



## **BERKSHIRE COUNTY LADY VETERANS GOLF ASSOCIATION**

### **Minutes of the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held at Reading Golf Club on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 11.00am**

**The Lady Captain Mrs Nan Robertson** opened the meeting and welcomed the County President Teresa Taylor, past Presidents and members to the meeting

94 Members signed the attendance book, 93 Ladies attended the lunch and 68 Ladies Played Bridge

#### **Apologies for absence**

There were 12 apologies

#### **Minutes of the 2012 AGM**

The minutes of the 2012 AGM had been circulated and were taken as read.

The adoption of the minutes were proposed by Mrs Pam Bedwell and seconded by Mrs Rita Funnell  
Everyone agreed and the minutes were signed by the Lady Captain Nan Robertson as correct

#### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

#### **Captain's Report**

The Captain thanked Reading Golf Club for welcoming everyone here today, for allowing BCLVGA to host our AGM, Lunch and Bridge Drive, and for letting us play our forthcoming home fixtures at the club.

67 members applied to take part in the matches in 2012, all of whom were offered at least one game or were on the reserve list.

The Captain thanked all the Ladies who played in the matches especially those who stepped in at the eleventh hour.

There were mixed fortunes in the matches this year, the season started with a draw against Buckinghamshire Seniors having persuaded them to play off handicap rather than scratch for the first time. Playing 4BBB provided a much more balanced and enjoyable game.

The away game against Wiltshire Vets was played at North Wiltshire Golf Club which we won 4½ - 2½

The Reading over 60's Gentlemen beat us 6½ - 1½ at Reading Golf Club.

The away match against Hampshire was played at North Hants Golf Club and was a very close match which we lost 4 - 3.

The home match against Oxfordshire Seniors at East Berks Golf Club also ended in a loss for us at 4 - 3.

The final match was against the Berkshire Lady Captains Golf Society at Reading Golf Club which also ended in a loss of 4½ - 2½, but was a very enjoyable match.

The Captain refereed the Gittins Trophy final at Reading Golf Club between Jill Edwards from Newbury and Crookham Golf Club and Helen Brown from East Berks Golf Club.

Both finalists played beautifully and it was a very close game won on the last put on the 18<sup>th</sup> Green by Helen.

2012 went into the history books as the wettest year on record so we were lucky not have to cancel any events but there were a few sleepless nights fearing close closures.

The Captain expressed her thanks to East Berks Golf Club for their help and hospitality over the last year and to her Committee who had also worked very hard throughout the year.

The Captain gave a special thank you to her Vice Captain Judy Williams who had been very supportive and always available, to Jane Adamson for the enormous task of organising our Competitions, To Alison Goudge the Treasurer and to Barbara Gration for all her very hard secretarial work. Barbara will be standing down from the Committee this year

A final thank you to everyone who had helped to make 2012 a memorable and enjoyable year for her as Captain.

The Captain Then presented the Gittins Trophy to Helen Brown and the runner's up prize to Jill Edwards

### **Secretary's Report**

The Membership fell this year to 250 this was 16 down on 2011. The membership total included 4 Honorary Members, 4 Associate Members, 29 new members and 22 clubs were represented. 45 of last year's members did not renew their membership.

### **Competitions Secretary's Report**

The Competitions Secretary said that there had been 34 entries for the Gittins Trophy which ran smoothly with the semi final being played at Royal Ascot and the final at Reading.

The draw for this year's Gittins Trophy had been done and posted to everyone who had sent a stamped addressed envelope and was now on the website on the results page for those who did not.

35 pairs played in the Foursomes Spring Meeting at Sunningdale Ladies and nobody was balloted out.

48 pairs entered the 4BBB at the Downshire GC starting off 2 tees this year which was successful and also cut down on time spent waiting around. We would be starting off 2 tees again this year. Two Ladies had a flat tyre on the way so did not play and because of this Molly Anderson and Jean Thompson acted as markers for which we thank them and they will be assured of a game next year if they enter.

There were 90 entries for the Summer Meeting at Mapledurham – this is always a popular competition and the weather was much kinder to us this year

The Autumn Meeting was held at East Berks Golf Club and the Competition Secretary thanked the ladies who helped and for allowing her to play.

