



Scottish Veteran Ladies Golf Association East Division

MINUTES OF THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11.15am 7TH NOVEMBER 2023 AT GULLANE GOLF CLUB

Captain Sal Shepherd welcomed 41 ladies to the AGM and Prizegiving.

1. Apologies

There were 28 apologies for absence. See attached list

2. Minutes of 2022 AGM

The minutes of the meeting held at Mortonhall G.C. in 2022 and previously placed on the blog were proposed for adoption by Caroline Kinnaird and seconded by Rae Muir.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Financial Report

See attached.

Treasurer Val Mackenzie discussed the accounts. Membership currently stands at 130, up from 124 in 2022. This is still lower than in previous years and Val asked that members encourage friends to join.

The surplus for the year was £600 with a cash balance currently at £5,700. We had the 3 home matches this year but the courses used gave courtesy which saved costs. It is becoming more difficult to find courses willing to host matches and we may in future ask members to approach their own clubs for us.

The committee is looking to update the website and some of the cash balance will go towards this in 2023.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Anne Rorrison and seconded by Mairi Pollock.

5. **Captain's Report**

See attached.

6. **Election of Office Bearers**

The Committee proposed:

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| • Re-election as Captain | Sal Shepherd |
| • Election as Vice-captain | Gail Mathieson |
| • Re-election as Treasurer | Valerie Mackenzie |
| • Election as Hon. Secretary | Fiona Larnach |
| • Re-election as Committee Member | Ann Sewell |

All were seconded by Susan Penman.

7. **Fixture List 2023**

See attached.

Sal ran through the fixture list for next year. We return to Haddington for the Summer Meeting and to Liberton for the Autumn Meeting as these clubs are very loyal to us and always provide a good welcome. The Spring Meeting will be held at Winterfield.

After Summer Meeting in 2024, in addition to the Championship we will introduce a Handicap Championship. The best 4 nett scores will qualify to play semi-finals and a final on the same day as the Championship. All in attendance agreed this was a good idea.

8. **AOCB**

Anne Rorrison raised the issue of us playing off men's tees in the match against the Senior Men at Elie, as this gives the men an unfair advantage. She suggested that if we played off red tees this would be a fairer match. Wendy Nicholson will be arranging this match and will ask that we all play off forward tees.

Denise Mitchell once more asked that a neutral venue should be used for the finals of the matchplay competitions. She has spoken to Murrayfield G.C. and they would be happy to give tee times. The Committee discussed this issue last year and decided to stay with the current situation i.e., luck of the draw. Dulcie Barnes pointed out that the final and semi-final of the singles used to be played at Liberton G.C. This will be discussed at the January committee meeting.

Secretary's Honorarium: the Secretary has traditionally received an honorarium of £200 to cover her expenses. Janet did not accept it this year. Sal proposed that the incoming Captain should receive it to cover the cost of fuel (she has travelled to 6 matches and 8 meetings in the past 2 years), although she will not take it. We should consider giving £200 to the Captain and £100 to the Vice-Captain. There were no objections to this.

Sal thanked all those who replied to the request for members opinion on transgender inclusion & will feedback up to SVLGA.

Sal informed the meeting of the SVLGA proposal to change the name to the Scottish Senior Women's Golf Association as the words Veteran and Ladies are now a bit outdated. This brings us in line with senior golf associations in England. The change will not be immediate but probably within the next 2 years.

The issue of membership numbers was raised again with a suggestion that we should have a rep for each club who will promote membership. The change in name may also help.

There was no further business to discuss so Sal declared the AGM closed.

9. Presentation of prizes – see attached sheet.