

MINUTES OF THE LADIES' COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 6th June 2022

Present Immediate Past Captain Lorna Hart
 Treasurer Anne Oakes
 Secretary Eileen Beeney
 Competition Secretary Katharine Jones

Sue Docherty, Karen Hogg, Denise Magrath, Sue Manning

Apologies: Chris Weatherall, Lady President

Minutes: Accepted as an accurate record. Proposed by KJ and seconded by KH.

Matters Arising: 1. Payment for the Bolton Championship entries has been given directly to Clare MacLeod.

2. I.T. support for Competition Secretary: DM has sourced a laptop, and will meet KJ to discuss software needs.

3. 11th Hole: The notice is clear and in matches players have agreed to do as requested. EB was asked to see clarification from Mark Schofield about the discussions with a third party, and whether consideration has been given to the use of nets. EB

4. Website: DM has discussed with Helen Radcliffe how the ladies' members page will look, and is working on the design. It will be possible to update the information easily. DM

5. Canopy: LH reported that Joan Fishwick and Arlene Mack will supervise a team of Kate Knox, Dawn Eastland, LH and KH. SM has enquired about the supply of ribbons, and thinks the cost for ribbons would be about £36. The central bows would be extra. Although ribbons can be recycled it may be necessary to revisit what Lyn has been told about charging £50 for the canopy. EB was asked to enquire about the detailed costings for room hire especially in relation to the canopy. EB

AO was asked to provide a realistic costing for the canopy based on SM's figures and recycling ribbons. AO

Treasurer's Report: The opening bank balance for May was £1732.28 with cash in hand of £410.74, making the total monies £2143.02. The income for May was £474.20 which came from a donation of £5, entry fees of £360 and £109.20 from the May Open. Expenditure for May amounted to £421.59 for bank charges, refreshments for Taster Day, refreshments for the Handicap team, flowers for the GolfCot, raffle tickets and prizes for the Open. Total assets therefore amounted to £2195.63. Net assets amounted to £1985.63, after taking into account the ring fenced money for the Canopy hire.

Competition Secretary's Report: June was a busy month starting with the Bolton Golf Cot Charity event, raising money for Fort Alice and the Frost Foundation. Despite IT problems the day was a success, and the Harwood team of Rita Towler, Vicky Boyes, Irene Wood, Anne Oakes and Sylvia Martin were winners, and Irene won 1st. Prize in Division 2. Only 12 teams entered the May Open, but many stayed until the results were announced. The winning team was Janet Ayres, Kookie Morgan and Alison Jennings. Second prize went to Sue Docherty, Gill Rogers and Sue Hazlett. A Greenmount team won the visitors prize. Thanks to the organisers and Dale.

Current competitions are board prizes and 9 hole comps. Thanks to Elaine Smith for setting up and closing the 9 hole comps.

Qualifiers for the Annie Chambers at Brightmet on 21st. June are Kate Knox, Marion Anderson, and Rita Towler. Lady President's prizes were won by Marion Nolan and Gill Rogers. The four best eligible players will represent us in the Bronze Interclub (East Div) at Towneley on 6th July. The Ladies Shield was won by Clare MacLeod. Harwood lost their mixed Archie Preston match at Cavendish GC.

The Handicap and Bronze teams drew their recent matches. Gill Rogers and Helen Radcliffe have been entered in the Ping competition. Last year's Ping prizes have arrived and will be presented later. Pauline Barlow has already collected hers.

LH has sent in entries for the Bolton Championships, that unfortunately clashes with the Annie Chambers event. Clare MacLeod has entered the Senior Championship. Thanks to LH for organising the entries.

Taster Day Update: Janet Ayres provided information about the coaching sessions and mini-taster during May. Dale has offered to run another 6-week course following on and we await feedback. Two ladies who took temporary membership as well as the coaching have progressed to using the course under supervision. Volunteers will be enlisted for providing further supervision. More ladies from the coaching group may consider temporary membership. Of the 5 ladies who attended the "mini taster session" in May, 2 have signed up for coaching and temporary membership and 1 for coaching only, and 1, Brianna Murphy, has taken full student membership. Those taking the coaching course commence on 7th June from 7pm-8pm together with one lady from the April Taster Session., plus a late addition so this group will comprise 5 ladies. Janet will be canvassing for volunteers for these coaching sessions next week.

Women on Par – England Golf Initiative: Janet also reported that Sue Manning has registered Harwood with the above. The resource pack arrived recently and is aimed at giving guidance at getting new ladies onto the course in a less daunting manner and gives targets and achievement records for completion. Basically, they start by playing from the blue tees so that the course is more attainable for first timers. We need to look at this more closely before deciding whether it would work for us but initial thoughts are that it is something we could possibly introduce once the coaching courses have finished, on a Tuesday evening and for those who have temporary membership. Janet would hope that someone might take this on board and "lead" it. JA

Janet hopes the Recruitment team will nominate an individual to organise small groups of 'tasters' and aid their transition to full membership. Following SM's efforts to help new members gain a handicap she thinks it would be useful to have a nominated 'handicap procurer'. Some fun competitions may help increase opportunities for integration of new members.

EB thought that the registration on Women on Par was very appropriate, but questioned why the committee had not been informed at the time, as would be usual procedure when action was taken on behalf of the club. The rest of the committee did not think they needed to be informed.

The use of 'roll-ups' to help with integration was discussed, and EB offered to facilitate this. EB

School Golf: Sue Richardson has expressed disappointment that although children in local schools have enjoyed using the golf equipment provided by the club, there has been no progression of children coming for coaching or joining the club. EB asked if we could ask any ladies with experience of working in schools to liaise, and encourage girls to join the Girls Golf Rocks scheme. KH mentioned the role of Sports Development Officers. The committee considered that any involvement with schools should be the province of the Junior Organiser.

- A.O.B**
- 1) LH said that the Street Party had been very successful, and some items left over from the catering were available for the ladies to use. The magician/entertainer had been excellent.
 - 2) SM said that communication was poor, and newer members don't know who is on the committee. EB explained that the committee membership is on the welcome leaflet that is part of the induction procedure. A list of committee members can be posted in the locker room, with information about the various 'working groups' agreed by last year's committee.
 - 3) Janet Ayres has passed on the information that more ladies want lockers, and currently a few lockers contain old clubs, vases, old boards, and other paraphernalia. She asked if the committee would consider alternative storage arrangements, such as plastic boxes in the cellar. It was agreed that EB would ask Mark Schofield about the possible use of men's lockers so the vases etc. were easily accessible. The old clubs would be offered to new ladies, and the remainder discarded.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 4th July at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9:14 p.m.

