

THE BLAIRGOWRIE GOLF CLUB

MINUTES OF LADIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2021

Ladies Captain Gill Tissell welcomed Vice Captain Sue Waddell and Committee members Jo Stewart, Heather Dawson and Elaine Robson.

1. **Apologies** – None.

2. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – the minutes of the meeting held on 1st November were approved.

3. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st November 2021:**

- **Christmas Lunch** – LC has had confirmation that all catering will be met in-house until new caterers are appointed and she is to liaise with Stuart Wilson as soon as possible to finalise arrangements for the Ladies Christmas Lunch. Subsequent to the Meeting the Office issued a notice providing full details and menu options. Bookings will be taken at the bar with the cost being £18 per head including a complimentary drink on arrival. HD has the table quiz in hand and LC will provide a wireless speaker to play background Christmas music. A lucky seat draw will also be made.

LC advised that her chosen charity is the Perth & Kinross Foodbank. HD kindly offered to wrap the goodies in cellophane prior to the hamper being displayed on the bar from Friday 26th November; raffle tickets will be £1 each and the winner will be drawn at the Christmas Lunch.

- **Winter Socials** – the first session, to be held on Monday 17th January 2022, will be putting with Neil. It was agreed that the programme thereafter will include Pilates, led by Mary Hope; indoor bowls with Shirley Irvine and Heather Welsh; dance fitness run by Fiona Edwards; and flower arranging; LC is to ask Liz Ridsdale if she would organise this session. The order of events will be agreed subject to availability of the leader. The final date will be left open until nearer the time, with the possibility of an outdoor fun putting competition to be considered, depending on the weather.
- **Away Day** – Crail will provide Blairgowrie ladies with tee times from 11am through until 1pm with bacon rolls available before play. HD will now progress options for coach hire.
- **New Member Liaison** – LC has provided her comments on the new member welcome information pack to Marnie. It was agreed that it would be beneficial for all committee members to have sight of this pack; ER offered to obtain the finalised version for circulation and to check that details for the new members roll-up sessions are included. LC has prepared a notice for the upstairs locker room detailing contact information for all committee members.

4. **Correspondence:**

- **Daily Mail Amateur Foursomes 2022** – LC circulated a letter inviting the Club to enter this competition and advised that Sean Davidson has put us forward. The qualifying match for this event is the Gellatly Rosebowl and LC will contact the winners, Noreen Fordyce & Janette Hamilton, to ask if they wish to participate. If they are unable to do so, the runners up (Sue Waddell & Brenda Kerr) will be approached. The names of our participants do not need to be confirmed until the first match is played. It was noted that the rules around this competition are very precise and Sean will oversee this event on behalf of the Club and the ladies playing.

A general discussion followed around the Annodata (formerly the Mail on Sunday) competition; subsequent to the meeting LC confirmed that Sean has already entered us for 2022; this is a singles matchplay event comprising teams of 5 with a maximum handicap of 24. The post event meal is paid for by the Club.

5. Ladies Captain's Report:

Competitions update:

The first round of the Winter League took place on Friday 5th November with a good turnout. Winners were Sue Waddell in Div 1 and Ruth Watson in Div 2.

The rearranged Turkey Trot was run concurrently with the Winter League with an entry of 34 players. Sue Waddell came first in Div 1, with Noreen Fordyce as runner-up. In Div 2 Ruth Watson was the winner, with Elaine Robson coming second. Vouchers will be presented to winners and runners-up at the Christmas lunch.

The first Stanley Clark competition was played on Friday 12 November. Anne Farquharson was the winner in Div 1 and Heather Dawson won in Div 2.

On Friday 19th November, the Winter League winners were Noreen Fordyce in Div 1 and Meriel Walker in Div 2.

Sunday Winter League:

The third match of this series was at home to Crail and we were fortunate to have a dry, sunny day, although it was very blustery. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day, which resulted in a 2-1 win to Blairgowrie. A new lady member, Hannah Pickford, joined the team and we hope to see more of her in future. We enjoyed a soup and sandwich meal after the match.

2022 Fixtures:

I have been given a draft of the 2022 fixtures and was able to make some amendments before it goes to print.

Update from the Main Committee:

The balance sheet is looking healthy and there is strong interest in new memberships for the coming season. If membership levels are maintained, it may be necessary to limit new applications.

Discussions with prospective caterers have been held, but no appointments made to date.

Gill Tissell

Ladies Captain

6. AOCB:

- **Fixture List 2022 and Match Schedules** – draft fixture list for 2022 together with Ladies Friendly and Handicap League fixtures arranged so far were circulated in advance of the meeting. The majority of fixtures have been included and Sean is in the process of finalising the remainder. An updated Handicap League schedule was provided after the meeting; the only notable clash of dates is Strathmore at home in the evening of Monday 30 May with the away Friendly match at Strathmore the following day. LC will flag this up. LC will ensure HD is provided with the Friendly match schedule and contact information once all details have been finalised.

- **Competition Prize Monies and Levy** – Stuart Wilson has flagged up a historic situation whereby the prize monies paid out to gents are higher than those paid out to ladies. It was acknowledged that gents pay a fee of £1 each time they play in a competition (this is separate from the optional payments towards the Sweep and Twos) whereas ladies have historically paid a nominal competition levy of £5 per annum. It was agreed that there should be equality in prize monies and it was, therefore, recognised that the ladies' competition levy would require to be increased. This could either be an increase in the amount of the annual levy or a payment per play in line with the gents. It was felt that the latter may be unpopular and it was agreed that LC should discuss further with Stuart Wilson to ascertain what amounts would be required under each option to enable parity in prize monies to be reached.
- **Cards of Condolence** – LC advised that she has sent condolence cards to Maureen Chalmers' husband and to the family of Rita Hoad.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 6th January 2022 at 2:00 pm.