

**NENE PARK GOLF CLUB
LADIES SECTION**

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 26th August 2015

Meeting started 2.00pm

Present: Vanessa Morris, Ann Hawkins; Nicky Plumtree; Barbara Bird; Myra Landsburgh
Also present were Karen Martins; Rebecca Gregory; Sue Hansen

The meeting was preceded by an informal discussion with KM, RG and SH regarding their help with Committee duties for next year. Myra will be retiring as Handicap Secretary; Karen offered to shadow Myra for the rest of this season with the intention of taking on the role. Sue and Rebecca would help with roll ups and competitions ensuring monies paid are forwarded to the Treasurer in a co-opted non committee role.

These ladies left before the formal committee meeting started.

1. Apologies: None
2. The Minutes of the last meeting held July 16th were approved.
Matters arising from that meeting
 - a) The Ladies account now has 3 signatories, Colin Bagley along with Neil Crees and Nicky Plumtree can now sign individually. Neil Crees also has internet access. The cheque book currently remains with the NP Ladies Secretary. The 2014 Accounts were discussed and approved. The Ladies Secretary signed these as approved on behalf of the Committee.
Neil Crees, Club Treasurer, will now forward these to the Club auditors.
 - b) The use of the weekend slots have increased, but still not fully utilized.
It was proposed that Myra adjust the cut off time for entry to 48 hours before the playing date on the Howdidido site, therefore giving NVGS the opportunity to use the slots. The NVGS staff could monitor the time slots and if not filled use them for the general public. If ladies want to play at another time they will still have to book their own time and then advise the handicap sec of their intention to play.
 - c) The Club web-site is now operational, members can access fixture lists. The 2016 details have yet to be entered.
 - c) Ann has forwarded details of the Ladies fixtures to Nigel Alban to enter onto the system. There may have to be some adjustments once the NVGS bookings are confirmed.
 - d) Following the informal chat pre meeting, Myra will be able to give some guidance to KM & SH regarding how the handicaps and competitions are run. Barbara Bird has offered to take on the role of secretary once Nicky Plumtree stands down.
 - e) It was agreed not to offer visiting matches free pre match coffee/tea.

3) Lady Captain's Report:

Ann reported another very good month for the Ladies, with everything running smoothly. Roll ups and competitions have been well supported. The 3 Ball Alliance was also well supported, with thanks to the Granary for the use of their facilities.

Ladies Matches: we lost to Rutland Water 3-0 at Orton and $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ away at Thorney Lakes. The match meal at Thorney was Ham egg and chips at a cost of £6.50, match fee that day was set at just £8.00

The Ladies Academy was started on Sunday 16th August. Suzanne Dickens has spoken today with the ladies to inform them of how it all works. This is a pilot programme set up in conjunction with England Golf. The next one is due to take place on Saturday 12th September.

Ann advised that she was happy to inform the Committee that a Ladies Vice Captain has been found as Jocelyn Faris has agreed to take on these duties. Jocelyn is away on holiday and will be formally co-opted when she returns.

4) Handicap Secretary's Report:

There are some changes from CONGU which will take effect from January 1st 2016.

The 4BBB allowance will change from $\frac{3}{4}$ to 90%.

Supplementary scores may be returned from any GB&I Club of which the player is a member.

Category 2 players and above will be able to play 9 hole supplementary scores (subject to the course having a suitably measured 9 hole course status). This does apply at Thorpe Wood, but not Orton Meadows.

Ladies with handicaps above 28 may submit unlimited supplementary score cards (currently limited to 10)

5) Secretary's Report:

The 3 Ball Alliance proved very successful with 27 teams this year. A big thanks go to all who helped on the day and also those who provided cakes for the halfway house. The Granary was very obliging and appreciated the pre ordering of food from the menu. The Ladies did return a very small profit on the day. However, the committee suggested that the costings are adjusted for next year to bring some income into the ladies funds. The 2014 accounts have been adjusted to cover the costs of green fees unpaid on the details provided in November last. The balance carried forward to 2015 was £4684 and this figure has now been agreed by the Ladies Committee.

It is now very apparent that the ladies section can no longer subsidize Lady Captain's Day. In future, the ladies who play must pay their own green fees. The amount we take in from members has been reduced overall and with EG fees and County subs there is little left to cover running and IT costs .

We must ensure that match fees are adhered to as they provide a subsidy for home matches. The prize fund for competitions must allow for trophy engraving, the cost of which has increased this year.

A request has been received to extend the play by date for the mixed KO; this had been agreed by majority. The date for the Semi Final had been extended by 1 week to 28th Sept and the Final deadline also by 1 week to 12th October.

6) Management meeting update:

The Ladies section still owe a proportional cost towards the V1 system The figure of £400.00 was proposed and agreed, to be paid by the Ladies section .

There was concern over whether or not there would be suitable access to the system at Orton Meadows when the building work was complete. A computer screen would have to be shared with staff.

The cost of engraving from Hereward was more than anticipated. Nicky Plumtree had spoken with David Oxer (Hereward MD) regarding the invoice. He had advised that because of staff holidays and the urgency of the work he had needed to outsource some of the work. However, he agreed a fixed £7.00 per item cost for the rest of the year. Chris Naylor advised that he would confirm that applied to all trophies.

7) AOB:

The Ladies AGM is still in the diary for November 2015. The Ladies Secretary asked if we still need to hold this as at this time. The golf year was now up to the end of March and it may be that we have a joint meeting as part of the Club AGM sometime in Feb/March.

The ladies still need to ratify the 2014 Accounts and perhaps this could be done at an EGM prior to the Club meeting. There is also doubt as to where to hold this without incurring extra costs to the ladies section. This item is to be discussed further.

The meeting closed at 3.45pm

Proposed date for next meeting 7th October 2.0pm at The Granary.