

## RENFREWSHIRE LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION

Minutes of AGM 2015 held at Hags Castle Golf Club on Wednesday 4th November.

**PRESENT:** Hon Life President Wendy Cameron, Hon President Jennifer Mack, Captain Gillian McGinlay, vice Captain Gillian Kyle, Secretary Jean Irvine, Treasurer Tracy Masteron, Junior Secretary Audrey MacKenzie and 51 ladies.

The Captain welcomed everyone to the 106th AGM and asked secretary Jean Irvine to read apologies:

**APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE:** There were 62 apologies.

**MINUTES OF 105TH AGM:** The minutes had been published on the website so were taken as read. The adoption of the minutes was proposed by Pamela MacKenzie and seconded by Trish Brown. Captain Gillian McGinlay signed them as correct.

**MATTERS ARISING:** There were no matters arising.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Tracy said that Fundraising would be required in 2016 as we run at a loss. Not qualifying for the Scottish County finals meant 2015 had a very small loss, however we hope to qualify in 2016, and although we get a grant to help with expenses, it still involves the county in considerable outlay, ( around £1500). Our cash balance at end of September is £6589. We have had 17 resignations in 2015 and although our subscription was increased by £5, this potential rise in income was cancelled out by the resignations.

**SECRETARYS REPORT:** Jean reported another successful year, it had proved a good decision to drop the April medal and add stableford and a tri-am. The courses for 2016 are all arranged with May June and July having tee times at 5.30 to try and encourage working ladies to play.

This was Jeans last report as secretary and she wished to record her thanks to in particular, Hags Castle staff, to Jean Smith membership secretary, Freda Tuck Results secretary, Tracy Masterton Treasurer, Past Captains Trish Brown and Maureen Woodhead, Morag Turner past secretary and Carol Fell. Also to Gillian McGinlay for her help during the year. She wished her successor good luck and gave good wishes to new Captain Gillian Kyle and said she would be an outstanding Captain.

**JUNIOR SECRETARYS REPORT:** The Juniors are into their winter coaching sessions, 2 at Glasgow Indoor Golf Centre with Karyn Burns and 1 at Mearns Castle with Mark Loftus. 14 girls had a get together at Ranfurly Castle and another one will be held on 22nd November. In practice for the Kennedy Salver matches were arranged against Elderslie Junior team which the girls won 4-0 and they also played a depleted Senior team and won 4-1. A match against D & A was postponed due to bad weather and eventually played with D & A winning. The Kennedy salver was played over Elderslie, the girls played well and finished 2nd by one point to Lanarkshire.

21 girls played in the Campbell Clock at Whitecraigs. Gillian Henderson Whitecraigs won the Campbell Clock with 34 pts. Kirsty McDonald Whitecraigs won the 8 hole competition and Robyn Harrison MCGA won the 9 hole competition.

12 girls played in the Junior Championship with Jennifer Rankine Hags Castle beating Anna MacKenzie East Renfrewshire in the final.

Individual Achievements: Emily Crusher East Renfrewshire has reduced her handicap from 29-20, Roma Erskine Kilmacolm from 29-21 and Alison Macnab Kilmacolm from 21-18.

We were well represented in West Girls Teams during the year.

Jennifer Rankine reached the semi finals of the County Championship, played in the matchplay at Scottish Amateur championship, was part of the County Team at the Jamboree and won the championship at Hags Castle GC.

Heather Mushet played in the matchplay at the County championship and lost at the first extra hole in the Elderslie Ladies Championship.

Anna MacKenzie has been selected for Scottish Golf Academy and has reduced her handicap from 18-10.

Audrey thanked everyone who had helped her throughout the year.

**CAPTAINS REPORT:** Gillian welcomed everyone and said she couldn't believe a year had gone past since last AGM. She then gave a resume of the year.

The Senior squad had four training sessions at Glasgow Indoor golf centre with the juniors joining one and having pizza etc to finish.

In March the Senior squad had a match against the Scottish Senior squad at Cochrane Castle.

In April the County championship was held at Ralston GC., Gillian Kyle beat Donna Jackson in a very exciting final. Elaine Robb won the Peggy Clark Trophy.

The Winter foursomes final was won by Carol Smith and Jennifer Graham from Hags Castle who beat Sara Bishop and Liz Crichton of Kilmacolm.

There were no entries from Renfrewshire in the Helen Holm this year.

West of Scotland championship was postponed due to bad weather and rearranged for September.

The County foursomes were held at Cochrane Castle and the Scratch section was again won by Donna Jackson and Liz Stewart. Handicap prize was won by Lorna Howie and Gillian Gibson.

The Scottish Ladies close championship was held at Montrose, Jennifer Rankine qualified for the matchplay stages and Denise Cowan qualified for the Clark Rosebowl.

The Spring meeting was held at Ranfurly Castle, Carol Fell won both Scratch and 1-12 Handicap section and Junior Jan Adams won 13-28 section.

The County squad had a practice round over Loudoun in preparation for the Jamboree.

The June medal was held over Whitecraigs, Marion Stewart won 0-12 and Fiona Roger won 13-28. The Medal finals were won by Carol Fell.

The Team for the Inter County Jamboree at Loudoun Gowf Club was: Gillian Kyle, Donna Jackson, Liz Stewart, Denise Cowan, Gillian Mcginlay, Jennifer Rankine, Carol Whyte and Katrina Milne.

Day 1 we won 7-2 against Lanarkshire, Day 2 we lost 5-4 to D & A and Day 3 we lost 5-4 to Ayrshire. A close competition with Ayrshire winning and going to the finals at Stranraer.

