

MINUTES OF MEETING OF APGC LADIES' COMMITTEE **16th January 2008 at 3.30 pm**

Present: Pam Kershaw, Pat Styles, Maureen Everett, Sue Hattam, June Jones, Sue Penhale, Mavis Hamilton, Linda Gibson, and Eleanor Trigell

Apologies for Absence: Margaret Chury

Minutes of Meeting held on 20th November 2007

Matters Arising:

Work on maintenance of the course and improvements to it are ongoing, especially when the weather allows. New member Fiona Ferney has been contacted.

The Foursomes competition took place successfully in spite of severe traffic problems on the day.

The Captains and Members' Committees have agreed that a brush-type shoe cleaner be placed near the exit from 18th green.

The greenkeepers would like to join in a competition with the members, preferably on a Friday. PS will try to arrange some dates to be taken before the next Captains' Committee Meeting. The format will be arranged on the day by the organizers. A mixed team (members/greenkeepers) was suggested at the Captains' Committee.

There has not been any volunteer to represent the club at EWGA.

A dropping zone has been placed at the bottom of the slope on the 13th for players whose balls land on the recently constructed path. It was asked by ME that clarification be sought from Robin on its use, especially at the top of the path by the copse

More paths are being improved. A suggestion was made that consideration be given to those who were carrying to shorten some of the walks, for example between the 6/7 and the 5/6 holes

It was noted that Sue Dixon has returned as a member.

Sue Hattam was warmly welcomed back as a member of the APGC ladies' Committee.

Diary for 2008:

PS addressed the meeting explaining that changes had to be made to the diary for which she apologised. The need for the many alterations was beyond her control. She will provide a list of the changes when they have been officially agreed.

Competitions and events

P.S. The Fun Competition Pat's Tee Party, 23rd January, over 9 holes, will be stableford off full handicap with the total of points for the 3 team members being added together to give winning scores. Each team will be given 4 tees, one each, to be used only once, with the spare being used only once by one team member. Prizes will be awarded.

Medals

PK explained the reasons for awarding medals/vouchers for the monthly medal competitions throughout the year and how she wanted to be sure that the policy, requested at the last AGM, of giving medal winners a higher profile, be carried out.

The winners of divisions 1 and 2 had a choice of Medal or voucher. She also reminded the committee that if fewer than 6 entered the competitions (Optimists, 9 hole Stableford or medals) prizes would not be awarded and money would be refunded.

Treasurer's Report

Mavis Hamilton announced that she would no longer be Treasurer after the AGM but that Alison Gardiner, who she would help over the first few months, was prepared to take over the job.

PK thanked MH for all her hard work on the committee especially during all the changes that have taken place and thanked her for arranging a replacement and supporting Alison as she settled into her new appointment.

Committee members will be asked to claim £5.00, £10.00 or £15.00 to cover their expenses.

As yet no money for the current year has been requested by the Pearson team.

MH presented a balance sheet and commented on the contents. It was expressed that there might be an opportunity to spend some of the No 2 account money if new "members only" facilities were built.

PSI Performance

At present there are no major problems, just occasional minor ones.

Website Performance

ET reported that in spite of all her efforts the website remained inaccessible to her.

Handicap Secretary

The new CONGU handicap book is available in the changing room as is "Decisions on the rules of golf". A meeting took place with the men's section. However, the new procedures for SS equalization shots could not be discussed because at that time they were not familiar with them. The ladies await future discussions.

The full difference in handicaps must now be allowed in singles and foursomes matchplay.

The gents committee reports, "The N/R issue has in the main been resolved. The gents are in effect operating as per the ladies and a notice clarifying the ruling is on display for the members". ME and PK were able for the first time to attend the meeting with the gents handicap committee; the Club Captain Pat Hayward has agreed to produce notes on the meeting which took place to discuss problems concerning all sections of the club. It was recounted that the men's problems are greater than those of the ladies.

Whenever a new handicap book is produced it is followed by a meeting which, on this occasion, was attended by PK, PS and ME.

M.E. continued by giving a report on the meeting.

In future supplementary scores should be submitted by those who play qualifiers fewer than 6 times in the previous year but could they be used as qualifiers? PK suggested ME could take more time to study the book and take forward problems related to mixed play to the next handicap committee meeting.

It was decided that Birdies in 9 hole competitions should be included on the birdie tree.

Club/Catering Issues

It was suggested that the caterers offered a "sandwich of the month" with a different filling.

The "Shabby" appearance of the furniture had been noted. The committee wondered if there was a time scale to the promises that have been made on the "members only" facilities and updating of furnishings.

Course Issues

ET requested a ramp for trolleys alongside the steps on the 13th.

AOB

JJ reported that a problem had arisen in the morning because the shop had given away the ladies' last tee time, a tee time that had already been allocated to late entries. It was felt that it would be best not to hand in names to the shop until the day before or the morning of the competition.

PK will leave a copy of the Foursomes Draw sheet in the locker room for JJ and MH.

LG reported that no new members had joined. After the AGM she will no longer be dealing with new members or be a member of the committee. PK thanked her for all she had done in setting up such a welcoming information pack.

The duty rota for weekends was discussed with SP, LG and JJ expressing the view that as 5-day members they should not be involved. Others held the view that as committee members they should take their share of the duties. It was decided that the subject should be addressed by the new Captain and committee but would remain the same for the present. PS agreed to produce a holiday list for the next quarter.

This was PK's last committee meeting. She thanked everyone for attending and committing themselves to such a long agenda. JJ thanked her for her hard work and commitment.

Pat Styles will arrange the date for the next committee meeting when the dates of the Members and Captains' Committees have been arranged.

The meeting closed at 5.50pm