

MINUTES OF THE LADIES' COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, 4th January 2022

Present: Lady Captain L Hart, J Ayres, S Docherty, D Eastland, K. Jones, A Oakes & G. Rogers

Apologies: Lady President C Weatherall

Lady Captain: LC welcomed everyone to the meeting,

Minutes: The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposed by KJ and seconded by AO

Matters Arising:

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| 1. Storage on Cloud (One Drive) – Still ongoing | JA/HR |
| 2. Old photos & Special Achievements Board – Still ongoing as per last month's Minutes. | CW |

Correspondence: A discussion took place around the issue of Honorary Life Membership. This is a category of membership which no longer exists automatically. There is provision within the Constitution for a member to be nominated, this nomination to then go to Management for approval prior to it being put to the membership at the AGM. It was unanimously agreed that this was not a Ladies' Committee issue since this would entail an extra layer of approval, and that any nomination to be made should go directly to Management. It was also felt that any such nomination should be for something very exceptional since a large number of ladies do a great deal voluntarily to ensure the smooth running of the ladies' section and that to single out one would be unfair.

Treasurer's Report: The opening bank balance for December was £2,736.40 with the cash in hand amounting to £488.20, making the total monies £3,224.60. December income included income of £700 which was for a further 28 people who paid for the Ladies Christmas Dinner (this income was added to last month's income and used to pay the caterers – total numbers paid for amounted to 55). The Christmas Hamper Raffle brought in a total of £303. Particular thanks were expressed to DE who had organised the Hamper Raffle.

The expenditure during this month was mainly associated with the Christmas Dinner which included for decorations, Gratuities for the waiting and bar staff, flowers/napkins and Top table drinks, which amounted to £220.79, and the catering bill came to £1,300. The DJ cost £300 and the money was taken from ringfenced funds for the Canopy hire. A donation of £150 was given to help support the Children's Christmas party.

Total assets therefore amounted to £2,256.81 with the Net Assets amounting to **2,046.81** after taking into account the remaining Canopy hire figure of £210.

AO advised that we are now being charged bank charges by HSBC. All agreed that this was inevitable as all the banks moved away from "free" community association bank accounts. Every effort will be made to mitigate this, especially by limiting paying in cheques and cash. These transactions attract the highest charges. Payments direct into the account will be encouraged.

Competition Secretary's Report: Only one competition was played in December due to bad weather (and the Ladies' Lunch). This was a 4BBB on 22nd December. 6 pairs entered. Unfortunately, the card marking was very poor and this, coupled with the fact that Howdidido had updated their systems, which meant that scores could not be entered via the app, caused me rather a headache! Luckily, Club V1 was still working and showed how ladies had incorrectly calculated their points, applied their handicap allowances and entered their scores in the wrong columns. In discussion with Jan Southern, it was agreed that we need a training session on card marking before the start of next

season, especially for team competitions. I will also try to arrange some greensomes, foursomes and match play competitions before April to widen players' experience.

Shield matches have all been arranged and added to the fixture list. Thanks to Marion A and Sue M for sorting this out. Eileen has brought back the official Bronze Shield Plaque which is huge! It is now in our display cabinet for this year but must be returned before next years' final.

I have given a list of Board prize winners 2021 to David Johnston ready for engraving this week.

I received notification from Mark Schofield that from next season the men will need 20 scores registered via WHS before they can win a board prize. I think that last year we realised that the new handicap system takes a while to give an accurate handicap to new players. We do not want to stop ladies from entering our Board Prize competitions... they should be open to all handicaps. but perhaps we need to adopt a whole club approach to the winning of prizes. Most ladies manage to enter 20 scores during a season, especially with casual scores now counting too. It will only affect a few ladies and I would therefore like to discuss this with the Committee and make a decision so that we can amend the rules if necessary. A discussion followed as requested and it was agreed that this requirement should be added to the four Board Prizes, plus the Ladies' Championship and the Nicholson Trophy. KJ proposed, GR seconded, all voted in favour. JA to amend the rules accordingly and pass over to KJ for publication. **JA**

Report from Management: LH reported that a new hand-dryer had been fitted into the ladies' locker room and the disabled toilet. The defibrillator was back in working order and further training to be arranged by Jack Ramsay. Susan Richardson has advised future ticket sales will be via Eventbrite. It was felt this was relevant to club social events rather than events organised by the ladies section.

Forthcoming Events: 1) AGM Sunday 23rd January – JA had put up the Notice of the AGM and the nomination lists in the Locker room during week commencing 6th December. Nominations were coming in slowly. KJ, JA & AO to prepare reports for the AGM but agreed not to be too repetitive. LH to give opening and closing remarks. JA to ask Lorraine Boudin to take Minutes and Arlene Mack to "man the door" and attendance sheet. **JA/KJ/AO**

JA had raised with Mark Schofield the issue of representation on Management without a Lady Captain. The Committee is to put forward a lady willing to take on this role for consideration by the Management Committee and potentially to be approved at the Club AGM. JA to circulate the ladies' section and ask for volunteers.

AOB: SD raised the issue of team sponsorship offered by her husband. She suggested an invoice be raised to secure the funds so that they are available when we are ready to purchase the kit. Decisions need to be made about what we would like: polo shirts, V-neck jumpers, gilets. Rainbow Embroidery in Bolton was given to SD as a contact for supplies plus club logo embroidery. Some research needs to be done on pricing and quantities and sizes to be procured.

JA advised a new lady member had been signed up that day and had joined with her husband. JA had made contact to arrange a meeting with her and LH to introduce her to the ladies' section.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 7th February 2022

The Meeting closed at 8.10 pm