**Minutes of Aboyne Ladies Committee Meeting**

**Held on Saturday 23 September 2017**

**Present:** Fenneke Wolters-Sinke, Val Bruce, Sandra Findlay, Janice Innes, Karen Bradburn, Liz Taylor

**Apologies:** Carmeen Eakin and Janette Wright

1 & 2. Welcome & Apologies

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

3. Approval of Minutes 12 July

 Minutes proposed for approval by Liz Taylor and seconded by Sandra Findlay.

4. Matters Arising

 There were no actions/matters arising from the last meeting, although Janice

acknowledged that she still had to progress the Gin& Jamberry night.

5. Correspondence

 Correspondence had been received from Eleanor Anton in terms of a request for more fun competitions on the fixture list. During discussions, the committee also felt that a tri-am would be a good competition in include also. Sandra undertook to consider this when finalising the fixture list.

6. Reports

 Captain’s Report

Ladies Open was well attended with 72 ladies playing in total. Aboyne was successful at all levels with Kimberley and Shannon leading scratch and Joanne Forbes leading silver, Maria Giblin won Bronze and Val Bruce came 3rd. Thanks to all who helped on the desk and as starters.

Ladies Open Foursomes was also a great success with 74 pairs playing. Carmeen Eakin and Susan Davies won silver and Mary B and Elizabeth Rose came second in bronze.

In the final Golf View League match we managed a draw with Newmachar which was pleasing as we only had 3 players available in the end due to cancellations. We will be staying in the same league with 2 losses and one draw.

Lyon Fours Team of Georgette Hollingsworth, Maryla Sime, Kimberley Beveride and Carmen Griffiths did excellent in getting through to the final but were beaten by a very good Kemnay Team.

Ladies vs Swannies match was played in good spirit as always and am delighted to say that the ladies came out victors winning 3½ to 2½. The ladies have not won since 2008.

Greens

Aeration of the greens went ahead with areas of the greens more prone to being wet being specifically targeted. All greens were micro cored and then top dressed. Colin thanked the ladies and seniors for assisting in this.

After this the greens were over seeded with grass seed.

Colin has reported that growth is still vigorous and green staff will continue to contain this. Selective weed killer has been sprayed on the tees.

Council

Members forum has been held after EGM and Council have held strategy meeting to go forward with the business plan to allow Council to focus solely on the business plan which cannot be done during Council Meeting. Another is due to be held next Saturday. An additional EGM has been called for this Wednesday to decide if our current professional should be automatically given the post of Director of Golf.

Handicap Secretary

There are currently 79 ladies on the handicap list. Since my last report 11 July we have had the following changes:

Jenny Clayton: Member since 2012, HC brought forward in August 2017

Kim Gordon-Russell: Member sicne 2010 but recently got her handicap

Ann Harper: New full member

8 ladies have been able to cut their handicap.

In the Bronze division it was Tamara Sebire who cut her handicap during the Frances McColl Cup with 43 stableford points. She's now playing off 32.5.

In the Silver division Eileen Anderson won one of the stableford games with 44 points and is now playing off a handicap of 17.7.

Our girls in the Scratch division are continuing their impressive game. A special mention goes out to Kimberley Beveridge who has won a few County Opens. Her handicap is now down to -1.3.

Congratulations to all!

Competition Secretary

We have had a busy period in the club leading up to the close of the season with some changes in the running of the club in the offing.

It has been extremely busy with final matches in knockout competitions, the Stableford Finals and Morven Cup now played.

There are now only the Medal Finals, a couple of extra Stablefords, fun events, the 4 clubs and putter and closing greensomes to be played this season.

I have spent some time in the last month on competiton matters and I have compiled the results for the season to date. I have circulated my draft lists of prizewinners by email for your information.

Competition Results

The **Lyon and Robertson Trophies** are for aggregate of the best gross scores of all 10 SGL Medals over 18 holes less ½ current handicap at close of comp.

This year there were 16 rounds in this eclectic. Several silver division players achieved a nett 61.5 after deduction of ½ current handicap but Denise Elrick came out on top with a nett 60.5.

In the bronze division both Sandra Wilson and Marie Findlater came in with a nett 65.5 after deduction of ½ current handicap. Sandra had an eclectic back nine of 39 gross whereas Marie’s was 41.

