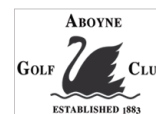




Minutes of The Ladies' Annual General Meeting held in the Clubhouse  
on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 10.00am



- 1. Welcome:** The Captain opened the meeting and welcomed the 19 members who were present.
- 2. Apologies:** Nancy O'Brien, Maria Giblin, Mary Burgess, Kay Powrie, Susan Davies, Katie Short, Denise Elrick, Joanne Forbes, Sandra Wilson, Marie FIndlater, Mary Lindsay, Eleanor Anton and Janette Wright.
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM 15th October 2016:**  
Proposed by Tamara Sebire and seconded by Joanna D'onghia.

There were no matters arising.

#### **4. Captain's Report**

Once again, we are at the end of a season and no doubt wondering where it has gone. I hope you have all enjoyed it and I am sure like me you have had your ups and downs each time you have played.

Winter golf on a Wednesday was just for those who turned up to play once again this year and weather permitting.

The Swannies matches were once again played in good spirit but I am very pleased to say that we won back the Swan Trophy which has not been done since 2008. Well done to those ladies who played in the match in September, let's hope this is the start of a winning streak!

The Ladies Invitational was a good day for those who played but lacking in numbers playing. Thanks to Liz and Carmeen for providing the refreshments in the halfway house on the day.

Competitions throughout the year have had varying numbers entering, with Wednesday's being supported well and Saturday's very low in entries.

Captain vs Vice Captain was a stunning night due to the weather and good fun for those who played. Val Bruce was chosen as Vice-Captain and am pleased to say that the Captain won.

The Ladies Championship was I am pleased to say supported in all the categories this year and will not be changing the format for next year. It was pleasing to see Shannon and Carmen competing for the Championship with Carmen coming out victor at the 15th. Silver division was between Susan Davies and Carmeen Eakin

with Carmeen winning at the 16<sup>th</sup> and Bronze Division was played between Tamara Sebire and Val Bruce with Val winning at 17<sup>th</sup> hole. All matches were played in good spirit.

Our annual outing went to Braemar again this year and a good day was had by all. Thanks to Fenneke for organising it.

The ALGCA chose Aboyne to hold the Watt Duffus Inter Club Trophy this year and was delighted that we managed to get teams for both the scratch and handicap competitions. Our Scratch Team of Shannon McWilliam, Kimberley Beveridge, Carmen Griffiths and Maryla Sime won the Watt Duffus Trophy and our Handicap team of Heather Mackenzie, Georgette Hollingsworth, Carmeen Eakin and Fenneke-Wolters-Sinke won the Handicap Trophy.

In the Lyon Inter Club Foursomes took place at Aberdeen Ladies and our team of Kimberley Beveridge, Carmen Griffiths, Maryla Sime and Georgette Hollingsworth did very well and got through to the final but were sadly beaten by a very good Kemnay side.

We stayed in the same division of the Golf View League this year with matches against Banchory, Meldrum House and Newmachar. We lost our matches against Banchory and Meldrum House and drew our match against Newmachar.

Our own opens County, Foursomes and Ladies had good attendance. Feedback as always on our course was great. Ladies Senior Open Greensomes was not as well attended and something to look at going forward. I would like to thank all those who have volunteered to help at the Opens in doing the desk and as starter.

We have put the dates of the Christmas lunch and dinner in the fixture list. Our intention is to hold the dinner at the moment, even if there is no caterer we have discussed as a Committee having a buffet where everyone takes a dish and have it here at the Club with Denise kindly doing her karaoke to liven up the evening. With the lunch we are unsure until we find out what is happening with regards a caterer.

Now to our young ladies:

#### Carmen Griffiths

Winner Girls U'14s Junior Tour  
Selected to represent Scotland at the European Young Masters  
Finished 4th Scottish Schools at Murrayshall  
Finished 4th at Loretta schools U14s  
Represented Scotland at the U18s schools against England  
Invited by Scottish Golf to the Irish Girls U18s (for experience)  
Ladies Club Champion  
Junior Club Champion  
Aberdeenshire Girls County Champion

Played in the Ricoh Women's British Open Pro Am (played with Mel Reid)  
One of six girls selected to be part of the handover ceremony at the 2017 Solheim Cup in Des Moines, USA.  
Part of the Watt Duffus winning team  
Runners up in the Lyons foursomes with Kimberley  
Runner up in the Paul Lawrie U18's Scratch Matchplay  
Tied 8<sup>th</sup> in the Champion of Champions at St Andrews  
Also selected to play in friendly against the English Under 16 Girls at Montrose at the end of September.

