

**SWANSTON NEW GOLF CLUB  
LADIES SECTION**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held in the Golfers' Bar at Swanston  
on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 6.30pm**

**Attendees:** (26)

Liz Anderson; Louise Angus; Nancy Arnott; Trudy Burnett; Margaret Burns; Norma Coleman; Kay Cuthbertson; Sandra Dickson; Carole Downie; Joan Edgar; Irene Falla; Nan Gilhooley; Muriel Gilligan; Patsy Glynn; Mary Griffiths; Andrea Johnstone; Margaret MacConnachie; Anne McDonald; Zoe Norton; Sandra Pollock; Anne Renshaw; Fiona Shepherd; Janice Sutherland; Sue Walker; Annette Wilson; Susie Williamson.

**Apologies:** (9)

Georgie Anderson; Rebecca Bell; Jennie Chrystal; Rosemary Mackay; Anna McBryne; Jan McNaughton; Edwina Rooney; Louise Ross; Avril Scott.

**MINUTES**

1. The Lady Captain, Sandra Pollock, opened the 2016 Swanston Ladies Annual General Meeting at 6.35pm and welcomed those present.
2. **Minutes of 2015 AGM:**  
Kay Cuthbertson raised two items:  
Item 3b): Suggesting clarification by adding “The Committee has no authorisation to designate any competition 'reduction only' ”.  
Item 11b): Sentence 2 should read “The Club Prizegiving.....”  
These items were noted on the 2015 Minutes.  
The Minutes were proposed by Irene Falla and seconded by Annette Wilson.
3. **Matters Arising:**
  - a) **Counting Competitions:**  
Lady Captain's statement (see attached)  
Several ladies stated during the course of the meeting that they felt members should have been asked for their opinion and a vote taken before the Committee made their decision to reduce the number of Medals played.  
Margaret MacConnachie felt that the Committee had no authority to reduce the number of Medals played and argued that Para 6 of the current Constitution (Monthly Medals) was clear on the matter.  
Sandra Pollock stated that the Committee's interpretation of the present clause re Medals is that changes can be made at the discretion of the (elected) Ladies Committee and SNGC.  
Kay Cuthbertson explained that when the Constitution was re-written in 2012, Para 6 was not intended to mean that the Committee could take a decision without consulting members.
  - b) **Morison Millar 2018:**  
Lady Captain's statement (see attached)

**c) Course Layout/Measurement:**

Lady Captain's statement (see attached)

Muriel Gilligan asked that the Ladies' 10<sup>th</sup> tee be moved due to safety issues because of its location close to the 11<sup>th</sup> green. She suggesting re-positioning beside current 10<sup>th</sup> yellow tees. The Lady Captain said this matter will be discussed with Mike Robson and the greenkeeping staff. If the Ladies tee position is altered, the course will not require to be remeasured.

**4. Lady Captain's Report:** (please see attached)

**5. Treasurer's Report and Accounts:** (please see attached)

Bank balance stands at £285; Two's at £50.

**5a)** Muriel Gilligan had earlier asked how much money was in the Two's Pot and whether the arrangement of retaining only £50 in the Pot was to continue. This matter was covered in the Treasurer's report.

**6. Match Secretary's Report:** (please see attached)

**7a) MLGA report:** (please see attached).

**b) Friendlies Report:**

None prepared but the Friendlies are referred to in Lady Captain's Report and Match Secretary's Report.

**8. Election of Office Bearers:**

**Lady Captain:** Sandra Pollock continues for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year

**Vice- Captain:** Fiona Shepherd  
**Proposer:** Sandra Pollock; **Seconder:** Kay Cuthbertson

**Secretary:** Louise Angus  
**Proposer:** Fiona Shepherd; **Seconder:** Susie Williamson

**Treasurer:** Nancy Arnott continues for a second year

**Match/Handicap Sec'y:** Andrea Johnstone continues for a second year

**Friendlies Organiser:** Liz Anderson continues for a second year

**Committee member** Carole Downie continues for a second year.

**9. Nominations for Committee Members:**

There were no nominations. Sandra reported that three members – Joan Edgar, Nan Gilhooley and Anne Renshaw - had been approached but none agreed to join the Committee. However, all said they were very willing to help with organising events when required.

**10. Constitution:**

a) Two documents had been circulated to all members at least 21 days prior to the AGM.

a) Current Constitution dated 2012

b) Proposed updated Constitution – drafted September 2016

Several members made suggestions for changes or additions to the proposed version of the Constitution. Fiona Shepherd explained that advice had been sought in the preparation of the proposed updated Constitution and she had been advised that there should be no reference to competitions in our Constitution which should deal with the formation and remit of the Committee. Matters to do with competitions, etc should be dealt with by the Committee and posted by the Match/Handicap Secretary. In answer to a suggestion that an audit of the accounts should be included, the Committee understands that this is not a requirement for a club “section” the size of Swanston Ladies. It is sufficient that the income and expenditure for the year is made available for all members to view (several copies of the accounts were circulating at the AGM).

As there were so many suggestions and comments from the floor and general disagreement, it was agreed that no vote would be taken at this point. No “postal” votes had been received. A further meeting will be called to discuss suggested amendments to the Constitution. As this will require preparation and at least 21 days notification to members, it may be January before this meeting can be held but ideally, as some members requested, before next year's fees are due to be paid. Meanwhile the current Constitution 2012 version stands. The Committee confirmed that their interpretation of Paragraph 6 (Monthly Medals) allows the decision, made in consultation with the Club Secretary and the greenkeeping staff, to reduce to 7 monthly Medal competitions for the Ladies between April and October.

Ladies who had made points and suggestions at the meeting were asked to put these in writing and forward to the Committee by e-mail to *swanston.ladies@gmail.com*

**11. A.O.C.B:**

No items had been forwarded to the Committee for discussion (requested in the invitation).

As the meeting was running late and the Ladies were due in the Brasserie for dinner, this item was not covered.

**12.** The meeting broke up at 7.40pm.

The Stableford prizes, OOM, Eclectic and Birdie prizes were later presented at the Dinner.