S**omerset Junior Golf League**

**AGM Minutes**

**Long Sutton Sunday 15th December 2024**

**Attendees’:** PresidentStewart Jones (Burnham & Berrow), Chair Jill Byrne (Wheathill), Secretary James Wilde (Isle of Wedmore), Treasurer Tim Bowden (Burnham & Berrow), JO’s representative Peter Clarke (Long Sutton), Neil Hitt (Wells), Steph Childs (Taunton & Pickeridge), Jackie Richards (Mendip Spring)

**Apologies:** Stuart Disney (Mendip), Craig Young (Worlebury), Darren Aston (Burnham & Berrow), Enmore Park, Yeovil.

Jill opened the meeting welcoming all attendee’s, Jill also welcomed the Jackie from Mendip Spring who will be joining the league in 2025.

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| **1.0** | **1.1** | **Past AGM Minutes**Jill asked if there are any objections with the previous AGM minutes? – No objections, minutes stand and signed by Jill. | **Action:** Neil asked if the club affiliations of the committee can be included. James to include these. |
| **2.0** | **2.1** | **Previous Actions**No actions raised from last AGM. |  |
| **3.0** | **3.1****3.2** | **Presidents Report**Stewart again welcomed everyone and Long Sutton for hosting the meeting, Stewart went onto thanking all of the juniors, parent, organisers and clubs that took part in the league this year. Stuart explained how important he feels the league is to grass roots and the development of junior golf.Stewart gave a brief history of the league for the benefit of the new JO’s. |  |
| **4.0** | **4.1** | **Chairs Report**Jill thanked Stewart for his report, reiterated how well she felt the year has gone and the importance of the league, along with her want to grow the league. |  |
| **5.0** | **5.1****5.2****5.3****5.4****5.5** | **Treasurers Report**Tim circulated the income and expenditure report, he explained there was still a couple of expenditures to be included to be able to finalise the 2024 report – these mainly being the AGM costs and the 2024 prizes.Tim confirmed all entries fees for 2024 have been received.It was agreed the prizes for 2025 will stay the same as 2024.Peter asked if there was a minimum balance before the entry fees would be looked at being raised - Tim replied saying the league was actively trying to reduce the excess balance by ways of increase medal and trophies, Tim said he would be comfortable in allowing the balance to reduce to levels that reflect the annual total of entries fees.Jackie asked if the league has any or looking for any sponsorship – Jill said that is not something the league is looking at present but maybe something for the future. | **Action 1:** TB to circulate the 2024 I&E report once finalised for 2024.**Action 2:** Tim to provide JW with updated invoice form for 2025 season to be sent to all clubs for 2025 season. |
| **6.0** |  | **Secretary Report**James gave a summary of the season (report attached in appendix) |  |
| **7.0** | **7.1** | **Social Media Report**No report but Jill said she wished to raise this within AOB |  |
| **8.0** | **8.1****8.2****8.3** | **Overview of 2024 season and 2025 planning**Whilst James felt the 2024 season went well, he felt the league would benefit from returning to previous seasons model of clubs being able to choose to enter the individual competitions instead of having to commit to all 3, James felt this would generate interest and entries from clubs not currently within the league, James explained he has had contact from new clubs that would like to initial enter a singular competition initially.Once the clubs wishing to enter the 2025 season is finalised, the league makeup (North/South or East/West) will be decided on and the clubs will be advised. This will also happen for the knockout draw. Burnham and Berrow as winners of the jamboree will again host in 2025 as per the jamboree rules.Neil asked if this was the case could a club enter more than one team into competitions – Jill said this wouldn’t be an issue but once a junior has played for one team they would not be allowed to be utilised within a second team. | **Action:** Jill and James to discuss and complete the draw when all entries are confirmed.**Action:** James will monitor clubs with multiple teams so ensure this is strictly adhered too. |
| **9.0** | **9.1****9.2** | **Costings 2025**Following the discussion regarding splitting the leagues into individual competitions. A active conversation was held on how this would look and work regarding entry fees. 2024 had one entry fee of £90 allowing clubs entry in to all the competitions. James felt this discouraged some clubs who were not able to commit to the full league from entering, and the opition to pay to enter one or more competitions, paying a partial fee would encourage more clubs into the league.The committee and attendees discussed various options, finally agreeing on the following fees make up for 2025 – League only - £45Knockout only - £35Jamboree only - £30All 3 competitions - £90It was felt there should be a waiting for each competition type to recognise each competitions commitment, along with a discount for a commitment to all 3 competitions. | **Action:** James to send Tim the fees guide for 2025, so Tim can amend the 2025 invoice proforma. |
| **10.0** | **10.1** | **Prizing giving**Tim confirmed this year’s league prizes of £100 for the league winners and £50 for the runners up, will be arranged to be sent to the respective clubs. |  |
| **11.0** | **11.1****11.2** | **Re-election of officials**Committee officials were asked if they were willing to serve the committee again for the 2025 season, all members agreed they were willing to continue to stay in position. All present agreed.James stated that whilst he was willing to serve as secretary for the 2025 season, he will be looking at standing down at the 2025 AGM. | **Action:**  Jill to look to find a replacement for James for 2026. |
| **12.0** | **12.1****12.2** | **AOB**Jill raised the website and social media; she felt the league would benefit from its own website and also needs to make use of social media better. Also, this would allow the committee to move away from using personal emails for league activity.Neil asked if there were any plans to change the league competition to Matchplay from stableford as the majority of county matches are Matchplay. Jill and Stewart both agreed at present this is something they are not looking at. | **Action:** Jill and James to look into a new website. |
| **13.0** | **13.1** | **AGM 2025**Location and date to be arranged, but ideally be arranged for November 2025. | **Action:** James to arrange and circulate. |
| **14.0** | 14.1 | **Meeting Closed** Jill closed the meeting at 12.17, thanked everyone for attending and there ongoing support. Jill then invited all attendees to the post meeting meal. |  |

**Appendix:**

Secretary’s report

I am pleased to report that the 2024 league has been a successful year. The three competitions were competitive, and all matches played in the best of spirits.  This year’s winners were –

The final of the North and South divisions was contested by Wheathill and Burnham & Berrow held at Long Sutton, this was eventually won by Burnham & Berrow.  Congratulations to all the clubs that took part this year and to the winners Burnham & Berrow, a big thank you must go to Long Sutton Golf Club who stepped in to host the final.

The jamboree was hosted by Burnham & Berrow, who went on to retain the trophy and who will host the jamboree again in 2025.

The knockout was between Wells and Burnham & Berrow, again thank you to Wheathill who hosted with Wells being crowned the 2025 winners.

We are always looking to expand the number of clubs participating in the league and welcome Jackie from Mendip Spring, I have also received interest from a couple of additional clubs which is great to see junior golf being supported in such a way.  These new clubs will all our junior’s access to play on some new courses, which will only benefit their golf.