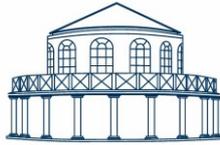


BELTON WOODS



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BELTON WOODS GOLF CLUB LADIES' SECTION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES - TUESDAY 9 JANUARY 2018 AT 7:30PM

Officers Present:

Liz Moses	Lady Captain
Elaine Lilley	Honorary Lady Secretary
Becky Foster	Honorary Lady Handicap & Competition Secretary
Julie White	Honorary Lady Treasurer

Committee Present:

Susan Raynor	Committee Member
Stephanie Lee	Committee Member

Members Present:

Anne Meadows	Shirley King	Diane Sharpe
Lorraine Robertson	Christine Birkett	Kathy Donnelly
Pat Hawcroft	Ken Claxon	Jennifer Hallett
Lesley Perrin	Iain Fulton	Bruce Foster
Paul Perrin	Helle Fentem	Frances Tucker
Jacqui Francis	Hnin Shein	Gaynor Daykin
Jan Machin	Ailsa Lines	Trudi Galloway
Caroline Hills	Yvonne Walker	Joan Alton
Melita Copley	Ben Skeet	John Harrison
Andrew Richardson	Seamus Coen	

1. Apologies

Apologies were received by; Kim Davies, Linda Tytherley, Elisabeth Isles, Chris Reynolds, Gail Cowan, Kerry Hunter, Bev Warner, Jane Forbes, Wendy Stewart, Ray Woodcock, Ted Morris, David Toule, Frances Donaghy, Pat Hall, Susan Taylor, Connor Bungay, Judi Downard, Steffi Hey, Pat Welsh, Jan Thurlow, Fiona Illingsworth, Rita Cooper, Donna Knight, Ginny Dixon.

The Lady Captain welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. LM reminded everyone to sign the attendance sheet and switch off mobile phones.

2. Minutes of previous AGM (10 January 2017)

LM reported that the Agenda for this meeting and the minutes from last year's meeting have been made available via the noticeboards, the website, and emailed to all Ladies. Extra copies have been made available tonight on the chairs along with the financial accounts for the period ending November 2017. Copies of the proposals that have been submitted have also been made available in advance of this meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record, and duly signed by the Lady Captain.

3. Matters Arising

LM asked members present if there were any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting 10 January 2017.

There were no matters arising.

4. Lady Captain's report

Captain Bruce, General Manager Seamus Coen, Hotel Representatives Ben Skeet, Iain Fulton, Past Captain Harry, Lady Members and guests, welcome to the Ladies Section AGM and thank you all for making time to join us this evening. I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve you as Captain since October 2016 and have very much enjoyed my time in office. I should like to congratulate Past Captains Harry, Ray and Ted on their very successful year in harness and wish Bruce, David and Connor all the very best for 2018. I should like to thank Trudi and Steph for their efforts in organising and captaining our league teams this year. Thank goodness that we were not in the situation of having both teams in the same league division and we were able to concentrate on beating the opposition, not our friends! Congratulations to Trudi and Steph, and all those players who so ably represented the Belton Woods Ladies Teams during the season. Both teams maintained their respective positions in divisions 1 and 3, and this year will get to visit some interesting golf courses, with the B team now in the same division as Woodhall Spa, Boston, and of course our old enemies Belton Park, whilst the A team will meet Toft, The Lincolnshire and Canwick Park. Good luck to all the players and thank you to all who have played in the league matches this year: your commitment is much appreciated.

My personal thanks go to everyone who supported our friendly fixtures this year. Anyone with an active handicap can put their names down for these matches and it's a great opportunity to see some different courses, learn about match play, and have a good day out whilst representing the section. We have had a very good year, with either wins or draws, with the exception of our match against Stoke Rochford. I was extremely pleased to lead our team to victory in the 4 way challenge, a match against Greetham Valley, Spalding and Melton Mowbray, which was played on the undulating course of Melton Mowbray. This year the team will be at Spalding to defend our honour and hopefully retain the trophy.