### Shannon McWilliam

Runner-Up Helen Holm Troon Golf Club April 2017

Runner Up Scottish Girls Open Stroke Play Montrose Links April 2017

Runner Up Aboyne Ladies Club Championships' June 2017

Won the Team Trophy for the St Rule @ St Andrews June 2017

Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Under 18's and 20<sup>th</sup> overall St Rule @ St Andrews June 2017

Finished 54<sup>th</sup> in Annika Invitational Sweden June 2017

Ladies British Amateur Match Play (Last 32) @ Pyle & Kenfig South Wales June 2017

Semi- Final Scottish Girls Match Play @ Scotsraig June 2017

Finished 54<sup>th</sup> European Individual Woman's Amateur Championships Switzerland July 2017

Won the Lady Heathcoat-Amory Memorial Medal for the lowest score for qualifying rounds in the British Girls Open Amateur Championship 2017 (knocked out in 2<sup>nd</sup> round match play stages) August 2017

Finished 9<sup>th</sup> English Ladies Open Stroke Play @ Woodhall Spa August 2017

Finished 13<sup>th</sup> British Woman's Open Amateur Stroke Play Championships @ North Berwick August 2017

Won Ladies Open @ Aboyne Golf Club September 2017

Won Paul Lawrie Girls Match play @ Newmachar Golf Club September 2017

### Best Moments in Golf

Six under par 67 playing the last round of the Scottish Girls Open @ Montrose Links April 2017

Hole in One playing the Scottish Girls Match Play @ Scotsraig June 2017

World Amateur Golf Ranking 226

Kimberley Beveridge

Played in North of Scotland Championship at Kemnay getting to the Semi Final, however she set a new course record of 3 under par 70 in the first round.

In the team for the Inter County Jamboree at Nairn Golf Club.

Played in Scottish Amateur Ladies Championship at Royal Aberdeen.

Played in St Rule Trophy.

You will be pleased to hear I have to do my final bit and that is to thank my Committee who have supported me over the last 2 years, Heather Mackenzie who continues to support and do a wealth of work behind the scenes. Allan, Charlie and the bar staff, Gill and her staff in the kitchen, Steven, Alistair and Mo in the pro shop and finally Colin and the greenkeeping staff for our immaculate course.

I wish the new Committee all the best for the future.

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

Christmas dinner was well attended and good fun was had by all. Christmas lunch was enjoyed by a small number of ladies. The income and expenditure from these events broke even.

Competition entries was only slightly down from 58 last year to 54 this year. £1062 was collected and the prizes and engraving cost £1,060, leaving a small £2 surplus. 33 ladies have won prizes up from 32 last year.

The outing to Braemar was enjoyed by 22 ladies and there was a surplus of £73.50

Fundraising – Overall hampers and raffles raised £1030.80 compared with £945.50 previous year. The £445 raised by the hampers was donated to the club, leaving £555.80 for ladies section funds. Thanks to all ladies who continue to support the fundraising with generous donations of prizes.

Our expenditure was up from £1369 last year to £2,182.36 this year, this increase was due to the purchase of sweaters and polo shirts, which cost £680. Otherwise our expenditure would have been £813.36.

Therefore our end of year balance is £1,556.17, down from £2,037.23 last year. However there are still a few cheques to clear.

## 6. Committee Reports

### a) Handicap Secretary

The yearly handicap review took place at the end of February. The statistics showed quite a few players could be considered for a handicap cut of 1 or 2 and some players for a handicap increase. The Committee decided to only cut the handicaps with 1 point of 3 players who played more than 15 competitions during the previous year.

There are currently 79 ladies on the handicap list, 1 less than last year. At the start and during the season we lost a temporary member from Deeside and 8 other ladies left the club but we also welcomed 8 new members. New memberships were introduced and a few have taken up the Twilight membership (6) and a few 9 Hole over 75 membership (3). 2 ladies have been allocated a competition handicap. Compared to the start of the season 20 ladies have cut their exact handicap as follows:

Up to 1.0 cut: 12

1.1 to 2.0 cut: 5

More than 2.0 cut: 3

In the Silver Division and topping the leaderboard of most improved player this year is Karen Bradburn who started in the Bronze division. She now plays off 20.4. The most improved player this year in the Scratch division is Kimberley Beveridge who's now playing off plus 1.3. After a few years study and training in America she's come back home with a very impressive game. In the bronze division it was Sandra Wilson who turned out the most improved player, cutting her handicap to 26.9. Congratulations to you all!

### b) Competition Secretary

Another season has drawn to a close and again I am happy to say that some very good scores have been achieved this year from both Silver and Bronze division ladies. With the SSS at 71 this year, many ladies have returned a nett score in the 60's in medals while in Stableford competitions some ladies managed to get over 40 Stableford Points.

