

Ladies Annual Business Meeting
Wednesday 26 September 2018
Minutes

Ruth Gillanders welcomed the twenty ladies and thanked them for attending the meeting. She expressed her gratitude to all the ladies who assisted her during her two years as Lady Captain, a position which she thoroughly enjoyed. Ruth then congratulated Ann Matheson on her Lady Captaincy and asked all the ladies to support Ann and hoped she would have as much pleasure as she had experienced. Ann thanked everyone for electing her and then asked Sheila Page to proceed with the meeting.

Matters Arising

1. Ladies Dinner

It was suggested that the date of the Ladies Dinner be changed until closer to the start of the season. It would be lighter in the evening and hopefully may encourage ladies to be more involved with bounce games and competitions. **Action – SP to speak to the caterer.**

2. Competitions

Invitation Greensomes

It was agreed that Sheila would contact Match in an endeavour to reintroduce the Invitation Greensomes in August. **Action SP.**

Fun Competitions

The ladies would like more fun competitions and wondered if Mark Laing would be willing to organise one similar to the “coring” one which everyone enjoyed. Alternatively, or additionally, arrange a mixed Tex Mex over 11 holes with something to eat afterwards and donations being given by players to a chosen charity. **Action SP**

3. Reciprocal and Friendly Outings

Pamela Brannan, Lady Vice Captain, will arrange to enter interested ladies into at least one Ladies Open Greensomes in 2019, perhaps one in the early part of the season and one in the later part. **Action PB.**

Ann Matheson has agreed to continue with the organisation of the Friendly Matches. Canmore will be added to the list of clubs.

4. Events

Rules Night

It was agreed that the Professional be asked to do a Rules Night in view of the changes being introduced in 2019. **Action SP.**

Fashion Show

The Professional will be taking delivery of items from the Island Green range of ladies clothing and Ruth Gillanders, Meg McAllister and Ann Matheson have agreed to organise a Fashion Show. **Action RG, MMcA and AM.**

Christmas Coffee Morning

As the Christmas coffee morning usually clashes with others in the local area it has been suggested this event be held in the afternoon. This would also enable ladies to participate in the eclectic competition in the morning. Donations will be to Alzheimer Scotland. **Action SP to liaise with the caterer.**

5. Ladies Coaching

It was agreed to ask the Professional if he would be prepared to arrange Ladies Coaching sessions and have them in either March or April. **Action SP.**

6. Fixture List

It was confirmed that the undernoted competitions would be moved from a Thursday to a Tuesday in 2019:

Seniors Centenary Cup, Quantum Trophy, May Walker Trophy

The ladies were advised that the changes would not affect the tee times for the Tuesday Sweep but may have a slight impact on entry numbers.

7. Position/Election of Lady Captain

Discussion took place regarding the election of Lady Captain in the Club. As the ladies section is small and it would really only affect the ladies it was suggested that only ladies vote on the selection. It was also questioned whether the ladies required the services of a Lady Captain and what would happen if there was no suitable candidate. As Lady Captain had been elected for the next two years it was agreed that things could be changed in the future and if this was the general feeling it should be brought up for discussion well in advance of the next Annual General Meeting. The ladies expressed it was an honour to be Lady Captain and all support should be given to Ann Matheson during her term of Captaincy.

8. AOB

- a. Lia Maxwell thanked Anne Farquharson and Ishbel Garbutt for delivering score cards to her after play to ensure results were done without undue delay.
- b. It was agreed to invite the Ladies Handicap Champion to represent Aberdour in the Champion of Champions organised by Burntisland Golf Club and played on their course. As this qualifying competition is not usually played until after the Champion of Champions Event the Handicap Champion for the past year will be invited to play.
- c. A prize is to be presented to the scratch winner of the Summer Eclectic as well as the handicap winner to keep it in line with the Winter Eclectic.
- d. At last year's Business Meeting dropping zones were requested at the 2nd/6th/8th winter greens. Sheila Page will remind Greens Convenor of this request and ask for an update. **Action SP.**
- e. Lia Maxwell has agreed to continue her work on Match until the last three competitions and Pitfirrane Quaich are played. The ladies expressed their gratitude to Lia for all the hard work she has carried out over the last two years. Her involvement with Match will be greatly missed.

The meeting finished at 20.10 hrs and was followed by sandwiches donated by the caterer to whom the ladies were very grateful.