

**RETFORD GOLF CLUB – LADIES SECTION**  
**Minutes of the 88th Ladies Annual General Meeting**  
**Held in the Clubhouse, Ordsall, Retford**  
**On Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup> 2017**

45 ladies attended the meeting.

The Lady Captain, Pat Stirling, chaired the meeting.

**Apologies:** 20 ladies signed the apologies sheet.

**Confirmation of the 2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the 87th AGM, held on Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 had been previously circulated and were accepted as a true record (proposed by Lin Tongue and seconded by Anne Jordan) and signed by the Lady Captain.

**Matters Arising** - none

**Lady Captain's Report**

Pat reminded us that on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> it was pouring with rain so the Captains hit old balls up the fairway and ran back inside and in her own words "she knew it could only get better"

Meet Your Captain was very enjoyable with lots of good wishes for the coming year

The 3 Open Days were very successful and raised about £300 for the Charities.

The Away Day was at Renishaw Park, again with wet weather, but good golf and good food.

In July it was Captains' Charity Day which raised over £2000 for Harefield Hospital and Canine Partners. Thanks to all who contributed to this day.

Lady Captain's Day in September was notable for 5 ladies holing out in the putting competition and the "puut off" was won by Cynthia. The Captain's Prize was won by Angie Dyer.

Thanks to Mr Captain, Mr Vice and husband Dave for all their help

The Ladies Interclub Final was held on Sept 11<sup>th</sup> at Wollaton Park and Pat watched the Retford team defeat Trent Lock and retain the title'

On finals weekend she refereed the finals of the 2 Ladies KOs Kathie Buzzeo and Barbara Burton beat Kim Vardy and Bryony Pettifor in the Hilary Kay Butler Trophy and in the singles Silver Jubilee Trophy Kathie beat Anne Jordan

In closing Pat thanked the Committee for their help, particularly Barbara, Janet and Pat Ticehurst as they have finished their terms of office, Keran for her invaluable help as Past Captain and Belinda who is stepping down as Lady Secretary after being on the committee for 23 years.

Thanks also to all the ladies who help the halfway house be such a success and finally, thanks Sue for being Captain 2018.

## **Lady Secretary's Report**

Belinda reported that we have had no new lady members which is quite worrying, but not uncommon. We have more ladies playing 10 holes rather than 18 and Sue will say a little more about this later on. Open Day entries much better this year, raising more money for our section and the Club.

Thanks to Janet Bealby, Helen Dean and Angie Dyer for helping out with the very rushed organizing of the Mixed Open.

Invitation Day was supported better, so is in the diary for next year – June 29<sup>th</sup>

Our club web site is excellent – informative, attractive and up to date. Thanks to Tony for all his hard work. Iain Fletcher is the new web site man

Thanks to Anne for her press reports in Retford Life and The Times (if they remember)

On the board is a list of Important Club and County events and Barbara has the County entry sheets, which she will put on the board. The silver, bronze and friendly matches are also up, so please put these in your diaries.

I do try hard not to let our league and friendly matches clash with County events, with Vets and with Past Captains events, and certainly not with Senior Ladies!

Lady Captain Sue will be in charge of friendlies, Keran in charge of Silver and Jacky in charge of Bronze.

From County: they propose to increase our Affiliation fee to £10 over the next two years, in line with the men and to pay for things like County matches and coaching, County week, travel expenses (and red blazers). This was passed at the County AGM which Barbara and I attended on Monday and where I received the County Foursomes Trophy.

Entries in County Meetings are up on last year – these are a chance to play other courses at reduced rates and they are not all qualifiers, so have a go ladies.

The Tasker Trophy raised £840 for our County this year and we are entering a team again this year. I hope you all feel that “ready golf” is speeding up the game, but we have got to keep doing it and in 2019, when some other rules change it should make even more of a difference.

We have reported to Craig and Mr Vice, that as they are taking out many of the steps into bunkers, they must consider making entry ramps into them to enable older members to get in and out. We will definitely emphasise this at Management.

I feel we must make a positive effort to gain new lady members, so perhaps the Marketing Committee can look at this and do as some other clubs do “50% off subscriptions for new lady members”, produce some flyers which we could distribute.

The Senior Ladies have had a good year and their Meeting is on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>

This is my last report as Lady Secretary and I thank all of you for your patience when I make mistakes and for your support and enthusiasm which has made the job as enjoyable as it has been over the last few years. I wish Barbara the best of luck.

## **Lady Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer circulated the financial details which included the final audited totals for 2016 so that members could examine and compare the figures.

Competitions have raised £1262 and this will pay for all AGM vouchers.

Marjorie proposed that the competition and raffle fees stayed the same for next year except for the new, over 75 years rate, which will be £12 for all 18 hole players/voluntary for those already over 75. Any new 80+ 18 hole players – free abandoned. This was voted on and passed unanimously.

Open Day profits of £3421 will be put aside for possible locker room improvements

Marjorie went through other activities, (attached sheet) telling us what the costs were and saying we had given generously to charities and how much that well known item called “miscellaneous” amounted to and concluded by saying that it looks like we may have a considerable surplus for 2017! Well done.

She asked us to approve the draft accounts, which we duly did and she thanked Janet Hancock for deputizing for her when she is away.

### **Competition Secretary’s Report**

Lin said that it was evident that the course had played tough this year but that 19 of our 69 playing ladies had reduced their handicaps.

She had run a course analysis on the computer and this showed that all the holes averaged over par scores with the 10<sup>th</sup> being 2.45 over its par – that’s why it is stroke 1! bThe analysis showed the 16<sup>th</sup> as stroke index 14 and the 12<sup>th</sup> as stroke index as 13.

No rule changes this year but England golf have introduced two new handicap categories 5 and 6 for both men and women and allow for a maximum handicap of 54 The computer will automatically increase handicaps above the current limits but the limits on our own Club Competitions will remain the same.

You will be able to complete as many supplementary scores as you like next year.

### **Election of Officers**

Lady Captain Sue Boyes – was proposed by Pat and voted in.

Lady Vice Captain

Lady Secretary Barbara Burton – was unopposed

### **Election of Committee Members – 2 members for 3 years and 1 member for 1 year**

Janet Hancock and Angie Dyer were voted on for 3 years and Keran Hutchinson was voted on for 1 year

This was done because we have no Lady Vice and it was felt that the third candidate could take that space for one year, even if we do get a Lady Vice at some time in the future.

**Any Other Business**

Belinda proposed that, for a trial of one year, we have 3 Trophy Competitions that are open to ladies that play on Saturdays.

Maureen Clarke, County handicap Advisor, says that this is done at Sherwood and it may, in the future attract some working ladies to our club.

A short discussion was held and then this proposal was passed unanimously.

There being no other business the Lady Captain closed the meeting at 8.30pm.