The Inter County foursomes were held at Hilton Park and Donna Jackson and Liz Stewart won the Scratch prize. Gillian Kyle and Elaine Munn were 3rd.

The Kennedy Salver was held at Elderslie with the team wearing their new gilets. Although not the winners the team can be very proud of their efforts. Gillian said she was very disappointed with the lack of support for the team by members.

The July medal was held at Renfrew and Liz Hale won both the Scratch and 0-12 section, Junior member Alison Macnab won the 13-28 section with a 69. Disappointingly only 6 ladies played at Gleddoch in the August stableford and June Lockhart was the winner with 35 pts.

The Erskine medal was Scratch prize was won by Gillian Kyle, 0-12 by Carol Fell and 13-28 by Muriel Young.

The Autumn Greensomes were held at Kilmacolm and the winners were Sara Bishop and Liz Crichton with 34 pts.

The Commonwealth Spoons finals were held at Bothwell Castle but unfortunately Renfrewshire didn't feature in the prizelist.

Our new competition a Tri-am was held at Cowglen and the winners were Jean Sloan, Sheila Shaw and Margaret Gray with 79 pts.

Unfortunately the re-arranged West of Scotland Championship clashed with the Campbell Clock so a small entry from Renfrewshire.

The Campbell clock was very successful and again held at Whitecraigs GC.

The Rosebowl final was played over Hags Castle when Denise Cowan beat Carol Fell.

Gillian Kyle and Megan Briggs represented Renfrewshire in the Champion of champions at Glasgow Gailes.

Jennifer Rankine lost to Katie Scott of Lanarkshire in the West of Scotland junior championship.

Gillian Kyle was selected for the Scottish Veterans friendly match against Ireland, she also played for the Scottish vets at Sherwood Forest and for the Scottish Senior team in Lithuania.

Megan Briggs played in the Scottish team at the home internationals at Wimbledon GC .

Jennifer Rankine was selected for the Scottish team for the Junior European Masters in Switzerland.

Gillian congratulated all ladies who are their club champions this year.

2015 saw the amalgamation of the SGU and SLGA finally take place. Our congratulations go to Eleanor Cannon of Ranfurly Castle who is the first chairperson of Scottish Golf Ltd. Congratulations also to Audrey Sturgess of Hags Castle who is elected to the Board and is responsible for Handicapping and Course Rating.

Gillian finished by thanking everyone who had been on committee during her term of office, in particular Maureen Woodhead, Jean Irvine and Gillian Kyle for their wisdom and guidance available at any time of the day or night. She also thanked Karyn Burns for acting as county coach.

She thanked both Junior and Senior teams for the camaraderie, excitement, fun and potential heart attacks! over the years and said she would now attend the Jamboree and Kennedy Salver and enjoy!

Gillian then went on to announce that the committee had decided to give honorary membership to past captain Beth Paterson for her outstanding contribution to County golf. Beth has recently retired as Chairman of SLGA having been Chairman of Training and Performance director before that. She is a past Captain of Eastwood Golf Club, member of the Ladies Golf club of Troon, as well as Whiting Bay and Brodick. As Chairman of SLGA she was very involved in the successful amalgamation with SGU.

Beth was then presented with a scroll and flowers by Honorary President Jennifer Mack.

Beth said she was very honoured to be made an honorary member and the time she was on County committee and Captain was one of the happiest times of her life, she had made lifelong friends.

**ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS:** Gillian then said she was delighted to propose Gillian Kyle as the new County Captain. She presented her with her Captains Badge.

Gillian Kyle said she was honoured to be the new Captain and would endeavour to fulfil the role to the best of her ability. She thanked Gillian McGinlay for being Captain and presented her with her Past Captains Badge and a token of appreciation from the County team.

She then announced that her vice captain would be June Lockhart of Gleddoch Golf Club. June is a big supporter of the county both in competitions and as a caddy at the Jamboree. She then presented her with her vice Captains badge.

Wendy Cameron continues as Honorary Life President, Jennifer Mack is into her 2nd year as Honorary President, this position now being for 3 years instead of 5.

Gillian Kyle will remain as the Child Protection Officer.

Jean Irvine is retiring as Secretary and Carol McNally of Williamwood proposed by Gillian Kyle and seconded by Jean Irvine is taking over.

Tracy Masterton continues as Treasurer and Audrey MacKenzie as Junior Secretary.

Jean Smith is retiring from membership secretary having done an amazing job whilst battling ill health, she was then presented with flowers as a token of thanks. Gillian McGinlay will be membership secretary for 2015/16. Paying of membership subscriptions is now possible online and this will be reviewed after 2016 to see if successful.

Sandra Littlejohn is becoming Results Secretary, Freda Tuck is going to help her during 2016. Freda was thanked for all her hard work and also received flowers.

As always many thanks to Carol Fell for all her work with the website.

Fiona Armour of Renfrew has agreed to join the committee proposed by Gillian Kyle and seconded by Tracy Masterton. Also joining the committee is Linda Ellery of East Renfrewshire proposed by Gillian Kyle and seconded by Gillian McGinlay.

There are samples of all county jackets etc available. These will be also displayed at the County championship, Foursomes and Greensomes. They can be ordered by email at any time.

A fundraising Beetle drive will be held at Ralston Golf club on Sunday 7th February at 2pm. This was successful last time and we hope for good attendance on the day.

Gillian asked for good support for all competitions next year.

**AOCB:** There were no questions.

**PRIZEGIVING:** Jean Irvine read out the prizewinners and Jennifer Mack presented the prizes.

**2016 AGM:** will be held at Haggs Castle Golf Club on Wednesday 2nd November, 2016.

Donna proposed the Vote of Thanks.