Thanks must also go to Julie and Chris White for their organisation of the mixed friendly matches. Ladies, in case you are unaware, we hold 7 friendly mixed matches on Sundays throughout the year, both home and away. If you are interested in taking part keep an eye on the notice board next to the computer and sign up when the notices go up.

The Mixed Open, held on May 1st, was well supported by both members and non-members. Thanks to Wendy Stewart for her hard work in setting up the day and attracting entries from many golf clubs. The entry forms for this year are already published and have been forwarded to you by email: may I ask you all to contact your friends and acquaintances and see if you can persuade them to join us on May 7th.

Past Captains Day was held on Thursday June 1st, once again organised by Jane and George Forbes. On this occasion the winner of the Ladies trophy was Lorraine Robertson, on a bit of a roll in 2017. Congratulations to all who took part.

Other notable events this year included our away weekend at the Cambridgeshire, organised wonderfully as always by Pat Hawcroft. The venue proved disappointing, with noisy rooms and the golf course alongside the busy A14. The hotel also messed up our meal arrangements, but thanks to quick work by Pat Welsh, compensated us with free wine all evening, which went a long way to cheering us all up! Ladies Invitation was a lovely day in May, with 36 members and friends enjoying good golf and camaraderie and an excellent meal afterwards in Stantons. Lady Captain's day was again blessed by favorable weather-well it didn't rain, and everyone dressed appropriately for my theme "Pretty in Pink". Thanks to everyone who helped to make these days special for me.

This year Harry and I decided to support one charity, the Rainbows Hospice in Loughborough. We organised a joint Charity day in July which was blessed by no rain and a great turn out. I am pleased to announce that we have raised £8200 over the course of the year and will be presenting a cheque to Jess Dixon from Rainbows shortly.

In July we managed to re-instate a "Nine and Dine" competition, followed by a golf quiz. A fun evening was enjoyed by all participants and the quiz proved challenging, although the delicious fish and chips in the Claret Jug helped to sweeten the pill. We were unable to play our annual fixture against the Staff but managed to play against the Seniors in September. Fielding 6 pairs we came out on top, winning 3 & ½ to 2 ½. However, the Men proved formidable opposition and also tried their best to nobble us by finishing in the dark! We lost that match 2 ½ to a ½ unfortunately! We also participated in "The Match", an annual game involving Seniors, Juniors, Men and Ladies. This year the Men won, just beating the juniors. We did, however, manage to don our Christmas pullovers and hats to play with the seniors in "The Greenkeepers revenge", a strange game involving impossible pin positions with a choice on the 18th, and an old fashioned wood for the straightest/longest drive.

I must also mention the Putt and Take competitions, and our Christmas meal following Saturday's game. Thirty one ladies sat down to enjoy the delicious carvery turkey Christmas lunch in Stantons and I should like to thank Seamus for the generous gesture of a bottle of wine per table. The staff in the Claret Jug, and in Stantons have looked after us admirably during the year, and we and our visitors have enjoyed the meals provided. Seamus, please would you pass our thanks on to all those concerned and also to Nikki, Kim and the girls on leisure reception, who always help when we need something done in our changing rooms. Well done to all those ladies who have represented Belton Woods in nationwide competitions. I know Becky will mention you as well, but particular congratulations go to Lesley and Val, who fought through all the knock-out rounds to get to the final rounds of the Daily Mail Foursomes at the Marriott St Pierre, Chepstow, and especially to Chris Reynolds, who represented Great Britain in the World Transplant Games, winning a silver medal in the process.

My thanks must go to Ben, Brad, Josh and your other helpers in the shop. You are always so unfailingly helpful with advice, collecting money and soothing the captain's fevered brow! Please pass on our thanks to the starters and marshal who are always so welcoming to the ladies. Andy - you and your team are such a credit to the hotel. The courses have been immaculate this year and without exception our visitors have commented favourably on the condition of the courses. Iain, we thank you for your support and in return we are happy to help you in whatever way we can in your initiatives to bring children and young people into the game, as well as welcoming any new ladies into the section.