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| **Name** | **Gross** | **Handicap** | **1/2** | **Nett** | **Back 9****gross** |
| Joanna D’Onghia | 71 | 19 | 9.5 | 61.5 |  |
| Denise Elrick | 67 | 13 | 6.5 | 60.5 |  |
| Maryla Sime | 67 | 11 | 5.5 | 61.5 |  |
| Kimberley Beveridge | 61 | -1 | -0.5 | 61.5 |  |
| Sandra Wilson | 79 | 27 | 13.5 | 65.5 | 39 |
| Marie Findlater | 76 | 21 | 10.5 | 65.5 | 41 |

The **George & Mary Strachan Quaich** is based on SGL Medal results. Points are allocated for coming 1st, 2nd or 3rd  in SGL medals and the winner is the player (who may be in either silver or bronze division) with most points .This year it was very hotly contested as Elizabeth Rose and Sandra Wilson both had 16 points. However with more 1st places , the prize goes to Sandra Wilson.

The **nine hole competitions** have been poorly attended this year with almost half of the fixtures having no (zero) entries. The entries for the others varied from 1 to 5. The **Morven Cup** was played with only 2 entries out of 5 qualifiers with Dorothy Keir being the winner.

The Ladies v Swannies was held on 6th September in perfect golfing conditions with the ladies finally winning back the trophy for the first time since 2009. The score was 3 ½ to 2 ½.

Competitions in winter

With the season almost at an end and after discussion with Sandra and Liz I emailed Allan on 1st September to request tee times for the ladies over the winter on Wednesday mornings at 10/10.22am. No response from Allan yet but it appears that the timesheet is not yet active as there are no entries at all for October after the fixture list.

Match Secretary

Friendly matches all well attended and enjoyable. We lost 3, won 3 and achieved 1 draw.

The format of being contactable by email worked well for me and I would prefer this method of organising the teams to remain.

I have already been contacted by the match secretary from Edzell re next years match.

My thanks to all the ladies and team captains who took part.

County Representative

Congratulations to Carmen Griffiths for winning the Fife trophy. The trophy will be presented at the AGM on the 11th November.

Banchory will hold the county championships on the 4th of May next year.

Have provisionally booked Aboyne county for next year on the 3rd of May to be confirmed.

Sheila McNaught will be stepping down as captain at the end of season. The new captain is Anne Smart .

 AGM meeting will be at the Curling Arena Lang Stracht on the 11th November at 11am.

Treasurer

Whilst there was no formal report prepared for the meeting, Liz advised that the accounts were looking healthy and that there was currently a balance of £2,538.53, although there are several items, including new jumpers/polo shirts to be paid for.

7. AGM/Afternoon Tea

The AGM was fast approaching and it was decided that the kind gift of money received from previous member Mariana Eaton would be utilised to provide coffee and scones at the AGM.

ACTION: Janice to prepare posters for notification of the AGM and also the request for donations for Christmas Hampers.

8. Committee members

Some interest has been forthcoming in terms of new members for the committee. It was agreed that a sign up sheet would go up so that formal nominations could be made.

ACTION: Janice to prepare a nomination sheet for the locker room.

All on the committee except Sandra agreed to remain and Liz kindly volunteered to undertake the Council Representation role as required by a Lady Captain.

9. Winter Golf

Carmeen advised in advance of the meeting, that she had requested the Wednesday morning tee times for Winter golf from Allan, as she had noticed that no tee times were blocked off.

10. Fixtures

Sandra, Heather and Janice to meet to discuss the fixture list for 2018.

11. Christmas Meal/Do

There was further discussion in relation to the options for the Christmas meals and at this stage it was felt that certainly for the 15th that arrangements needed to be progressed. Janice indicated that a Hog Roast could be an option and suggested she approach the Deesidedly Tasty Company for a quote as this could be something different.

ACTION: Janice to make an approach and obtain some figures.

12. Suggestions Book

 An entry had been made with a request for paper towels in the locker room. Sandra inserted a response, as currently this was outwith the Club’s preferences.

13 .AOCB

 Given the AGM would be taking place near the end of Gill’s catering contract, the Committee agreed to present Gill with flowers as a Thank You from the ladies section of the Club. Liz to progress.

As this was Sandra’s last Committee meeting, a vote of thanks was given to Sandra for her time on the Committee and as Captain.

14. Date of Next Meeting

 Saturday 4 November 2017, at the Golf Club at 10 am.