Thanks also to all the ladies for getting their applications for the various competitions in before the closing date.

This year our Spring Meeting will be held at Bearwood Golf Club. The Committee felt that Sunningdale Ladies rates were too high and not value for money so it was decided to look for another venue

Bearwood have agreed to us holding 2 competitions there this year, one on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May and one on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The Olive Tomlinson Trophy will be played for at the Spring Meeting as usual but it will be a greensomes competition instead of foursomes and the numbers will be limited to 30 pairs.

If we are oversubscribed there will be a ballot and those who are balloted out will be assured of a place in the Autumn Meeting if they enter, not necessarily with the same partner

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer said that functions and competitions resulted in a small loss of £77.28 compared to last year's figure of £79.16, the loss represented about half a percent of the 2012 income.

Subscriptions were down by £89.00 but the overall profit for the year was £260.07. The Treasurer hoped that everyone agreed that it was all running smoothly and that our funds remained healthy.

The Treasurer said that our assets stood at around £8500 and this had been the case for many years and would appreciate it if anyone could help shed light on the origin of this large amount in the deposit account.

Numbers entering our competitions were ever increasing and required more time to complete results manually and the committee have been considering the purchase of hardware and software packages estimated at around £1000. Under the Constitution rules it appears that the Committee can make the final decision but because it is the vets money they would like to ensure there is no objection from the members.

The adoption of the accounts for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012

Proposed by Jo Russ

Seconded by Jill Edwards

Everyone voted in favour and the accounts were adopted

A vote was taken on the proposal to purchase a hardware and software package and it was agreed unanimously to go ahead with the purchase.

Finally the Treasurer asked if anyone could help set up the new the new procedures it would be appreciated

### **Proposals**

There were none

### **Election of Officers**

Captain	Judith Williams (Reading G C)	Proposed by Nan Robertson Seconded by Barbara Gration
Vice Captain	Linda Gower (Maidenhead GC)	Proposed by Judith Williams Seconded by Alison Goudge
Hon. Secretary	Pat Bayle (Easthamstead GC)	Proposed by Barbara Gration Seconded by Nan Robertson

The Treasurer Alison Goudge and the Competitions Secretary Jane Adamson will continue for another year. Nan Robertson will sit on the Committee for one year as past Captain and Chris Carter will retire from the Committee. The Hon. Secretary Barbara Gration would also be retiring.

The vote in favour was unanimous and the proposals were passed.

The Captain Nan Robertson Passed the captains badge to Judith Williams and wished her good luck in her year as Captain of the BCLVGA.

### **The Captain Elect's Report**

The Captain elect extended to everyone a warm welcome to Reading Golf Club and was delighted that the County President had accepted the invitation to attend the meeting.

She added her thanks to the Committee for their hard work over the past year and of course a heartfelt thanks to Nan who has carried out her duties over the past year with common sense and grace.

She was delighted when Linda Gower agreed to be her Vice Captain who will bring a wealth of past experience to the table.

The Captain Elect said she was looking forward to the challenge in 2013 and would give it her best shot.

She had ensured that everyone who had applied for the matches by the due date had been picked for at least one match. Team sheets were available to be picked up after the meeting.

The retiring Captain Nan Robertson was presented with a small gift in appreciation for her time and dedication.

The pot plants on the table were given to the lady on the table whose birthday was nearest to the 7<sup>th</sup> February

The Captain elect then gave instructions to what would happen for clearing the room after lunch and setting it up for the Bridge.

She thanked everyone who had contributed in any way to the day's events particularly Pat Tennant who printed the welcome cards and Val Acton who had provided the flower arrangements

She finished by hoping everyone enjoyed their lunch and those who were staying for the bridge that the cards were lucky.

**AOB**

There was none

There being no further business the Captain Judith Williams Closed the meeting at 11.35am.  
A vote of thanks was given from the floor to the Committee for all their hard work.  
The next AGM would be at Maidenhead Golf Club – date to be announced

Signed ..... BCLVGA Captain

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