

Kings Hill GOLF CLUB Ladies Section Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Meeting Date: Saturday 12 November 2016

Committee Members:

Captain	Judy Leadley-Woods	Vice-Captain	TBC
Competition Secretary	Lyndsay Tilley Dawn Edwards	Handicap Secretary	Jane Marr
Secretary	Hilary Stephens	Treasurer	Nancy Caldwell
Past Captain	Gill Olke	Ordinary Member	Debbie Crumpton
Ordinary Member	Denise Harker		

In Attendance: Ben Blackburn

Apologies for Absence: Hilary, Lindsay

Approval of Minutes: **Proposed by:** Nancy **Seconded by:** Debbie

Outstanding action from previous meeting:

1. The query regarding the prize for the October 2015 stableford not being awarded has now been resolved.
2. The cost of engraving the Lady Captains Cup has been refunded to Hilary.
3. Comments have been received regarding the suggestion of paying £150 for a team of 4 (from this year's cup winners) to play in an open of their choice. (see AOB)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Treasurer's Report

Bank account: £922.06 Reserve Account: £923.12

The Bank Mandate is normally updated as the new Captain and Committee take office but due to there being no additional member to add in for the Vice-Captain role it was agreed it should remain unchanged.

Nancy pointed out that the section has a healthy balance with all past captains having achieved a break even with just one exception. It is the presiding Captains discretion as to how finances are run. Some have chosen to award higher value prizes for Club Championships or seasonal meetings and others have invested in equipment. Monthly

competitions have subsidised or money has been raised through other means. This will be considered in due course in light of member's suggestions.

2. Competitions Report

The competitions report presented at the AGM covered all the results to the end of September.

October Stableford

Tuesday

1 st	Debbie Crumpton	45 points	21 played
2 nd	Alice Gazet	39 points	

Saturday

1 st	Nicci Parsons	39 points	15 played
2 nd	Dawn Edwards	35 points	

The Davis Trophy was won by Denise Harker and Scott Tremble with an excellent score of 37 points.

The Captains Drive In was very well supported. The winning ladies team was Kath, Dawn, Jean and Alice, The Babadi family won the mixed prize. Ladies NP was won by Lisa.

Judy's first major competition was the Autumn Meeting. 26 Ladies attended and all enjoyed Spanish buffet. The winner was Lisa Babadi with a nett 70 and Olivia Cooke was second with nett 71 and she won the scratch plate with a gross 81.

The Tuesday ladies enjoyed a competition to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the club who generously sponsored first, second and third prizes. The winners of the blind pairs were Olivia and Hilary (73 points), second were Jo and Lindsay (70) with Heather and Debbie third.

4. Handicaps Report

This is the first handicap secretary report for Captain's year 2016-2017.

A support group has been established to support the handicap secretary in processing competitions. A user guide has been produced and is available in the black file in the office. Jo Bentham, Lucinda Gough-Cooper, Kath Coombs and Dawn Edwards will assist in competition processing.

In addition to this, a small committee has been established to undertake regular handicap reviews and to be able to discuss any issues or questions. This committee has Kath Coombs, Lucinda Gough-Cooper and Chris Hearn as members. In October, Kath Coombs and Jane Marr reviewed the 0.1 increase history and established there were no players requiring adjustment.

Great to see Sue Jeffs returning to golf after a long absence due to a wrist injury. The handicap committee agreed to increase Sue's handicap by 2 shots to help her return to golf. On 12 November, the November stableford was reduced to a 9-hole qualifying competition due to the inclement weather. The original handicap adjustment was incorrect as the back 9 was used but this was corrected before scores were entered. For purposes of the Order of Merit, all scores should have 18 points added on to their 9-hole score.

Playing Handicap Changes

Most improved players from 15 October to 12 November were Olivia Cooke (9.8 to 9.2) and Heather Dunne (24.9 to 23.9)

Other Reductions:

Nicci Parsons 9 (8.6) to 8 (8.0) with 39pts at October Stableford

Olivia Cooke 10 (9.8) to 9 (9.2) Achieving single figure handicap

Heather Dunne 25 (24.9) to 24 (23.9)

Playing Handicap Increases:

Sue Jeffs 25 (24.5)

Increased handicap by 2 shots to 24.4 following return after 6 months out due to injury, followed by a 0.1 increase after the November Mid-Week Stableford

Gill Olke 25 (24.5)

Following 9-hole qualifier in November

New Players:

Karen Fleet is playing her final card on the 13 November after which a handicap will be allocated.

5. Captains Report

Judy reported that the start to her year had been busy with several competitions in the first few weeks.

The 20th anniversary competitions had been well received and the Autumn Meeting went well with some good food. The Captains Drive In was also very successful with approximately £800 raised for the charity.

Judy had also completed her 10k run in 71 minutes again in aid of the Captains charity which was an excellent achievement.

Judy reported that her first Captains newsletter is on the website and it was suggested that it should be emailed to the ladies section for convenience.

