

THE BLAIRGOWRIE GOLF CLUB

MINUTES OF LADIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6th JANUARY 2022

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

1. **Apologies** – Jo Stewart; LC advised that JS has suspended her club membership meantime and has therefore stepped down as a committee member. LC recorded her thanks to JS for her contribution during her tenure.

As Jennifer Livingston was recently nominated for the committee it was agreed that she would be approached by LC; subsequent to the meeting it was confirmed that JL will be pleased to be co-opted onto the committee until the next Annual Meeting. Roles and duties will be discussed further at the next committee meeting.

2. **Approval of Previous Minutes** – the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November were approved.

3. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd November 2021:**

- **Winter Socials** – given the current COVID advice surrounding indoor events it was agreed that it would be prudent to delay the start of our winter socials. Neil Cameron has confirmed his availability to hold the putting session on Monday 31st January 2022, with social distancing and face covering protocols being in place. LC will confirm availability for amended dates with the remaining session leaders and the programme will be kept under review in light of government guidelines. The Wee Course ladies' coffee morning is scheduled for Monday 14th March and all committee members are welcome to come along.
- **Away Day** – Crail are reviewing their menu options and are therefore unable to provide costings presently; it was agreed that ladies attending will be requested to select their food choices before teeing off and meals will be served as they come off the course. HD will make further contact with the catering manager and also the Ladies Captain whose details will be passed to her by LC. A range of quotes for coach hire are being reviewed and it was agreed that a target cost for the day of £40 should be achievable, subject to a minimum number of 36 attendees.
- **New Member Liaison** – LC will remind Marnie to ensure that she is provided with contact details of all new lady members joining this season.
- **Daily Mail Amateur Foursomes 2022** – Noreen Fordyce & Janette Hamilton have confirmed that they will participate in this event, details of which will be overseen by Sean Davidson.
- **Fixture List 2022 and Match Schedules** – the draft fixture list for 2022 has been posted on the Club website. LC will obtain an update from Sean on the finalised schedule for the Ladies Friendly and Handicap League fixtures and this will be posted on the noticeboard in the upstairs ladies' locker room. Sign-up sheets for the initial 4 matches will be posted on the noticeboard during the first week of March.
- **Competition Prize Monies and Levy** – LC and SW met with Stuart Wilson and it was agreed that, for the 2022 season, the ladies' annual competition levy would be increased from £5 to £7; Wee Course ladies would remain at £2. This will allow a degree of prize monies parity with the gents and will enable the position to be monitored and reviewed once the number of lady members playing in competitions is known. Given the historic situation in place it was recognised that full parity would need to be achieved incrementally and it was agreed that this amendment is a step forward.

As subscription notices have already been issued Stuart will arrange for levy notices to be sent out during February, with the payments to be collected at the Pro shop. The office will ensure a process is in place to monitor levies collected prior to the start of the competition season.

4. Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

5. Ladies Captain's Report:

Competition results:

Stanley Clark - 26th November
Div 1 winner - Margaret Hunter
Div 2 winner - Kathy Cameron

Winter League - 3rd December
Div 1 winner - Noreen Fordyce
Div 2 winner - Elaine Robson
Wee Course winner - Shirley Irvine

Winter League - 17th December
Div 1 winner - Noreen Fordyce
Div 2 winner - June Dargie
Wee Course winner - Morag Johnston

Stanley Clark - 19th/24th December
Div 1 winner - Noreen Fordyce
Div 2 winner - June Dargie

Winter League - 31st December
Div 1 winner - Erica Espley
Div 2 winner - Fiona Edwards

The Winter League competitions continue to be well supported considering the weather, Covid and the festive season.

Other matters:

The prize givings for 2020 and 2021 were held with reasonably good attendances, the latter being held on the night when Storm Arwen did its worst, so it was not surprising that some people decided against attending.

At the Club AGM on Thursday 2nd December the low turnout meant that a quorum was not reached. Fortunately only one motion was up for consideration relating to a change to the Intermediate membership rules. This has been deferred to next year.

Forty ladies attended the Christmas lunch on Friday 10th December. Considering that the catering and bar staff were considerably depleted, I was very pleased with the meal and service offered. The cheerfulness and willingness of the staff seemed to be appreciated by those who attended and I have written to Stuart expressing my thanks for their hard work. There was a happy atmosphere and everyone joined in the quiz and other fun games on the day. I am grateful to all the Committee members for their assistance in making the day a success. The Hamper raffle raised £220 for the Perth & Kinross Foodbank and I would like to express my thanks to everyone who donated items for the hamper and those who bought tickets. The lucky winner was Janette Hamilton.

Following the latest Covid advice from the Scottish Government, the Hogmanay Party was cancelled and social distancing has been reintroduced in the clubhouse.

The mixed Texas Scramble held on 3rd January was well supported. For the first time for this sort of competition, live scoring via the Golf Genius app was used.

Gill Tissell
Ladies Captain

6. AOCB:

- **Alternate Date Tee Times** – LC clarified that any ladies wishing to play on the alternate competition days must ensure they play in one of the allocated tee times; they must play with another member but that does not require to be another lady member.
- **Ladies Get Together** – this is to take place on 18th March at 6pm. Following the meeting LC discussed the proposed fashion show with Neil Cameron; given the likely timing of his paternity absence Neil will speak to the Green Lamb representative to see if she would be willing to organise an event. This matter will be carried forward for discussion at the next committee meeting.
- **Sunday Winter League** – the next match will take place, at home, on 27th February. LC will put details and a sign-up sheet on the notice board by 21st January and also an entry on the blog.
- **Winter Ringer** – a number of ladies have completed additional cards, which SW and ER checked after the meeting. ER will seek the assistance of Sean Davidson to confirm the calculation of exact handicaps to be used, and cross checking of final results, in due course.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10th February 2022 at 2:00 pm.