

GOLF NSW

Minutes of the Meeting of the **WOMEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE**
held at 1A Duncan Street, Arncliffe 2205
on Wednesday 5 October, 2011 at 9.30am.

Meeting opened at: 9.30am

Present: S. Gillies (chairman), A. Baggie, M. Box, S. Fabian, J. Haddrick, J. Jones, J. Moran, J. Pearson, O. Johnstone, L. Robson, S. Wilson

Apologies: C. Allen, L. Browne, D. Mitchell

In Attendance: C. Collier, G. Phillipson, A. Dransfield, J. Shineberg

Confirmation of

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17 August 2011 were approved.

1. Business Arising

- 1.1 SG noted that Donna Mitchell has resigned from her position with Golf NSW due to family matters. Donna will work through to the end of October.
Donna had asked to pass on her sincere thanks for the well wishes from the Committee following the passing of her mother.
- 1.2 Match Committee members have not received the JNIG newsletter. GP had arranged for this to occur.
- 1.3 A draft Expressions of Interest document for all Committees has been submitted to the Board for approval.
- 1.4 The Captains Meeting is confirmed for 6 February 2012 at Concord Golf Club. JH to provide lunch costing to CC for approval.
- 1.5 CC noted a template for event results for phoning results through to AAP has been set and is being utilised effectively.
- 1.6 Online tournament registrations have commenced with the new Tournament Software. Currently trialling it with the Men's NSW Open Pre-Qualifying. The first women's event it will be used for is the 2012 Summer Foursomes. The Committee agreed that paper registration would be \$10 more than online registration for all events. A communication is to go out to the women's player database advising them of the change.
- 1.7 CC noted that Golf NSW Facebook and Twitter and running effectively. A presentation on both is to be provided in the next Match Committee Meeting.
- 1.8 The 2012 Women's Grade Draw is all but finalised. JS was waiting on tee times from Massey Park to finalise.
- 1.9 The amendment of Condition 9.3 of the Women's Grade Competition was accepted by the Committee. GP also nominated his mobile to go against Condition 8.5 for contact.
- 1.10 GP noted that lights were to be installed in the Meeting Room, at which point the Honour Boards would again be discussed. Committee suggested the Women's Mid-Amateur could be included.
- 1.11 Scratch prizes as main prizes were agreed for Division 2 and 3 (where applicable) because the trophy had been going for some time.
- 1.12 The roster for the Sand Greens Championship is still in progress. GP noted that confirmation of hosting should go to the District, who would then determine the appropriate host Club. It was agreed by the Committee that Districts would be on a rotation schedule.
- 1.13 CC to circulate Golf NSW Venue Roster and 2012 Fixtures document to Committee.
- 1.14 SG to update and re-circulate Tournament Manual.
- 1.15 Rosters for the Summer, Autumn and Mountain Meeting are being progressed by DM.
- 1.16 It was agreed that conditions for Northern and Southern Weekend Tournaments would reflect medley competition.

2. New Business

2.1 Women's Weekend Tournament (The Vintage GC)

- SF commented that the overall Tournament Reports being provided were very good.
- JJ requested that a history of the event be included in all future event manuals for all events.
- SG noted the event was a great success, and that the assistance provided from The Vintage this year was far better than previous years.
- There was a discussion regarding rules officials at these types of events. It was suggested by SF that they weren't required. However GP noted that they in fact want to participate and receive credit for it. It was decided rules would continue to be requested for all Golf NSW events. However where there is a morning and afternoon field, the day should be split.
- GP had previously suggested perhaps moving this event to another venue. SG noted a lot of women attended due to it being hosted at The Vintage, the Vintage supplied the trophies, and it was a very popular event.
- The event is confirmed to be hosted at The Vintage in 2012, but alternatives to be considered each year.

2.2 Philosophy

- SG raised the issue and opened discussion of the overall philosophy of Golf NSW events.
- GP said although the philosophy had not yet been determined, previously WGNSW focused on individual members and participation, where NSWGA focused on Clubs as members and Championship events. There was a significant difference in the approach and we need to try and find a common goal and philosophy, particularly as the members of Golf NSW are the Clubs.
- SG noted that Women have always been involved in events with the entire handicap range. SG brought to the attention of the Committee that Chris Allen (Golf NSW Chairman) had noted in the annual report 'Player participation has always been our highest priority'.
- SG wanted it noted that the women want to continue to run all those events currently on the schedule of events.
- SF stated that within the Golf NSW Strategic Plan it was clear that priority of the Board is participation and inclusiveness, high handicappers to elite, country to metropolitan etc.
- JM quoted directly from the strategic plan outlining the focus on participation.
- SF suggested that the Strategic Plan be circulated so as Committee's were aware of its contents, and hence assist in providing direction.
- MB noted that the Women's participation events were often the only exposure they have with Golf NSW, and was a way to relate to and engage with these players.
- Key events were mentioned as the perfect example of what Golf NSW should be running – Women's 3BBB, Mixed Fourball, and Men's Fourball events
- JM suggested that GP was right in raising the issue of the direction of events and the path they will take. She suggested a working committee including representatives from the Men's and Women's Match Committee's to determine a philosophy and review the current spectrum of events.

2.3 2012 Women's 3BBB Team Classic

- GP suggested that the Conditions of the three year long events (3BBB, Mixed Fourball and Men's Fourball) should align.
- He put forward that payments to District's for hosting the District final be abolished. The Committee agreed.
- GP to put forward suggested Conditions for all three events to both Men's and Women's Committee's for review.
- SG asked the question of why a sponsor hadn't yet been sourced for this event.

2.4 Women's Interstate Series

- SG noted the success of the Women's State Team in the recent Interstate Series in Perth. They went through undefeated, however lost in the final.

