

**NENE PARK GOLF CLUB  
LADIES SECTION**

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 28th January 2015  
Meeting started 1.00pm

Present: Vanessa Morris, Ann Hawkins; Nicky Plumtree; Barbara Bird; Myra Landsburgh

1. Apologies: Suzanne Jones
2. The Minutes of the last meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were approved with correction to a handicap review.
3. Matters Arising: One lady has had a handicap review - see Handicap Secretary's report.
4. a. Lady Captain's Report:

Ann reported that all was going well so far, with good attendances at both the Fruit and Nut and the 9 holes Leagues.

The New Year Texas Scramble was well supported with 15 teams taking part. The winners were Steve Watson, Mike Prince and John Wood; thanks go to Do Bagley and Suzanne Jones for help on the day. There was however some criticism from a small minority over the format, being "any combination." This may be re-considered for next year.

The fixture list for Feb- April will be sent out this week.

It was agreed that the Ladies match fees as agreed in the previous meeting will stay as £14.00 for home and away with £10.00 for those with playing membership: visitors will be charged £12.00

It was suggested that to ensure an even distribution of prize money, the Committee present vouchers for Medals and Stablefords at the end of the season, totalling all the entry fees for these events to ensure there would be no surplus of funds. Trophies up to Captain's Day would continue to be presented at the Captain's Day meal, the remainder at the Christmas meal with the Medal and Stableford awards.

Report from the Golf Committee that the Club will not hold a Mixed Open this year; there will be a new competition "The Danny Cameron Trophy" to be held later in August.

It is proposed that 2 new honours boards are to be installed in the Range at a cost of £370 each. There will be 3 New Men's Trophy competitions.

Ann also reported of the possibility of new Club shirts at a cost of approx. £16.00, there was nothing yet confirmed.

4. b. Report from Barbara Bird;  
Management Meeting update:

The Club Secretary Ray Palmer had retired, The Club would purchase a farewell gift: The position will be advertised to include courtesy of the course but no honorarium.

Club bag tags had been purchased and brochures detailing membership and benefits of the course are with the printers.

Members' swipe cards are "work in progress" the existing range cards will be used in the interim.

American Golf will be given details of renewing members so they can establish discount rates.

There is a possibility that The Woodman is to be refurbished but no confirmed details are available.

Orton Meadows: Men's white 1<sup>st</sup> tee will be moved to accommodate extension work at The Premier Inn.

The tenders have gone out for the re- construction of the Orton Rooms but no date has been fixed.

The Club web site will be re-written by Aaron Jones who will be also be able to maintain the site on an ongoing basis

5. Handicap Secretary's report: See last page
6. Treasurer's Report: None available
7. Secretary's Report:
  - a) Entries for the Ladies Opens have been received to date 4 for Thorpe Wood in May and 6 for the Orton Event in August.  
The secretary will send out details of the events to all the lady members with a request for offers of help at both events.
  - b) Barbara Bird had obtained a rough quote for 100 books but no decision was made at the meeting
  - c) The sign-up sheet for the Ladies Stocks Cup, Singles Knockout and Allen Rose Bowl along with the Captains' Mixed Knockout are being updated: also the Rules of Entry Red Books all will be made available within the next couple of weeks.

The Secretary asked the Committee if they wished that she continues to act as County Delegate as the next meeting would be on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: this was agreed. It was also noted that the County Secretary April Owens had resigned and the role was being done on a temporary basis by a previous Hon Sec Sue Butler.

#### 8. AOB

Vanessa advised that she and Nigel Alban had presented a cheque for £1889.00 to the East Anglian Air Ambulance this morning - a fantastic effort.

The meeting closed at 3.00pm

Next meeting approx. 1.00pm Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

### **Handicap Secretary's Report:**

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The meeting started by informing us that the merger vote for the Ladies was to take place at 7.00pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at Wellingborough. The Men's vote is taking place on the same day at Kettering.

The County Handicap Adviser, Ginny Jolliffe re-capped on handicap information and changes which took place in 2014 to bring everyone up to date.

We were encouraged to take into account non-qualifying competitions, 4BBB and other evidence that might be available on a player. It was thought a good idea to review Handicaps throughout the year and not just at the end of the year.

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