Finally, I must thank all the Ladies committee for their help and support during the year. Thanks must go to Elaine for all her hard work as Honorary Secretary, preparing all the paperwork for the AGM and all our meetings and to Julie for her work as Treasurer. Becky, you have done an amazing job this year as our Handicap and Competition Secretary. I don't know how you find the time to do everything, although I'm sure that it helps that Bruce is also so occupied in the club! You have always been at hand to advise me, putting competitions on How Did I Do, sorting out qualifying criteria, checking cards and doing whatever has been required. Thank you so much. Sue: you have done wonderfully with our website and Facebook page. Thanks also to Pat Welsh for getting the trophies sorted this year, to Steph for her league organisation, and of course to my vice-captain, Lesley.

There have been some sad and some happy occasions during my time in office. Sadly, Trish Dawson was diagnosed with lung cancer at the beginning of the year and passed away in July. Other ladies have had operations, and we look forward to seeing Pat Hall back in action come the spring. And in case anyone hasn't heard the good news: Kylie and Fiona have become parents of Lachlan James, who came into this world unexpectedly early, weighing 3lbs 6 oz, on Friday. I'm sure that you will all join with me in wishing them many congratulations. I had intended to send flowers from the section, but Kylie requested a donation to Bliss, the premature baby charity, so I have sent £25 from the section. I hope you will agree with this gesture?

Before I finish, I must thank Harry Harrison, last year's Men's captain, and my partner in crime! Harry, you have always been there for me, supporting all the mixed competitions and mixed friendly matches and I have known that I could always rely on you for whatever I needed. Please thank Jackie for being so understanding and lending me her husband on so many precious weekends.

In conclusion, Ladies, thank you all for all your help and support this year. You are a great section and I am proud to have had the opportunity of leading you. May I wish you all the very best for your golf in 2018. Lesley, I hope you have a wonderful year as captain of the Belton Woods Ladies Section! I wish you all the very best for your time in office and hope you will enjoy it as much as I have done.

Would you like to come up now and receive your badge as Lady Captain?

5. Honorary Secretary's report

Good evening:

Lady Captain Liz; Treasurer Jules; Handicap & Competition Secretary Becky; Committee Ladies; Men's Captain Bruce; Hotel Management Seamus & Ben; Andy Richardson Greenkeeper and all of you Ladies from the Belton Woods Ladies Golf Section.

I'm very pleased to be here with you tonight having represented you for my second year as your section secretary.

I can report that it has been a busy year for the section and the committee. We have met monthly and we have dealt with a range of matters which include events, presentation nights, finances and handicap systems. All of the minutes for the year are in the folder in the ladies changing room.

As we conclude the year of business for our committee at the end of 2017 I can report that all matters we have been engaged with have been concluded and we shall move into 2018 ready to take on all that it brings for our reshuffled Committee.

I have attended the liaison meeting with the men and once again I want to report to you how much consideration the men give to us, our section and the juniors, so thank you to Bruce and his Committee for their help and support to us and our game.

It has been an enjoyable year and we have seen our section grow. There are in excess of 90 ladies listed on our contact sheet and we have seen increases in participation in the competitions and at our events.

I have enjoyed very much representing you this year, here at our club and at County meetings where I feel we have a presence and a good reputation for teams and you Ladies. This year we had some really good shout outs for Daily Mail, Aussie Spoons and indeed our own Megan who also had a success this year and was mentioned at the County AGM.

We are recognized for our courses by other ladies and this year again it has been amazing for us to have such brilliant facilities – thank you so much to the hotel and the greenkeepers, an amazing job for which we are grateful. Especially on days like ladies invitation when you bring other ladies here and feel very proud of our hotel and courses.

Last year, I invited you all to get more involved in the section, support and offer help, many of you did and thank you for that. Please can I remind you of that request – many hands make for a very successful golf section – an old Irish proverb!

I want to pay tribute to Becky for all of the work she has done as handicap sec, this is a most demanding role and I think Becky has worked so hard to ensure we have everything we need. I want to also thank all other committee members for their work and their help to me over the year – it has been as much socially fun as hard work!

