**Minutes of Aboyne Ladies Committee Meeting**

**Held on Wednesday 31st May 2017**

**Present:** Fenneke Wolters-Sinke, Carmeen Eakin, Val Bruce, Sandra Findlay, Janice Innes

**Apologies:** Karen Bradburn, Liz Taylor, Janette Wright

1 & 2. Welcome & Apologies

Sandra welcomed everyone to the meeting and the apologies recorded above were noted.

3. Approval of Minutes 26th April

Minutes proposed for approval by Carmeen Eakin and seconded by Fenneke Wolters-SInke

4. Matters Arising

All Actions had been completed. Janice volunteered to assist in relation to the fixture list.

It was confirmed by Fenneke that Margherite Chapman was a 9 Hole member as opposed to Twilight.

Sandra is going to reschedule the MELT workshop for a Thursday evening when the Deeside League is not on.

Fenneke volunteered to be present for the Women’s Golf Day activities on 6 June 2017.

5. Correspondence

Flyer had been received from Inchmarlo Golf Club in relation to the Ladies Open on Sunday 18 June 2017.

An e-mail had been received from Tricia Haliiwell, Banchory Golf Club Ladies Captain, commenting positively on Aboyne Golf Club’s preparation and running of the Watt Duffus competition.

Golf Foundation Brooch Appeal – it was decided not to undertake this.

6. Reports

Captain’s Report

Watt Duffus event for County was a success both in the Club House and on the Course. Aboyne Team 1 won Scratch Team with a total of 227 winning the Watt Duffus Trophy and Aboyne Team 2 won Handicap Team won the Handicap Trophy with a nett total of 216. The Watt Duffus Trophy has not been won since 1993 and the Handicap Trophy was last won in 2010. Well done to both teams as well as Colin and his green staff, Gill, Charlie, our starters and Muffie for doing the flowers on the day.

Donna Brown played her medal final in Inverness and am delighted to say she came 2nd with a nett score of 77 and has qualified for the final at Crieff on 16th July. Carmen Griffiths also finished second and has qualified for the final too.

The polo shirts are now in stock and those who have ordered can go and pick them up from the pro shop, they are £30. The jumpers are due in round about 10th June. I will send an email round to inform the ladies.

Ladies and Swannies match played on 23rd May and 28 ladies and seniors took part.

First golf view league match is due to be played on Sunday 4th June and team is Susan Davies, Carmeen Eakin, Mary Burgess and Karen Bradburn. Karen has kindly stepped in and has to play with a handicap of 20 on the day. Good luck to all.

Carmen Griffiths

As I mentioned above Carmen came 2nd in the medal final at Kirkcaldy, she tied 25th at Munross Trophy. Became Scottish Junior Tour Champion at Turnhouse. Part of the winning team in Watt Duffus at Aboyne as well as won Aboyne County Open with gross of 76.

Carmen has Stephen Gallagher at McDonald’s Cardonaon on 10th and 11th June, Scottish schools at Murrayshall on 12th and Scottish Girls Amateur from 30th at Scottscraig and Drumdoig.

Shannon McWilliam

Also part of the team who won Watt Duffus Trophy. She has been unable to play due to an ankle injury. She is due to play in the Scottish Women’s Amateur Championship at Royal Aberdeen.

Kimberley Beveridge

Kimberley has returned from the States and has finished her 2 year scholarship out there. She also played in the Watt Duffus winning team and has been picked to play in the team for the County Jamboree at Nairn. She is also due to play in Scottish Women’s Amateur Championship at Royal Aberdeen and the St Rule Trophy this coming weekend.

I am sure you will join me in wishing all our girls well in their upcoming events.

Council and Greens report , there is nothing to report as the next meeting is on 5th June.

Handicap Secretary

There are currently 76 ladies on the handicap list. Since my last report 25-04-17 we have had the following changes:

Carol Dawson: left

Sandra Taylor: regained handicap

The season started very well with sunny and dry weather. 16 ladies have been able to cut their handicap.