- SG to draft a letter of congratulations to Jane Searle and Denise Hutton from the Women's Match Committee.
- SF commented that the relationship Jane Searle and Denise Hutton had with the team was exceptional. It reflected in the team who were in good spirit, and played the game with enthusiasm and sportsmanship.
- Jane Searle is resigning as manager. She has been manager of the team for seven years. GP offered to organise a small thank you gift.

2.5 Conditions of Play

- SG noted that at the recent Women's Foursomes Championship the Conditions of Play were different to those specified in the Women's Tournament Manual.
- It was suggested a working committee including representatives from the Men's and Women's Match Committee's would get together to discuss event conditions. This would be the same group discussing event philosophy mentioned above.

2.6 International Bowl

- SW asked for clarity on what was required from Clubs re results.
- A discussion amongst many Committee members ensued discussing the format, the distribution of the monies raised to the Women's Australian Open, how the winner was determined, and the prize.
- It was thought that the event was too convoluted, and that monies shouldn't be going towards the Australian Open and should be distributed more locally.
- It was then suggested that the event name be changed to the NSW Bowl, the format be a fourball teams event, and the winners prize a spot for each team member in the Women's NSW Open Pro-Am. This event would raise funds to support the Women's NSW Open. Conditions of play and administration to be determined by a small group (SG to coordinate). Committee agreed and passed.
- JM suggested a financial goal of \$20k should be set for 2012.
- Communication regarding this change of name and Conditions etc should be communicated to all Clubs and participants by Jon S.
- JJ noted that there might be a concern from members regarding the withdrawal of support of the Women's Australian Open.

3. General Business

3.1 SG mentioned Ryde-Parramatta had requested an official to attend the Club to present them with the Coronation Medal. DM to forward invite to SW to attend.

DM to add a note for next year's entry form that the winning team will be presented by a Golf NSW Representative at their Club.

3.2 Women's NSW Sand Greens Championship

- AB commented on how well the event was run by the District, and the great spirit it was played in by all competitors. It was a great tournament.
- CC noted that a Golf NSW staff member should attend to assist in running on the day, provide branding and presence of Golf NSW, and do web, social media and AAP updates. Should be run similar to other State Championship events.

3.3 SG reported on her visit to Lismore GC (Northern Rivers). Did a small presentation on things like Conditions of play, doing draws etc. The Club then had a brainstorming session on building members. Was an excellent session. SG to email Committee with notes from brainstorming.

3.4 SW asked why Golf NSW ran the NSW Junior Boys Championship but not the girls. GP replied noting that WGNSW moved all their junior events to JNJC.

3.5 Lake Macquarie International

- GP and SW attended a meeting at Lake Macquarie to discuss the event, with the aim to improve the delivery standards.
- GP stated it is likely that Golf NSW will be required to assist in both the Men's and Women's events for 2012.

- 3.6 It was noted that the Men's Seniors Foursomes will again be run in conjunction with the Women's Summer Foursomes in 2012. The venue is The Coast Golf Club.
- 3.7 SG noted that representative teams from NSW and ACT were competing in the Australian Seniors Championship. Entry fees for this were paid by Golf NSW. The teams are:
 NSW: Sylvia Donohoe, Brenda Chalmers, Jacqui Morgan
 ACT: Liz Smyth, Nicky Moon, Chris Taylor.

4. Upcoming events noted

- **Women's 3BBB Team Classic – Metropolitan Play-offs (11-26 October 2011)**

Workforce roster for this was communicated to all.

- **Women's Mountain Meeting (17-20 October 2011)**

250 players entered.

DM to provide details of accommodation to those rostered to attend.

- **Women's Gold, Silver & Bronze Medal Play-offs (31 Oct, 14-15 Nov)**

DM will not be attending these events.

Match officials attending will manage.

- **Southern Weekend Tournament (5-6 November 2011)**

DM to provide details of accommodation to those rostered to attend.

5. Reports received

Match Reports – Women's Country Meeting, Women's Coronation Medal, Women's Bronze Medallion, Women's Sand Greens Championship, NSW State Team Coaches Report.

6. Action List

Action	Responsibility
Provide copies to Committee of Golf NSW Venue Schedule and 2012 Fixtures	CC
JH to provide lunch costing for 2012 Women's Captains Meeting to CC	JH
Communication to Women's Player database advising them of new online registrations.	CC
Presentation on Facebook / Twitter in next meeting	CC
JNIG Reports to be established	GP
2013 – 2019 Roster for Sand Greens Championship Roster – replies received. SG to review replies and allocate host Districts.	SG
GP to put forward to both Match Committee's Conditions for 3BBB, Mixed and Men's Fourball events	GP
SG to draft letter of congratulations to Jane Searle and Denise Hutton from Women's Match Committee	SG
GP to organise a small thank you gift for Jane Searle	GP
A working committee to be formed to discuss event conditions, even philosophy and review current events.	GP
NSW Bowl – draft conditions of play and format – SG to form a small group to coordinate	SG
Communicate change of name, conditions etc to participants re NSW Bowl	JS
DM to forward information on accommodation for Mountain Meeting and Weekend Tournament to relevant attendee's	DM
DM to forward invite to present Coronation Medal to Ryde-Parramatta to SW	DM
SG to circulate to Committee notes from brainstorming session at Lismore GC	SG
Update and circulate Tournament Manual	SG
2012-2015 Rosters for Summer, Autumn and Mountain Meeting	DM

Next meeting: Wednesday 9 December, 9.30am, followed by lunch. Venue TBC (SG to source).

Meeting closed at: 11.45am

Chairman: _____

Date: _____