 | **1** | **2** | 0 | 1 | **2** | 11 | 22 |
| Dalmahoy | **0** | **2** |   **0**    |  | 0 | 0 | **2** | 2 | 0 | 6 | 13 |
| Glencorse | 0 | 2 | 1 | **2** |  | 0 | **2** | **2** | 1 | 10 | 21 |
| **Harburn** | **2** | **1** | **0** | **2** | **2** |  | **2** | **0** | **2** | **11** | **25** |
| Kingsknowe | **0** | **2** | **2** | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | **2** | 0 | 6 | 18.5 |
| Mortonhall | 2 | 0 | **1** | **0** | 0 | **2** | 0 |  | **1** | 6 | 17 |
| Murrayfield | 0 | **1** | 0 | **2** | **1** | 0 | **2** | 1 |  | 7 | 21.5 |

Turnhouse won Division 2. Turnhouse and Ravelston will be promoted to Division 1.

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| **Division 2** | Car'vale | Lib'ton | Mer'ants | N'battle | P'field | Ratho | R'ston | Sw'ston    | T'house | MATCHPOINTS | GAMEPOINTS |
| Carrickvale |  | **0** | **2** | 0 | 2 | 0 | **0** | 0 | **0** | 4 | 14 |
|  Liberton | 2 |  | 0 | **2** | **2** | 2 | 0 | **2** | **2** | 12 | 23 |
|  Merchants | 0 | **2** |  | 1 | **2** | **2** | 0 | **2** | 0 | 9 | 20 |
| Newbattle | **2** | 0 | **1** |  | 0 | 0 | **0** | **2** | 0 | 5 | 15.5 |
| Prestonfield | **0** | 0 | 0 | **2** |  | **0** | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 16 |
| Ratho Pk | **2** | **0** | 0 | **2** | 2  |  | **0** | 0 | 0 | 6 | 13 |
| Ravelston | 2 | **2** | **2** | 2 | **2** | 2 |  | 2 | **0** | 14 | 31.5 |
| Swanston New | **2** | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **2** | **0** |  | 0 | 4 | 12 |
| **Turnhouse** | **2** | **0** | **2** | **2** | **2** | **2** | **2** | **2** |  | **14** | **35** |

Carrickvale have written to withdrawn their team for 2018 team due to insufficient numbers.Swanston advised at the meeting they would also need to resign from the league also due to lack of numbers. Muriel Gilligan asked if in the future could Swanston enter a team and this was agreed that they could.

Caroline Steedman asked if there was another team wishing to put forward a team in light of Swanston leaving, what would be the process. Decided last year that we would not have two teams from the same club entering the 5 a-sides.

After further discussion, the 2018 season will go ahead with the reduced number of teams in Division 2.  2018 matches will reverse order of home and away games as a redraw was completed November 2016.

A table of Clubs with Home and Away games will be issued by end October for reps to start organising next year’s matches from November 2017.

 The 5 a-side sub group rules review are taking in many changes including to present table of changes at October meeting in future.

Rules review sub group have met re 5 a-side rules review. Very grateful to the few clubs/players who wrote in with comments. Some have been taken into account and others through discussion have either been left out or modified.

Draft new Rule 19 – Reps to advise re ruling for an unregistered player w.e.f. from 2018 based on new rules. Last meetings vote was based on old rules Rule 1, 18 and 21 whereby a secret vote took place.  The penalty/consequence for unregistered players possible options offered to committee were -

*A – Team with unregistered player lose the match and their opponents will receive the 2 match points but the individual game points will stand in all other 4 games in case of a count back. The forfeited game with the unregistered player will have a result of 5/4.*

*OR*

*B – lose the game of the unregistered player 5/4 only. All other 4 game results will stand.*

A discussion took place around the table and the consequence was agreed which would be –

2 Match points will go to the team that did not play the unregistered player regardless of the initial match result. The game points that follow the game with the unregistered player would be forfeited 5/4. Game points and results prior to the unregistered player would stand in case of a count back at the end of the season.

Muriel Gilligan, Swanston, raised the need for a separate group should a club appeal a decision. Louise Fraser advised an appeals committee would need to be made up from people out with those who sat on the committee at the time of the original decision.

Jacky Burnett advised there will be a division 1 will consist of 9 and division 2 of 7 due to Swanston and Carrickvale resigning. Shona Morland reported that this has happened in the past.

**9. Greensomes**

The Greensomes matches have all been concluded for the 2017 season. Division A winners are Ravelston 1.

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| **LEAGUE A** | B'ton  | C.Park  | Deer Pk  |   M'chants | M'hall 1   | R'ton1 | T'house  | MATCHPOINTS | GAMEPOINTS |
| Baberton |           | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 10.5 |
| Craigmillar Pk | 0 |              | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 9.5 |
| Deer Park | 0 | 0 |             | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4.5 |
| Merchants | 0 | 2 | 2 |            | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 9 |
| Mortonhall 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 |           | 0 | 2 | 8 | 12 |
| **Ravelston 1** | **2** | **2** | **1** | **2** | **2** |  | **0** | **9** | **12.5** |
| Turnhouse | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |              | 4 | 5 |

Division B winners are Mortonhall 2.