Despite many conversations with potential candidates Judy was disappointed to report that there is still no Vice Captain. Tasks usually undertaken by the Vice Captain are being shared out with Yvonne Tucker arranging the friendly matches and Linda Chapman looking after the Tuesday fun games. Denise and Dawn agreed to look after the diary for 2018 in collaboration with Vice Captains Michael Blanning (mens) John Moss (seniors).

Judy reported that the Winter Festival will be run as a single competition across Tuesday and Saturday within the Ladies section this year. For future years the competition will be reviewed.

In other diary matters, Judy noted that the Medal and Hawkes Putter will remain at the Easter weekend. Also, to note was that tee times for all major competitions will be 9am to include Spring, Summer and Autumn meetings, Margaret Hilliar, Hawkes Putter and Captains Day.

6. Management Report

Ben attended on behalf of the management of KHGC and updated the committee on several matters.

- Initial groundworks have started on the new extension to the clubhouse. Roy Croucher, a long-standing member will project manage the build. Drainage is being sorted out first and then footings will be dug. The rubble from these will be utilised in the practice area to provide an astro-turfed mound. The overall timescale for completion of the extension is likely to be at least a year.
- The proshop is having a new till installed which will enable bar cards to be used there.
- The new V1 system for managing handicaps is to be implemented and training is booked for those who use the system on the 30 November and 1 December.
- A new oven for the kitchen is being installed this week.
- Bookings for the New Years Eve event are now being taken at the bar.
- Some anomalies arising on the BRS tee booking system are under review.
- All competitions for the forthcoming year are now loaded onto the BRS system.

AOB

Club Championship – The results of the voting which has taken place at the AGM and since were declared. There were 9 votes for 36 holes on one day, 8/9 votes for 36 holes over 2 days and 10 who expressed no preference. The ninth vote for 2 days, which was conditional upon buggies not being used if it was over 2 days was considered. Even if this vote was included it was still a dead heat. **The decision was made therefore to keep the status quo of 36 holes on one day.**

The use of buggies was also discussed. Points noted were that buggies are allowed by the club generally in all other club competitions. To ban buggies in this competition only would deviate from this practice. The club and the ladies section wish to encourage players not deter them. Some members felt that it should be available to all to use a buggy or that buggies should only be used if a medical condition prevented a player from walking 36 holes in one day. Old age was not necessarily a medical condition. Since there were different views a vote was taken. Votes cast for use of buggies by anyone (status quo) 4 and votes for buggies only with a medical exemption certificate were 3. **The decision was made to keep the status quo so members can use buggies if they wish in the club championship.**

It was agreed that the Competitions bible needed updating. Jane agreed to take responsibility for this with input from all committee members.

The Davis Trophy entry numbers have dwindled and it was suggested by Joy Stevens that playing it on a Saturday may improve this. It was agreed that this would be better and a swop with the stableford on the same weekend was agreed. The AGM start time may need to be moved back to accommodate this.

In light of the absence of a Captain for the Bradley Cook team, Jane Marr volunteered.

It was agreed that "winter rules" are not required but the situation would be kept under review depending upon the weather and course conditions.

A new trophy has been donated this year by the Kent Ladies Golf for a stableford competition. This will be awarded to the overall winner of the September Stableford.

Members questions;

Clarification was sought from Lucinda about the funds to be awarded to winners. (see matters arising). After discussion, it was agreed that decisions regarding prizes is the Lady Captains prerogative having regard to the financial position in that year. The discussion centred upon which competition would reflect the most consistent golfers over the year, either the winners' cup or the order of merit. It was felt that the top 3 people in the order of merit should be considered for the award which should be £50 per head contribution to an entry at an Open competition in the following season. It was agreed that the provision of £150 made in the accounts for the year to October 2016 would be paid to the top three to be utilised in an open during 2017. It was agreed that this would be reviewed by the Committee after this year. Committee members with an interest in the result for this year did not vote in this decision.

Comments had been made regarding the plethora of club competitions in September and October this year. Captains Charity Day, Drive In, 20th anniversary. This was an anomaly of the calendar this year due to another outside event and will not happen in 2017.

Jo enquired whether the Committee could consider buying some team kit with the funds. There was some constructive debate about the logistics of having common kit and whether a subsidy may be a better approach. It was agreed that the Footjoy range would be considered and we would look at other options and costs over the next few weeks to enable a consensus.

Kent Ladies Golf AGM

Carol and Judy attended the AGM. The minutes are on the notice board. The committee were asked to adopt an initiative to speed up play, "ready golf". All agreed this would be sensible but noted that in match play the order of play in the rules of golf has to be maintained. So "ready golf" should now be used in club competitions and social play.

Next Meeting Date:

Judy has suggested the following dates for meetings during the forthcoming year. All meetings are scheduled for 2pm following the mornings golf.

11 February 2017

1 April 2017

13 May 2017

8 July 2017

2 September 2017

14 October 2017

AGM