

BEDFORDSHIRE LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

JUNIORS' COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the meeting held at Bedfordshire Golf Club

On

Wednesday 14th January 2009

Those Present

Cicely Goldsmith, Maureen Dawson, Vicki Astley, Kathy Harris, Gill Westgate, Mike Birdsey Heather Nolan, Sue Paterson, Brenda Davenport and Sharon Allen.

Cicely welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

Dave Sweetnam, Audrey Shuter, Ann Taylor, Victoria Walley and Chris Sparks (EWGA).

2. Matters arising from the previous meeting (25/11/08)

2.1 Katie Burman was pleased to accept the Captaincy for 2009.

2.2 The suggestion of an 'East Region' team for Junior County week was not accepted.

2.3 Lesley May took the old Midland Trophies to the EWGA AGM.

2.4 Lizi Sweetnam and her brother were 5th in the Costa del Sol competition.

2.5 It was agreed that the 5½ size shoes, donated by Holly, should be auctioned via the web site and Gill will speak to Cecilia. **Action GW**

3. Competitions

3.1 Vikki has a meeting planned at Stockwood Park to go over the arrangements for the Fun Day on 5th July. **Action VA**

3.2 It was agreed that the entry criteria for the Past Captain's Salver must be discussed with Dave. The suggestion was that girls with a 'club' handicap would be able to play but off a 36 handicap. **Action CG/DS**

3.3 Sue Patterson will contact Beadlow to confirm the booking for 4th October. **Action SP**

4. Correspondence

4.1 Cicely has received an email from Eva Harris about the Champion of Champions competition. This will be held at Cotgrove on the 12/13th September and each county will contribute £30.00 toward expenses.

5. Coaching

5.1 Gill has set up four groups – ‘skills’ for beginners, ‘on the course’ for improvers, the low handicap girls will join the County squad sessions and 6 girls will attend the ‘birdies’ training. Gill will email dates for the ‘birdies’ training to the participants. **Action GW**

5.2 Gill has drawn up a spreadsheet, which also includes competitions and matches. The committee added their names to events where they were able to help to the end of April. Gill will email a revised copy. **Action GW**

5.3 Sue has spare clubs that can be made available for any girls.

6. Grants

6.1 The dates for submitting forms to EWGA/Trust are March 23rd, 15th June and 29th September. For the first submission Mike will ensure forms are sent out in good time so that they can be returned for Cicely’s signature before being returned to EWGA. Individual grants for travel and/or coaching will be applied for in March. **Action MB**

6.2 Mike gave the criteria for grant application to Gill so she can incorporate it in the database to make sure all girls apply for all applicable grants and are recorded centrally. **Action GW**

6.3 Mike will use the 2008 figures to apply for the Development grants. Although no paperwork has yet been received for the ‘non handicap’ grants it was agreed that as Gill plans to run 4 sessions each year £400 would be required. **Action MB**

7. Matches

7.1 Gill has two sets of kit available, however one set are small sizes and these could be given out to participants of coaching/training sessions. It was suggested that if the girls were to buy their county tops it might be an incentive to have their name embroidered on the back at the County’s cost. Gill will speak to Jos and Lesley about obtaining new kit.

7.2 Gill will organise games for the Junior Teams before the first match and the County Championship. It is hoped that this will also help the girls to bond into an even better team. **Action GW**

8. Report from CJO Meeting

County Matches

It was agreed that the matches would be played with 6 girls to a team. 3 matches would be played separately and at the Jamboree the remaining matches would be played in 3s – playing 2 matches at a time. Using the original match schedule, Gill had worked out a system and this was adopted. Bedfordshire will therefore be playing as follows:

Match expenses – some Counties offer traveling expenses to parents. Some CJO's had an honorarium, others claimed out-of-county expenses. Some gave a gratuity to clubs for matches – others did not.

District Council grants – some parents had been successful in claiming.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 Heather had previously circulated the proposed Constitution for the Junior Section. Several changes were agreed and she will circulate the revised document for approval. Cicely thanked Heather for producing this. **Action HN**

9.2 Heather will check with Ann if the County insurance covers all the Junior's Trophies. **Action HN**

9.3 There is still some work to be done to complete the 2009 Handbook and it was hoped that this would be ready by 8th February.

9.4 Heather explained that the Duty of Care statement is 'work in progress'.

9.5 Maureen and Gill will complete the 'Consent Form' pack. **Action MD/GW**

9.6 Cicely was pleased to say that the County Partnership has been formed and Cecilia Holden is Secretary and Pippa Willis is the Treasurer. Paul Simpson is also on the committee.

9.7 Cicely will meet with the County Executive committee to discuss the proposed dates and venues for 2010. **Action CG**

10. Date and Venue of next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th March 2009 at Leighton Buzzard GC starting at **19.00.**

The meeting closed at 21.05.