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| LEAGUE B  | G'corse  | M'field  | P'field  |   M'hall 2 | RathoPark   | R'lston 2 |  | MATCHPOINTS | GAMEPOINTS |
| Glencorse    |                | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |  | 4 | 7.5 |
| Murrayfield | 2 |              | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 |  | 8 | 8 |
| Prestonfield | 0 | 0 |             | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 2.5 |
| **Mortonhall 2** | **2** | **0** | **2** |  | **2** | **2** |  | **8** | **11** |
| Ratho Pk | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |           | 0 |  | 6 | 7.5 |
| Ravelston 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |             |  | 4 | 8.5 |

Jacky Burnett has advised that she has tried to contact Jane for feedback on the Greensomes.

Lisa Kilpatrick advised that both Merchants and Prestonfield would like to enter a second team next year which was agreed. Mortonhall, Ravelston and now Prestonfield and Merchants therefore will have two teams entered.

Helen Ross asked if winners of group A and group B could have a play off.

Lisa has contacted Jane Browitt to confirm selection of team’s promotion/relegation and where additional teams will be placed.

Louise Fraser advised to keep leagues as is for 2018 and review leagues in 2 years.

**10. Subscriptions**

Maureen advised that there is no justification of putting the fees up in light of the County funds. There were no objections raised by the committee.

**11. Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 15th November 2017**

The Annual AGM will be held at Liberton Golf Club on Wednesday 15th November. The following people volunteered their assistance on the night:

* Shona Morland and Jane Browitt – Car Parking
* Christine Clarke – raffle
* Isobel Halliday - Registration
* Caroline steedman & Barbara Hamilton – Clothes

Louise Fraser reiterated that all members are allowed to attend the AGM but only Full and Honorary Members have a right to vote. She also reminded the meeting that only members of MCLGA may be present at the AGM e.g. parents, Juniors, etc. are not permitted. Sharon MacPherson advised that it was felt that the juniors should come in at the end.

Sharon MacPherson advised that the Junior prize giving should be at the end when the business meeting is closed.

**12. Club Representatives**

The Secretary confirmed the Club Representatives for 2018 were confirmed as:

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| **Club** | **Representative** |
| Baberton | Helen Keith |
| Broomieknowe | Hannah Scott |
| Carrickvale | Sue Randall |
| Craigmillar Park | Morag MacPherson |
| Dalmahoy | Mary Nicol |
| Deer Park | Christine Clarke |
| Glencorse | Jane Browitt |
| Harburn | Linda Boyle |
| Kingsknowe | Elaine Lumsden |
| Liberton | Mandy Bell |
| Merchants | Isobel Halliday |
| Mortonhall | Anne Brownie |
| Murrayfield | Caroline Steedman |
| Newbattle | Barbara Hamilton |
| Prestonfield | Maxine Nicholson |
| Ratho Park | Angela Hughes |
| Ravelston | Shona Morland |
| Swanston New | Muriel Gilligan |
| Turnhouse | Morag Wardrop |

**13.** **AOB**

Sharon MacPherson asked what is Scottish Golf’s strategy? There is a meeting on 2nd December. Neither the Captain or Vice-Captain can attend. The Captain suggested that other Reps or officials may like to attend. There were no volunteers. Jacky Burnett explained that Scottish Golf are proposing to put up the affiliation fees and that further information is available on the Scottish Golf website. Jacky Burnett intimated that the amalgamation seems to be off the table.

Junior Secretary – Sharon MacPherson will be at the AGM. Jacky Burnett thanked Sharon for all her hard work over the years, particularly agreeing to a fourth year. Sarah Ledingham will continue to do the Braids. Sue Cowie is going to do Swanston. Regarding the vacancy of Junior Secretary. Caroline Steedman and Frances Hall were both approached and are willing to help but neither is willing to be the Junior Secretary. A meeting will be arranged.

A Job description has been written up.

Championship for next year – Jacky Burnett advised that neither Mortonhall, Newbattle or Prestonfield are able to host the Championship next year. Jacky advised that she has approached Deer Park Golf Club (same venue for the Summer Meeting) who she asked if we should go somewhere else for the summer meeting. It was agreed to run both events at the same course for 2018 if Deer Park wanted that.

Website – Jacky Burnett and Lisa Kilpatrick are meeting Mandy Dougal and Jen Dick to discuss building a new website that would improve MCLGA business e.g. paying subscriptions, entering competitions and generally be more efficient.

Norma Richmond has agreed to lead a small group for the updating of the rules (Isobel Halliday, Jacky Burnett and Louise Fraser) to improve the rules.

Jacky Burnett is in the process of organising a 9 hole competition for next year at Ravelston.

Squad – Jacky Burnett announced that the Selection Committee has decided on the coaching squad for 2017/18 and that it would be announced on the website once she had acceptance from the players. Jacky asked if reps could ask ~~if~~ anyone with a handicap between 6.5 and 5.0 would be interested in playing with the squad in practice or intra squad matches for the Season 2018.

AOB - Caroline Steedman raised the possibility of 3 divisions with home and away fixtures for 5 asides for 2019 and beyond. LF advised as it would not create more matches, comments from players via reps should be sought. This format would also allow division 3 to increase and decrease teams (due to player availability) without impacting on the top team’s fixtures. To be discussed.

***There being no further committee business the meeting closed at*** 8.45pm.