

Minutes of Aboyne Ladies Committee Meeting

Thursday 10th September 2020

1 Welcome

Carmeen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Val Bruce, Tammie Sebire

3 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of Meeting of 13th August were approved.

4 Matters arising from Minutes

Replies are being received unanimously giving agreement for AGM to be held virtually.

Email is now working fine with some transfer still to be done.

5 Reports

Captain's Report

I have resolved the problem with the Ladies club email account and it is now capable of receiving and sending emails again.

Captain v Vice Captain took place on 19th August as a golfing waltz this year and fun was had by all. Captain and Vice- Captain each had five evenly matched teams but in the end only 2 points separated the sides with the Captain narrowly winning. Hidden hole prizes went to Linda Gardiner, Lorraine Hunter, Nancy O'Brien, Heather Campbell, Lorraine Scott, Mary Burgess, Sandra Findlay and Joanne Wilson. The best team in the waltz with a score of 78 points were myself (Carmeen Eakin), Heather Mackenzie and Maria Giblin who also received a prize.

Players qualifying for the Medal and Stableford Finals and the 9 hole Morven Cup have been advised. The final of the Mackay Cup is to be played between Fenneke Wolters-Sinke and Heather Campbell.

The Club Championship Semi- Finals and Finals took place on Saturday 29th August. In the Bronze Handicap semi -finals Marie Findlater and Susan Smith teed off first with Marie winning 4:3. Heather Campbell and Judith McCaffery followed them with Heather beating Judith on the 17th hole, 2:1. Marie went on to win the Bronze Final in the afternoon with a 6:5 result.

The Silver Handicap semi -finals between Lorraine Scott and Sandra Findlay saw Sandra beating Lorraine 2:1 after a match which could easily have gone either way. In the other semi- final Joanna D'Onghia and Fenneke Wolters-Sinke had a very close match with

Fenneke losing to Joanna on the 19th hole. After lunch Joanna and Sandra played the Final and yet again Joanna had to go to the 19th but this time it was Sandra who emerged as winner.

The matches for the scratch Club Championship semi-finals were Anne Harper v Joanne Wilson and Carmen Griffiths v Zibby Brown. After a close front nine, Anne beat Joanne 5:3. The golf played by both Zibby and Carmen was fabulous to watch and Carmen won the match 7:5. The Final between Anne and Carmen also displayed top quality golf with Carmen winning 8:7.

Congratulations to all the winners, but especially to Carmen Griffiths who is our Club Champion for 2020. Although still only 16 years old this is her 3rd time to achieve this.

There was a good turnout for the annual Ladies v Swannies match. This popular fixture took place on Wednesday 2nd September. The senior men had been victorious in the last two years so the ladies were keen to win back the coveted trophy. As expected, the banter was great and everyone had fun. Matches were very close with the majority going to the 18th hole to determine a winner. However, by a narrow margin of 5½ :4½ the ladies are proud winners this year. Well played ladies!

AGM planning is in progress. In view of the restrictions on public meetings, a communication was issued seeking consent to hold this year's AGM on a virtual platform. Nominations for the ladies' committee were also invited.

Council - After several discussions with section captains, volunteers and Council it was decided that the club would run only 3 of the 9 Opens planned (or rather rescheduled) before the end of the season. As a result the two ladies Open events hoped to take place in September will not go ahead. Men's captain has resigned and Martyn Paterson stepped forward. The next meeting is tonight.

Competition Secretary

Another busy month in the ladies section with great turnouts on both Wednesday and Saturday competitions.

The Club Championship finals day breezy weather didn't dampen the spirits of the ladies, well done to all who played in this knockout stage and congratulations to the winners:

	Winner	Runner Up
Scratch Division	Carmen Griffiths	Ann Harper
Silver Division	Sandra Findlay	Joanna D'Onghia
Bronze Division	Marie Findlater	Heather Campbell

The Mackay Cup was won by Fenneke Wolters-Sinke in a close final match against Heather Campbell (2-0)

On the 15th August the Lucy Gordon Quaich was won by Maria Giblin with a fabulous net 66 and runner up was Janice Innes scoring net 69.

On Captains Day on the 22nd August, 21 ladies played with both Maureen Moncur and Lorraine Scott carding 37 stableford points, Maureen claimed the Francis McColl Trophy in a card countback.