In the Bronze division it was Nancy O'Brien who topped the leaderboard with a handicap cut of 3.4, playing off 26.3 now. Sandra Wilson (cut 1.9 to 26.9) had a few super games in a row. Last but not least, Karen Bradburn (cut 1.4 to 24.1) is also still able to improve on her strong game.

In the Silver division Onchittra (cut 1.2 to 13.0) and Carmeen (cut 1.o to 15.9) played very well. A special mention goes out to Carmen Griffiths who became champion at the Scottish Junior Tour U14 & U16 at Turnhouse. She also had a fabulous game in the first round of our own Championship with a gross score of 71.

Congratulations to all!

Continuous Handicap Review

The following ladies are coming up on this list as having 7 consecutive games going up 0.1:

Eleanor Anton; Muffie Munro; Jennifer Walker; Edna Wildgoose; Lucia Hunter; Jennifer Mackie; Katie Short

This will be monitored regularly on a passive basis. No action required until any issues arise.

Supplementary Scores

Sheila Ferguson had put in 3 cards as supplementary scores. However, it wasn't mentioned in the folder and after checking with Steven, only on one occasion she had mentioned she was going to put in a supplementary score before going out. I have sent her an email that only one card could be processed.

Competition Secretary

Competitions in May

This has been an extremely busy period since the last meeting with numerous competitions. Scores in some competitions have been super, no doubt partly due to the dry sunny weather and the run on the course. I would recommend that when compiling the fixture list there be only one counting competition at the weekend. Attendance has been varied.

9 Hole comps

Very poorly attended and some have had no entries.

Match Secretary

Karen advised via e-mail that the Friendly matches were going well. The last match was against Deeside and was a draw. The next match is against Edzell, although we are currently one player short, but this will be remedied when Karen is back in the country.

County Representative

County Ladies day on the 4th May went really well with some beautiful weather. We had 62 players, only five less than last year. I Thank Heather Mackenzie for setting up the spreadsheets and advise on the actual day. Thanks to Muffie Munro for the beautiful flowers on the tables upstairs and all who gave their time to help me on the day. Congratulations to the home ladies.

Carmeen Griffiths 1st Division1 Scratch, Joanna D’Onghia 3rd Division 1 Handicap, Sandra Wilson 2nd Division 2.

Treasurer

Liz was absent but advised via e-mail that there was nothing exceptional to report. The team jumpers are still being awaited and to be paid for, so a financial report will be available thereafter.

7. Club Championship

Club Championship 1st round had attracted 15 players – 9 Silver Divison and 6 Bronze Division.

8. Outing

Deposit of £200 has been paid by cheque and contract signed and returned on the 1st of May.

Total signed up so far: 22

Susan Davies cancelled recently and it has been decided to give her a refund as an exception. Although it was mentioned in the newsletter and it has always been non-refundable, I had forgotten to mention it on the sign-up sheet. Sorry!

I have placed an order for prizes of a total of £45.00 with Steven (via Surprise Shop).

Prizes: Nearest the Pin Bronze and Silver, Longest Drive Bronze and Silver, Winner overall team, Runner-up and Booby prize.

I have asked Janice whether she can be captain on the day. She will let me know as soon as she knows the schedule of her mum's carer.

9. Suggestions Book

There were no entries in the suggestion book.

10.AOCB

Golf View League – the next match is on 4 June.

Lynne Stephen is kindly organisisng the KDDC Pennant Match at Stonehaven.

It was suggested that a Ladies Open Texas Scramble could be a good option for the Club for next season.

There were still some spaces for the Ladies’ Senior Open Greensomes on Thursday 8 June.

It was decided that for marketing purposes amongst the Ladies section that we affix signs to the rear of the toilet doors if we wish to draw attention to anything e.g. request for raffle prizes, players for friendly matches etc.

It was noted that the Club Flag had been at half mast and it was not known if this was out of respect for Manchester incident or anything else. It was felt that acknowledging this in club/pro newsletter would be beneficial.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12 July, Golf Club at 5.30pm