My last comments are about Liz. She has been completely dedicated to the section this year, ensuring every detail is checked and that we all have the best experience that she can create for us to play our golf or join in socially for some fun and relaxation. A great job Liz and I know we all thank you for your commitment to our section this year.

Thank you for putting up with me and thanks for this super opportunity to represent you this year, thanks to everyone that has responded to a request from me and helped me to do my job in support of our section.

As I handover to a new secretary and we have an officer shuffle I think we are in a great place and I look forward to spending time with you all in competition, fun and friendship. Good luck to the new officers.

6. Honorary Treasurer's report

Welcome Lady Captain Liz, Vice Captain Lesley and committee members, Thank you all for coming this evening.

I hope you have all had a chance to look at the financial accounts for the year ending November 2017. I would once again like to thank Pauline Brumhead for another great job in auditing the accounts for us, it is very much appreciated.

As you can see the financial situation is still fairly stable with income and expenditure very much balancing each other out. We have however made a profit this year with more ladies taking part in competitions increasing for club competition (as you can see, income from competitions in 2016 was £3764.00 but in 2017 it has increased to £5569.00 showing that we made £1895.00 more from competition, this has enabled us to be able to increase the prizes for presentation night, this shows that we paid out more in 2017 totalling at £3016.00 against 2016 prizes of £2210.00).

It has been nice to see more ladies joining in, especially on a Saturday as this was not as busy as a Wednesday. That said please do continue to support the section.

If anyone has any questions regarding the accounts, I will be more than happy to try to answer them.

Could I also please ask all ladies entering competitions, when putting monies into the envelopes to continue CLEARLY marking the envelopes with your name, date, competition played and amount paid before sealing and putting into lady's competition box.

7. Honorary Competition Secretary's report

Firstly, I would like to thank the committee members and the ladies section for your kind words of support when I was co-opted onto the committee into this role in October. Thank you also Glenn for your advice and guidance.

I have done some homework and a bit of number crunching in order that I could provide some information regarding last year's competition and performance.

Wednesday's competitions again appear to be more supported than Saturdays, although as of late we seem to have a few more ladies playing on Saturdays, the Putt & Take being extremely well supported and both days for the Winter Challenge have equal pairs entering.

16 pairs entered the Hardy's Challenge this winter. I am pleased to note that so far, all the matches have taken place within the deadlines and congratulations go to those who have progressed beyond the first round.

The Par Bar was again a great success. The signing up sheet for this year is on the notice board.

As far as the external competitions go – congratulations to those ladies who won their qualifying round and went on to represent Belton Woods at other courses.

- Daily Mail Foursomes – Jackie Wilson & Wendy Stewart
- Coronation Foursomes – Julie White and Pat Haynes
- Ping – Gaynor Daykin and Kylie Bullimore
- Aussie Spoons – Lorraine Robertson & Gaynor Daykin
- EWGA Medal pairs – Trudi Galloway & Julie White

I am aware also ladies have had their own successes in various opens around the county and they should also be congratulated. Not forgetting Steph Lee in achieving a hole in one in July – well done. I am sure you all enjoyed your days out and hopefully will all be entering the competitions again this year.

Finally, I would like to announce the winner of the EWGA Club Medal for 2016 (this result is determined by the lady who returns the lowest aggregate of 4 nett scores during the year). The winner is then eligible to compete in Regional Medal Finals next year, the grand final being May/June.

Congratulations, the winner is Julie White. If Lady Captain Liz could present Julie with her memento.

Handicap Secretary's Report

As always, we can lose a few members each year but this year we welcome back a lady who has relocated and rejoined us. We also have 10 new ladies who have joined us this year, several of which only recently joined, and I am pleased to see are already actively taking part in competitions.

The annual handicap review took place in December and all ladies who were affected have been notified. The details of the review are on the notice board. A total of 23 ladies reduced their handicaps during 2016.

New Requirement for England Golf

England Golf has announced a new requirement from 2017.

- Players are to return all scores in Non Qualifying Competitions

This is to assist with handicap reviews. It does not mean the scores will directly affect a player's handicap but may be used as supporting evidence of their performance when it comes to a handicap review.

