

SBEDFORDSHIRE LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

JUNIORS' COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the meeting held at Leighton Buzzard Golf Club

On

Thursday 4th September 2008

Those Present

Cicely Goldsmith, Audrey Shuter, Vicki Astley, Brenda Davenport, Kathy Harris, Heather Nolan, Sue Paterson, Dave Sweetnam, Ann Taylor, Gill Westgate and Chris Sparks (EWGA).

Cicely welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

Mike Birdsey and Maureen Dawson.

2. Matters arising from the previous meeting (12/06/08)

2.1 Photo forms - it was agreed that all original forms will be kept by Cicely for one year. All Event forms will be destroyed after each event.

3. Competitions

3.1 Dave has arranged the following for 2009:-

Sunday 12 April Past Captain's Salver at Tilsworth 2.00pm

Sunday 5 July Fun Day at Stockwood Park (tbc)

Sunday 12 July Championship at Dunstable Downs 1.30pm

3.2 Sue will contact Beadlow Manor as the 2009 venue for the Adult/Junior Foursomes. More entrants are needed for this year and the girls will be reminded at the next County match on 7th. It was agreed that the entry form for this event should also be in the Ladies "Yellow" book.

Action SP

3.3 Gill will have further discussions at the CJO meeting about the format of the final meeting of the Junior County matches. The teams will play 8 singles and the order play has been already been agreed.

Action GW

3.4 Gill suggested that 2 additional stableford competitions be arranged in May and September. Also a Junior Ladder could be set up with the girls making a minimum of 3 challenges in the playing year. Gill put forward a suggestion that clubs give the girls a "passport" to allow 3 visits to other county clubs. Gill will put the ideas together and present them at the next meeting.

Action GW

3.5 The full results of the Inter County Shield can be seen on the web and Molly Thorne and Sophie Hillier had done well.

3.6 It was thought that the Junior Midlands events would not be taking place in 2009. Kathy will check the East Region minutes for further information. **Action KH**

4. Correspondence

4.1 Sophie Hillier has sent a thank you card for the £25.00 grant.

4.2 Cicely and Lesley May had been invited to attend the Junior County Match Week hosted by Hertfordshire. It had been very well organised with Berks, Bucks, Hants and Oxon taking part. The 2009 week has already been booked at Mentmore but it was agreed that Beds did not want to take part as noted in item 8 in the last meeting.

4.3 Cicely had completed the County Safeguarding Audit with the help of Heather. Heather will also be producing a Child Protection Policy Booklet for 2009.

5. Coaching

5.1 EWGA Training

The Evaluation report compiled by Chris had already been distributed. Mike had commented that it was disappointing that Bedfordshire had missed out on Eagle training. Chris explained that current funding was only available until March 2009. She planned to organise 2 sessions before then. In November to include physio, circuit training and range work. In February sessions to include indoor activities and rules and etiquette. Once funding has been agreed with Sport England further sessions in April or May with on course management can be organised. Chris also offered to run psychologist sessions. It was agreed that the juniors could be invited to attend similar sessions run for the ladies.

Chris was hopeful that 2 juniors from Bedfordshire would be able to take part in the planned eagle training which was for girls between 14 and 17. Gill felt that 15/16 year olds were being left out.

5.2 County Training

It was agreed that the Elite squad should be given indoor training and Chris will get some information about the Cambridge facilities.

Paul Simpson's training has been successful but Gill suggested that short stints on the driving range and on the course would be useful in the cold weather. We will also try to source some training DVD's and Chris explained that some of the England players are planning to produce one. She will keep us informed.

Geraint was willing to take another class and was already doing work with Bedford schools. It is hoped that the proposed Golf Partnership will give guidance on the disjointed work done by pros in schools.

Cicely thanked Chris for her help and Chris left the meeting.

6. Grants

6.1 Mike has applied for the coaching grant.

6.2 Any excess from the grants given for the Fun Day and Adult/Junior event may be utilised for training.

6.3 Costings for the birdie training were discussed and there appeared to be some anomalies with the figures presented in Chris's report. Ann and Cicely will check into this to resolve.

Action AT/CG

7. Matches

7.1 The team has been agreed for the match on Sunday at Gog Magog GC against Cambs & Hunts. Post meeting note:- County Colours were presented to Molly Thorne & Nicola Dennison.

8. CJO Meeting Report

As there has not been a recent meeting there was no report.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 EWGA Silver Tee Award – it is not clear what 'higher education' actually means so Cicely will check to determine if any of our juniors are eligible.

Action CG

9.2 Cecilia Holden has offered to take a course management evening. It was agreed that a Sunday afternoon in January would be a good time. This could be combined with a rules and etiquette talk by Margaret Watchorn. Cicely will talk to Cecilia and Margaret to fix a date. Beds & Co GC was agreed as a good venue and Gill and Heather will book this once a date is agreed.

Action CG/GW/HN

9.3 Junior Handbook

Changes agreed:-

- i. mobile number to be entry form
- ii. Inside front cover to have previous year's results
- iii. Email of committee and helpers to be listed
- iv. Back page to have sponsor information instead of parental guidance notes

Everyone was asked to pass ideas and information to Heather. It is hoped to have the booklets ready for January so the deadline is the end of November.

Action ALL

10. Date and Venue of next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd October 2008 at The Bedfordshire GC starting at 19.30. The meeting closed at 21.45.

Cicely thanked everyone and the Leighton Buzzard GC for their hospitality.