

Minutes of Aboyne Ladies Committee Meeting

Held on Thursday 1st August at 7.30pm

1&2. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Janice Innes (Captain), Carmeen Eakin (Vice- Captain and Committee Secretary), Tamara Sebire (Handicap Secretary), Karen Bradburn (Opens and Friendlies Representative), Loraine Logan (Competition Secretary) . Liz Taylor (Treasurer). Janice welcomed those present at the meeting.

Apologies: Valerie Bruce (County Representative)

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of Thursday 20th June 2019 were proposed for approval by Tamara Sebire and seconded by Karen Bradburn.

4. Matters Arising From previous minutes

None

5.Reports

Captain's Report

The last Council Meeting took place on 1 July. The meeting started with walk out on to the course for deliberations on where to locate the new practice nets, which will hopefully been installed over the winter period. An area behind the first tee and relatively adjacent to the putting green was identified. It will be located so as not to interfere with tee shots from the 9th. A quote had been obtained from Deeside Log Cabins in relation to a potential teaching studio for Fraser. Bids are being submitted to try and obtain funding to support such a development for the Club. Work continues to progress as planned on the Greenkeeper's cottage and discussions are ongoing with the Insurance company.

Since our last meeting on 20 June, the Senior Open Mixed Greensomes took place with significant input from the ladies' section. A thank you to all ladies who assisted on the day.

Thanks go to the team (Lynne Stephen, Marie Findlater, Sandra Findlay and Joanna D'Onghia) who represented the Club by participating in the Kincardine and Deeside Pennant at Peterculter on 30 June. Well played Ladies....and coming 2nd to the home team is no disgrace at all.

Captains' Day on 30 June at the Club was well supported by the ladies' section, with eighteen ladies competing for the Frances McColl Trophy – our very own Carmeen Eakin being the eventual winner.

A ladies' section newsletter was circulated on 2 July.

Our outing to Kirriemuir on 13 July was attended by 18 ladies and an enjoyable day had by all. The weather almost held out, but the last few holes for some were a little wet, but spirits not dampened. The winners on the day were as follows:-
Longest Drive Bronze – Lorraine Hunter, Longest Drive Silver – Muffie Munro
Nearest the Pin Bronze – not contested, Nearest the Pin Silver – Anne Harper

Winner – Val Bruce (33 pts BIH), Runner Up – Sandra Findlay (33pts)
Winning Team – Anne Harper, Val Bruce & Heather Mackenzie (72pts)

The Regional Final of the Coronation Foursomes took place on Monday 22 July at Edzell Golf Club. Lynne Stephen and Joanne Wilson scored a fantastic 40 pts, which unfortunately only granted them 2nd place on the day, with the winning pair scoring 41 pts. Well done ladies.

Raffle Prizes have been being received steadily following the request, in order that we can hold raffles at forthcoming Opens. Thank you to those who have contributed so far.

Treasurer's Report

The outing has been a success, making a small profit of £11.02. The toilet refurbishment fund is growing very slowly with income as follows:

£1500 from general ladies' section funds; £30 from monthly quiz; £180 from Fashion Show; £530 banked from handbag raffle ticket sales. This totals £2240, with a further £150 ticket sales to be banked, but expenses to be deducted include the cost of the handbag and £26 being the cost of printing 500 tickets. As expected, it is clear that it will take some considerable time to raise sufficient funds.

The Charity Day medal on 3rd July raised £73 and a cheque has been issued to Riding For the Disabled, Deeside Branch. There has been very little income from the Two's initiative.

County Report

None received

Competition Secretary's Report

The Club Championship Qualifying Rounds were completed and the results displayed in the locker room. A total of 24 ladies completed 2 qualifying rounds, 17 Silver Division and 7 players in the Bronze Division, from this unfortunately there were 2 ladies disqualified. There were also two ties for final day qualifying positions and they were sorted by gross score on last round as per rules. The final day draw has not yet been done.

On Saturday 22nd June the SGL Medal was won by Lorraine Scott and the Bronze Division by Donna Brown. Lorraine Scott continued her good form by winning on the 26th June with Nancy O'Brien winning in the Bronze Division.

Eighteen ladies played in Captains' Day with Carmeen Eakin winning the Francis McColl Trophy with a fabulous 41 Stableford points.

The following Wednesday and Saturday SGL Medals were won by:

Silver Division: 3rd July- Judith McCaffery	Bronze Division - Elizabeth Rose
: 7th July - Susan Davies	- Susan Smith
: 14th July - Alison Reid	- Judith McCaffery
: 17th July - Mary Burgess	- Valerie Bruce

The Stableford competition on Wednesday 10th July was won by the in form Lorraine Scott and the Bronze Division honours going to Heather Campbell.

The Stableford on Saturday 20th July was won by Alison Reid in the Silver Division with 35 points and Tammie Sebire also with 35 points in the Bronze Division .