- Scores should be returned in all singles, Am Am, 4BBB and team competitions except for Texas Scrambles and Greensome competitions.

It is also a requirement that Clubs return the scores of the top 5 places in Open Competitions to the player's home club.

Discussions within the committee will take place on how these scores are going to be recorded.

A copy of the letter from England Golf is available if anyone would like to read it.

BF presented the England Golf medal to Lady Captain Liz Moses. Well done on a great year for your medal results.

8. Hotel Management report

The first report was given by Ben Skeet.

BS reported that this had been a positive year for golf and for the hotel. The revenue year on year had increased, although the hotel had slightly missed their budgets. This year they will be working hard to maintain a positive financial position and hit budgets. There has been a small drop in golf membership numbers, the club are intending to reverse that negative position by recruiting new members. There will be an incentive scheme for existing members who secure referrals.

The two courses are in fantastic condition, this has been constantly echoed by members. The courses have stood up to the winter weather and BS thanked Andy Richardson and his team for all of their hard work.

Ben confirmed that work had been completed on 19 tee boxes in time for the spring season, this included some Ladies tee boxes. The hotel would have liked to improved more ladies tee boxes, at this point it is not possible but as part of an ongoing project it will happen.

BS wanted to personally thank his team, including the marshalls and the summer staff who have all been a credit to Ben and helped him enormously. He thanked Iain and Ken for their work, especially with the juniors and reported that we have more juniors in the club with active handicaps than ever before.

BS thanked the Lady Members and the Committee for their hard work and said that everyone was a credit to the section and the hotel. He commented on the amount of hours that the Ladies put in, which was not unnoticed, and is why everything ran so smoothly. He also thanked both ladies teams and said they had put in a fantastic effort this year, they were a credit to the hotel and the league. He also wanted to make special reference to Val, Lesley and Christine for their achievements. He congratulated both team captains and their teams for representing Belton Woods this year.

Lastly, BS wanted to thank Lady Captain Liz who has shown great dedication to the section this year, he said she was a credit to the Ladies and the Hotel and generally had done a brilliant job. BS welcomed incoming Captain Lesley and said that he and his team were there to support her.

The second report was given by Andrew Richardson.

AR thanked LM, the Committee and Lady Members for their support and understanding over this last year on the golf course. AR welcomed Lesley as the new Lady Captain. He thanked Brian, his deputy and all his staff for their hard work. He said they are a team who all pull together with new ideas and enjoy working at Belton Woods. Andy also thanked Ben and Seamus for their help and support especially for achieving the capital expenditure to improve the courses. AR stated we are very lucky to have Seamus, as a keen golfer and an asset to the club.

It was a good start to the year with nice weather throughout Spring and Summer. However, autumn was disappointing affecting the condition of the Greens. AR reported on changes in regulations over chemicals which is not affecting us too much but continually changing the way we do things.

Going forward, we are hoping to do more refurbishment on the Ladies tees, a number of bunkers have been improved and changed this year, there is more tree planting to be done and we are expecting more machinery from the investment that was secured.

AR wished everyone a Happy New Year, and Happy Golfing.

The third report was from Seamus Coen.

SC reported on a very strong year for the hotel achieving an additional £600,000 of sales. It has also been a great year for service, nationally positioned at 12th. The hotel hope to improve this position over the next year. We have been fortunate with the weather and the capital expenditure money. SC reported that we are getting to know the new owners, and they are getting to know us. The increase in sales puts us in a good position for further investment.

SC thanked the ladies for supporting events, the feedback has been good, and the hotel is keen to do more this year especially driving social aspects which impact on membership. Seamus acknowledged how well the ladies' teams have excelled this year, especially having representatives in the Daily Mail finals and the Olympics. The two League teams and their Captains have represented us in great manner and should be proud of what they have achieved. Lady Captain Liz has been a brilliant credit to the section and kept us all on our toes, we had great participation at presentation night and it is a pleasure to be here with you tonight.

LM invited questions from the floor.

A question was asked by Christine Birkett to SC.

