

MINUTES OF THE LADIES' COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, 7th February 2022

Present: Lady Captain L Hart, Lady President C Weatherall, J Ayres, S Docherty, D Eastland, A Oakes & G. Rogers

Apologies: K. Jones

Lady Captain: LC welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

Matters Arising:

1. **Storage on Cloud (One Drive)** – JA advised that the secretarial material has been uploaded onto the club's OneDrive Cloud Storage. This will greatly facilitate the handing over to the new secretary, Eileen Beeney, as all documents will be accessible through this stream. JA also advised that she felt it would be very sensible for the Ladies' Secretary to have a dedicated email address (ladiessecretary-hgc@ etc) This would just receive and send emails solely to do with Harwood ladies. It would also mean on any change of secretary the email address can be readily transferred to that person together with all the correspondence and contacts simply by sharing the log in details. JA has already set this up as a trial and is confident Eileen Beeney will take this over when she becomes secretary. JA feels this would also be a good move for the competition secretary for all the same reasons and she would be more than happy to assist in setting this up and creating distribution lists. KJ to be approached about this in due course.
2. **Old photos & Special Achievements Board** – CW and DE to complete this task on Monday 14th February.

Correspondence: 1) **ELLGA** The notice of the AGM for ELLGA had been received. KJ and LH to attend on 23rd February at Nelson Golf Club at 11am. JA to forward the paperwork to KJ & LH prior to the meeting. JA will request P Bird forwards our subs and our entry fees for the Scratch Shield and Worsley Trophy and the Handicap Shield and the Annie Chambers Trophy before the due date (28th February) She will also forward to ELLGA contact details for 2022.

2) **LLCGA** The January Mailing has still not been received. JA had been advised by Margaret Milne that printing is awaited prior to the mailing going out. Entries are open for the Interclub competitions. Bronze will definitely be entered although there is a clash with our Championship/Nicholson Trophy which KJ will endeavour to change. JA to canvas the Handicap ladies (7) as there are so few with a HI of 24 or below. We need confirmation that 4 of them can play on the allotted day. The Interclub entries will be dealt with by JA once the handicap issue is resolved. There is a Delegates Meeting on Monday 21st March which our current delegate (Maureen Shurrock) cannot attend. A volunteer was requested to go to this meeting but no-one was forthcoming. This will need to be addressed again at the next Committee Meeting. If possible, Maureen is looking to give up her role as delegate as she will have further meetings to go to as Captain of Captains Elect on the Bury side.

3) A letter of thanks had been drawn up and signed for Bob Docherty who has generously donated £1,000 for team kits.

Treasurer's Report: The opening bank balance for January was £1,861.40 with the cash in hand amounting to £395.43, making the total monies £2,256.83. £1,000 was kindly donated from Flame Risk to purchase polo shirts and jumpers for all of the ladies' teams. Bank charges were introduced in November for transactions involving cheques and depositing cash and this amounted to a total of £15 being applied to the account in January.

Total assets therefore amounted to £3,241.83 with the Net Assets amounting to **£2,031.83** after taking into account the ring-fenced money of £1,000 for the Team kits and £210 for Canopy hire.

CW queried the charging of bank charges on our account. She felt as a "charity" this should not apply. AO and JA advised that HSBC have fined down the number of accounts they offer and all accounts now carry charges of some kind. It was felt that with mitigation on how we handle cash and deposits this could be kept to a minimum. Sourcing another bank to take on the account would almost inevitably result in similar charging.

Competition Secretary's Report: KJ had sent her report and JA read it out.

1. As January was a fairly dry month, all competitions were played including the January and February 9 hole Qualifying Competitions. The greens staff have set up the markers on each hole as requested and the Qualifiers have been well supported.
2. The aggregated result of our 2021 England Golf Medal Competitions was received from England Golf. These are now published on the WHS Platform. Elaine Henderson is our winner and she will go forward to the North Region Finals at Brancepeth, Durham on 22nd June.
3. We have received confirmation from the Daily Mail Foursomes that our first round match will be away against Brightmet. Jan Bennett and Linda Woods will represent Brightmet and our representatives are Sue Manning and Dianne Cooper. They are in the process of agreeing a date for their match, which must be played by Sunday 20th March.
4. Elaine Smith is setting up the next 3 competitions in February. Eileen Beeney also sat in on the training session for the first of these. Marion Anderson will be included in the next session. All three have been given written instructions on how to do this. I am in the process of updating the instructions for closing competitions.
5. The Fixture List for 2022 has been emailed to lady members. However, since then there has been an unexpected date for the Bronze Interclub added by Lancashire. This year they have chosen to hold it at Turton on a Wednesday. Unfortunately it is the Wednesday of our Round 2 of the Ladies Championship/ Nicholson Trophy Week. It is very difficult to rearrange this due to our other Board Prizes and men's major competitions. It may be that we will have to split the Championship to be held over a week and a half, or that the 4 ladies selected to play in the Interclub will not be able to play in Round 2. I will discuss this with my Competitions Committee and hopefully have a solution by next week.

Report from Management: LH reported she had not been at the last Management Meeting due to another golfing commitment. She had however determined from the Minutes that a discussion and vote had taken place around fees for the forthcoming year. A rise of 2% will be put to the AGM on 16th February, with a 2% discount for payment by the end of April.

Forthcoming Events: Taster Day- Although stepping down from the committee JA is leading on the Taster Day and Recruitment with DE, SD, LH and Kate Knox as assistants. The Taster Day is arranged for 23rd April. JA has ascertained there is budget provision from Marketing (Sue Richardson) to create and print professional posters. All agreed that last year's numbers were too high and difficult to manage both on the day but also for the coaching which followed. SD suggested a maximum of 12 to be signed up for 23rd April. Any other interest above this figure to be put onto a waiting list for another session. Agreed that SD and Dale Affleck would be the advertised contact points for registering. The format for the day to follow the format of previous years. JA to liaise with Sue Richardson regarding poster design.

JA commented that the 2020 and 2021 Tasters will shortly be receiving an invoice for full fees and maybe a forewarning about this would be useful. JA to check with Mark Schofield re the 2nd year discount and whether this would be automatically allowed against those who joined in 2021.

AOB: There was no AOB but LC was presented with a card and two spring planters as a "thank you" from the Committee. LC thanked everyone for their support through her year as Lady Captain. She also wished well to those leaving Committee, GR, DE and JA.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 7th March 2022

The Meeting closed at 7.45 pm