These scores reflect some tremendous golf being played so congratulations to you, especially to those of you who have done this more than once this season!

The attendance at fixtures has varied greatly over the year. While some competitions have had 25-30 entrants a few others have had a mere handful. The

format of the competition appears to have no bearing on the numbers participating.

The Club Championship was run with the option of playing 2 or 3 out of 3 qualifying rounds. All championship silverware has been awarded this year which is an improvement on last year but overall the numbers are low with 11 Silver and 7 Bronze competitors.

Nine Hole Competition attendance continues to dwindle with a maximum of 5 entrants and often no entrants. This is disappointing but it is an important facility to keep available.

I would like to thank not only the other committee members for their work and support during the year, but also you ladies who volunteer. You give your time, your various skills, donations and support in so many ways to help the club run smoothly, and make Aboyne a club to be proud of.

c) Match Secretary

Thank you to all the ladies who played in the friendly matches either home or away.

All matches were played.

We managed to win 2, loose 2 and draw 1 match.

Another successful season, meeting some familiar faces and enjoying their company.

Thanks also go to our green staff, who have again succeeded in giving us a beautiful course to play, with many ladies commenting on how lovely the course was.

Thanks also go to the bar staff present for our home matches, Gill and her staff for providing the catering.

d) County Representative

The season started with Ballater open at the end of April with no snow this year.

**The county at Aboyne was well supported with 62 players.**

Players enjoyed a lovely sunny day with the course in excellent condition.

Our own Carmen Griffiths won the scratch silver prize with a 78.

Joanna D'Onghia was third in the silver handicap with a 77 and in the bronze division Sandra Wilson was second with a 75

At Banchory county Maryla Sime won the silver handicap and Carmeen Eakin was third.

At Kemnay Kimberley Beveridge was second and Susan Davies was first at Peterculter.

The North of Scotland Championships were held at Kemnay this year.

Kimberley Beveridge played through to the semi-finals. The highlight of the championships was Kimberley scoring a three under par 70 which set a new record .Congratulations

County Tri AM which was held at Deeside Club 28 teams took part some excellent scores despite the weather.

The county this year awarded the Fife trophy to Carmen Griffiths for most improved player in the lower handicap bracket. Trophy will be presented at the AGM.

Well done to all the ladies who supported Aboyne at the County competitions this year

Banchory will host next year's County Championships on the 4<sup>th</sup> of a May.

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

Our own County at Aboyne next year will be Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> May

The County AGM and Prize giving will be at Curl Aberdeen on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of November at 11am.

## **7. Election of Committee Members**

The following ladies are willing to stay on the Ladies Committee and were accepted:

Liz Taylor - Treasurer  
Fenneke Wolters-Sinke – Handicap Secretary  
Carmeen Eakin – Competition Secretary  
Janice Innes – Committee Secretary  
Karen Bradburn – Match Secretary  
Val Bruce – County Representative

New members on the Committee were duly elected with no additional nominations from the floor as follows:

Tamara Sebire – Proposed by Fenneke Wolters-Sinke and seconded by Carmeen Eakin

Lorraine Logan – Proposed by Angela Mitchell and seconded by Tamara Sebire

Joanne Forbes – proposed by Heather Mackenzie and seconded by Susan Davies

## **8. AOCB**

A letter had been received from Marie Findlater indicating a request for late entries to competitions after the draw has taken place and also for competitions within the Championship for those who do not want to enter the Championship and on days such as the Medal and Stableford Winner competitions. There was general support from the floor in relation to the late entries and Sandra acknowledged that in terms of the latter that some amendments had been made to the Fixture List for 2018. The committee agreed to take these matters to their next meeting on 4 November.

There was also a request from the floor in relation to a telephone list for the Ladies section and the Committee undertook to look into this given changes to the Data Protection Act.

There was also a request from Judith McCaffrey in relation to the retention of a 4.30pm slot on Wednesdays for Ladies Competitions. Carmeen agreed to ensure this was still available.

As this was the last formal Ladies' engagement before the departure of Gill the caterer, a bouquet of flowers was presented to Gill from the Ladies section to thank her for all her hardwork and assistance over the past couple of years.

A presentation was also made to Sandra, from the Ladies section, to thank her for her hard work as Captain.

## **9. Prizegiving**

Prizes, but not silverware, were then handed out to respective winners who were present at the AGM.

Coffee and Scones, courtesy of Mariana Eaton, a former member of the Club who had made a donation to the section, were then enjoyed by the members present.