“Thank you for positive things over the year, however, what about the changing rooms, what is to be done to improve them, can we have lockers, could we have more room?”

SC replied, he will report back within 3-4 weeks through liaison with the Ladies' Section Committee.

9. Election of Officers and Committee Members

LM reminded ladies of the proposals for election of Officers and Committee Members, as follows

Lady Captain –	Lesley Perrin
Vice Captain –	Pat Welsh
Honorary Secretary –	Susan Raynor
Honorary Treasurer –	Jules White
Honorary Handicap & Competition Secretary –	Becky Foster
Ex Officio Member and Past Captain -	Liz Moses
Committee Member	Jacqui Francis
Committee Member	Gail Cowan
Committee Member	Elaine Lilley

Stephanie Lee was elected in 2016 for a three year term and therefore does not need to stand again for re-election.

LM called the room to a mass vote for the above proposed election of Officers and Committee Members. She asked for objections, she asked for abstentions.

There were no objections or abstentions.

LM presented the Lady Captain's badge to Lesley Perrin.

LP thanked LM for all her hard work and doing an excellent job for the previous year. LP presented LM with flowers from the ladies as a gesture of thanks.

LP said she was looking forward to working with the ladies, she does work full time and therefore may not be around on Wednesday's but promises to be there as much as she can and bring great energy and enthusiasm to the role.

LP announced that her charity for the year is Dementia UK, she explained that her mother has Dementia and it is a heart-wrenching illness to experience. She has created diaries for the ladies, which will be available for £1 each if anyone would like them, with all proceeds going to the charity.

It is noted at this point that the Vice Captain's badge would be presented to Pat Welsh, however she is currently abroad. PW will be presented when she returns later this week.

LP presented LM with the past Captain's badge.

EL was then presented with flowers and chocolates and thanked for her work as Honorary Secretary for the past two years.

10. Proposals (duly proposed and seconded), submitted 14 days prior to the AGM

LM explained the process for proposals and outlined proposal 1.

Proposal 1

Following CONGU's decision to change the maximum handicap to 54 for both ladies and men, we propose that all existing trophy competitions run by the ladies' section, with the exception of the Director's Trophy (Ladies) and the Secretary's Shield (Ladies), should be subject to a maximum handicap of 36 for ladies and 28 for men. Players should play from the designated competition tees, ie White, Yellow or Red. If players have higher handicaps they may still play but must adhere to the stated competition limits. The Director's Trophy and the Secretary's Shield will be open to players with handicaps 30-54.

Proposer: Liz Moses

Secunder: Becky Foster

LM asked the room if there were any questions with regards to the Proposal 1, there were no questions.

LM called the room to a vote and asked all in favour to raise their hands.

All agreed

There were no objections or abstentions.

Proposal Carried

Proposal 2

The proposal stems from the decision of the AGM in January 2016 to make all Stableford Competitions non-qualifiers from December to March inclusive. Many ladies are looking to get their handicaps down prior to the start of league matches and are eager to be eligible to be chosen for the A and B teams. By changing the March stableford competition to a qualifier this would give ladies such an opportunity. The committee therefore lays the following proposal on the table:

Following the change to our handbook, agreed at the AGM of January 2016, that all Stableford Competitions should be non-qualifying from December to March inclusive, the committee thinks that this is too long a period of time. We therefore would like to submit the following proposal: That Stableford competitions between December and February inclusive should be non-qualifying competitions. This will enable ladies to play a qualifier in March prior to the start of the league matches.

Proposed: Becky Foster

Seconded: Liz Moses

LM asked the room if there were any questions with regards to the Proposal 2, there were no questions.

LM called the room to a vote and asked all in favour to raise their hands.

All agreed

There were no objections or abstentions.

Proposal Carried.

11. Any other business

Ladies were made aware of the away weekend run by Pat Hawcroft which will take place on the 5 & 6 August this year. There are currently two available places. LM requested that if anyone else is interested please see Pat. Pat was made known to the group.

LM Thanked everyone and wished a safe journey home.

The AGM closed at 8.30pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____

LADY CAPTAIN – LESLEY PERRIN