On 5th September, Kay Powrie won the Ean Cecil Medal Winners Trophy with a net 70 and runner up was Maryla Sime with a net 72.

The much loved Ladies v Swannies took place on Wednesday 2nd September under the permitted format of betterball. The tournament was full of the usual light hearted banter and we were delighted when the ladies were victorious with 51/2: 41/2 to claim back the beloved Swan Trophy after three years with the senior mens section. Thank you to the gents for hosting, we enjoyed the lovely soup and fresh sandwiches provided by Mike.

A rescheduling of the fixture list has helped to include most of the trophies in the Ladies Section after the late start in the season. A full list of prize winners will be issued once the remaining silverware is played for over the next couple of weeks.

A discussion took place regarding 2 junior members who have entered the competition this weekend and whether they would be expected to pay competition fees in order to be eligible to enter. It was decided that fees should be paid prior to entering a competition despite it being near the end of the season and Carmeen agreed to contact the mum to appraise her of this.

Lorraine updated the committee regarding Jill Chalmers who generally plays outwith the competition draws. This is allowed in medal competitions but not in stableford competition therefore Jill who had won a stableford recently had to be disqualified from that competition.

Treasurer

Nothing to report. Liz was asked about whether all fees were now paid , however there is still some confusion over Nikki Gibb and Jill Chalmers. Lorraine will look into this.

Carmeen has received the payment for the Swannies prize and thanked Liz for this.

Liz reported that the Ladies bank balance currently stands at £5552.12 which includes the toilet refurbishment money.

Friendlies/Opens Coordinator

The general consensus for next years Friendlies was to just 'rollover' from 2020 to 2021. All teams have been contacted with dates and times.

Karen indicated that Edzell, Torphins, Banchory and Ballater had all now confirmed, with Stonehaven, Peterculter and Deeside still to respond. Karen will issue dates once all confirmed.

County Representative

Nothing to report.

Handicap Report

Nothing to report. Carmeen mentioned the webinar update on the WHS had taken place and indicated that Graham Anthony is working on this issue, with Tammie joining a handicap committee required under the WHS protocols.

6 AGM Planning

Carmeen reported that 25 ladies had given consent for a virtual AGM so far.

It is pleasing to see many ladies coming forward for nomination on to the committee as well as volunteering to help in an informal capacity.

The next steps for the AGM are to issue a notice of AGM including the minutes of the last AGM and notification of nominations for committee. These to be proposed and seconded at the virtual AGM. Minutes will be taken by Susan. Carmeen proposed restricting the business of the AGM to election of committee. Annual reports from committee members are to be sent out with the notice of AGM. There would be no opportunity for discussion. Notice of AGM to be issued 2 weeks prior to the AGM on 17th October at 10 am.

7 Fundraising

Carmeen asked that any new ideas for fundraising during the current pandemic be brought before the committee.

8 Winter Tee Times

Winter tee times have not yet been agreed and will depend on winter opening hours. Last year we had times at 9.30 and 10.45 and it was agreed that we would require formal times this year also. Carmeen informed the committee that the seniors had already booked Wednesday mornings, however she has queried this as ladies times are required during the morning. This will be discussed further.

9 Suggestion Book/Correspondence

An email was received from a lady member which highlighted some issues affecting ladies playing at the end of the draw in a competition particularly when followed by a group of two or even a single player. The committee considered the tee intervals, having a buffer and discussed the impact felt by ladies having balls land close to them when 'invisible' on 7th green, on 15th hole and in the dip on 16th; also not spending the full 3 minutes time to look for a lost ball, not returning to the tee.

A further email was received from another lady member relating to the above and was also considered.

Both items of correspondence are to be discussed at Council tonight and Carmeen will report back.

10 AOCB

Carmeen stated that evening tee times are booked in for Morven Cup and queried whether this was necessary as there are no evening times booked in for Stableford and Medal finals. Loraine said that as the Morven Cup was on a weekday there should still be evening times available for those working ladies who play 9 holes to give them the opportunity to play in the Morven Cup final

Tammie is dealing with supplementary scores.

Liz asked that she be given a list of all prizewinners to help her with the accounts. She asked for clarification on what prizes would be this year bearing in mind there is no Pro Shop for vouchers. Carmeen suggested that cash prizes be given this year and that there was unlikely to be a formal prize giving.

11 Date of next meeting

Virtual AGM - Saturday 17th October at 10 am