In the 9 hole competition there have been a regular 3 players but on the 3rd of July there were a fabulous 9 players signed up and the honours went to Maureen Moncur. It's good to see the 9 hole

fixture becoming competitive as we were struggling for players at the beginning of the season.

Lynne Stephen and Joanne Wilson headed to Edzell for the regional final of the Coronation Foursomes on the 22nd June. Congratulations to them both for taking second place in a field of 90 pairs and missing the top spot by only one point. The Aboyne duo carded 40 stableford points with the winning team from Carnoustie Caledonia Golf Club scoring 41. Both Lynne and Joanne were given a £50 Open voucher each for their 2nd place. Very well done.

Friendlies/ Open Coordinator

Our friendly match between Stonehaven was won by Aboyne 3-1 and enjoyed by all. (See 7)

Our Peterculter match is proving difficult to fill as it clashes with the Lyon Foursomes.

Uptake on help at opens etc is slow.

Handicap report

The number of ladies on the handicap list remains at 80.

6 Matters Arising From Circulated Reports

Liz assured us that that funds will be sufficient to continue to run the ladies' section as usual despite the £1500 earmarked for the refurbishment.

It was agreed that a budget for the ladies' section would be prepared to assist us in planning and fundraising for the forthcoming year. ACTION LT to prepare Budget.

On the subject of handicaps, there has been one supplementary score card. JI enquired whether we are aware of ladies who may not be playing to handicap and may be considered for an increase. TS said she had been looking at it. A monthly continuous handicap review was not provided.

Mention was made of the new World Handicapping System due to be introduced next year and changes that this will entail. ACTION: TS to provide continuous review.

7 Friendly Matches – Food Payment and Game Integrity

Food Payment

There have been a few instances of ladies playing in friendlies but not staying on for the meal afterwards and not paying the £9 contribution. It was agreed that all those playing in friendlies must pay the nominal amount otherwise it will result in a shortfall of funds to the ladies' section. It is preferred that ladies stay for the full social element of these fixtures, although there may occasionally be the need for exceptions.

For the matches with and against the seniors, it was agreed that ladies will pay £10 when playing in the Swannies & Ladies fixture in May and also when playing in the Swannies v Ladies match for the Swannies trophy in September.

Match Integrity

Janice was concerned that the result of the Stonehaven match which was announced on the day to be a 3-1 win to Aboyne ought to be revised as she subsequently realised that there had been an error in the handicaps. It was agreed that Karen will contact Stonehaven and concede the match, with the necessary explanation.

While a pairing's joint handicap is calculated by the friendlies' coordinator prior to the match and written on the prepared cards, it was agreed that individual handicaps would also be obtained on the day so as to provide a means of checking, if necessary. This should hopefully avoid any further misunderstandings. ACTION: KB

8 Lyon Foursomes

Janice reported that for the forthcoming Lyon Foursomes to be held at Aboyne, Val is happy that cover is sufficient. There are fewer teams than in previous years with no club fielding two teams. Although this is a County event it was felt appropriate for some fundraising or a raffle for the benefit of the ladies' section as Banchory had held one at their County event. ACTION: JI to check with VB.

9 Ladies Open Foursomes Fri 9th

Lorraine and Val will do the setting up and printing for this. A raffle as well as the handbag raffle will be held. Liz will set up the raffle. ACTION: LL, VB, LT

10 Gent's Captain's Invitational 24th August

Brian Kinead has requested volunteers to assist on the day - at 14th, spotters to verify holes in one and at 15th, to collect fee for entering hit the gong competition. ACTION: JI do sign-up sheet.

11 Suggestions Book & Correspondence

An email expressing thanks for assistance with the Senior Gent's Open and Senior Mixed Open Greensomes has been received from John Clements, Seniors' Captain.

Lorraine Scott emailed concerning her DQ from the Club Championship. JI has sent a reply.

Sandra Wilson emailed to say she did not receive the July newsletter.

An enquiry was received from Ann Lawrie (ex member) re her handicap after the Aboyne County on 2nd May. Tammie agreed to have a look. ACTION: TS

12 AOCB

TS raised the issue of having a discussion with the lady members about the toilet refurbishment prior to AGM. LT circulated an estimate from B Clark Joinery Services Ltd, which total £11500 approx. This could be reduced by making economies. This item will be on the agenda for a full discussion at the next committee meeting.

The matter will also be brought up at the next Council meeting where it is hoped to get agreement to a contribution from the Club. ACTION LT, LL, JI

Solheim Cup Ambassador

Lorraine reported that Scottish Golf expected each club to hold a tournament open to all sections of the club to promote the Solheim Cup which is being held in Gleneagles in September. After some discussion with the gent's captain and Fraser, it is planned that this will take place concurrently with the men's and ladies' competitions running on Sat 17th August. A charge of £2 will be made to cover the cost of two Solheim tickets as a prize.

Lorraine has also obtained, at no cost, two family tickets which will be on offer at our club's stand at the Aboyne Highland Games on Saturday.

13 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 5th September at 2pm.