

MINUTES OF THE LADIES' COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 5th September 2022

Present	Chair:	Chris Weatherall
	Immediate Past Captain	Lorna Hart
	Treasurer	Anne Oakes
	Secretary	Eileen Beeney
	Competition Secretary	Katharine Jones

Sue Docherty, Karen Hogg, Denise Magrath, Sue Manning
In attendance: Lady President

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

Matters Arising: **1. Women on Par:** SM reported that the information has not been fully examined, and probably will not be until next year if at all.

2. Turn Up and Learn: KJ has booked 2 slots at 10.30 and 10.40 on Monday mornings beginning on September 12th aimed at familiarising newer members with score cards and different playing formats. SM and EB offered to help on the first day to introduce Stableford scoring. All ladies are welcome to come and play, and don't need to book in.

3. Achievements Board: SM and DM have produced a draft sheet of achievements up to 2018. This can be increased in size to fit an appropriate frame. There was further discussion on the possibility of using a spare honours board and pay for engraving. KJ will ascertain what was agreed re the costing of engraving. To be continued. **KJ**

4. Lap top has been delivered. Thanks to DM, who has also set up an email address for the competition secretary. **Website:** DM has not yet been able to discuss plans with Helen Radcliffe, and will write a job request based on the outline plan she presented at the last meeting, and obtain a costing from the company that organises the website. **DM**

5) Shield Teams: SM has asked many ladies about their willingness to play in shield matches next season. There are about 18 ladies who would like to play in the bronze team. Some doubts were expressed about the viability of running two teams as well as a handicap team. EB reported that there will be a recommendation from the LLCGA Shields committee that clubs may only have one team. A decision will be made when further information is available.

Correspondance:

- 1. MDLGA entry** forms for the Bell Cup have arrived, plus nomination forms for committee membership. EB will organise payment with the club treasurer and return the forms. AO will ask for further information regarding the work of committee members. EB will email our ladies to ask if anyone would like to be nominated. Amelia Taylor has agreed to continue as Bell Cup team manager.
- 2. ELLGA** invitations to the Lady Captains and Secretaries lunch on 2nd November have arrived. EB and KJ will attend.
- 3.** LH has sent a bill to the treasurer requesting monies for the canopy, and CW will raise the matter at management if necessary.

Treasurer's Report: The opening bank balance for August was £1,851.48 with the cash in hand amounting to £187.53 making the total monies £2,039.01
The income for August amounted to £956.50, with £402.50 for Ladies Invitation Day Dinners, £54.00 for Invitation Day competition fees and £500 donated from the Golf Club.

Expenditure for August amounted to £1,235.48 and included Bank charges of £5.00, Ribbons & Bows for the Canopy of £29.20, £120 for Invitation Day lunches, £841 for Invitation Day Dinners, £75 for Gratuities, £53.28 for Flowers & Napkins, £40.00 for Menu cards, £71.50 for Halfway House.

Total assets therefore amounted to £1,760.03 with the Net Assets amounting to £1,550.03 after taking into account the ringfenced money of £210 for Canopy hire and £175 for Ladies Invitation Day Dinners.

Competition Secretary's Report: In the Bolton Challenge Bowl held at Great Lever, Lorna Hart, Sue Docherty, and Kathy Hardman won the Constance Lever Trophy for the best team. Kathy won the Higher Handicap Trophy and was presented with the Crystal Bowl. Anne Oakes qualified for the second day play. The Ladies' Picnic took place at Hawkstone Park on 7th and 8th August. Kay Brannigan won the new Picnic Trophy. Thanks to Judith Simms, Janet Ayres and others who helped.

Amelia Taylor was awarded the winning trophy, the Straththyrum Salver at St. Andrew's, after two rounds of stroke play and four rounds of handicapped match play.

The Invitation Day competition was won by Vicky Boyes and Pat Southall with Maureen Shurrock and Linda England finishing second. Thanks to all who helped, including Mr. Captain and Vice-Captain for the Halfway House, and to Mr. President for acting as our starter.

Gill Rogers and Helen Radcliffe qualified for the Ping Final at Thonock Park, Lincs on 5th September, and we have just heard that they came second. This is an amazing achievement.

Dianne Cooper represented Harwood at Woolton Golf Club in the Frances Smith Trophy, and enjoyed the experience. Congratulations to all these players.

The winner of the Ada Files Stableford was Kate Knox, on a card count back, who will play in the Bunty Booth in 2023. Eileen Beeney will be the reserve.

This year the winners of The Committee Prize Stableford will be awarded prizes paid for by The Committee and competition fees, in line with other Officials' prizes, rather than vouchers for the Pro shop. SM has kindly 'volunteered' to buy these for us.

"Turn up and Learn" sessions on Mondays at 10.30 and 10.40. will start on 12th September. We are beginning with Stableford scoring and card marking but will be dealing with many aspects of the game, including rules, formats and etiquette. Those who wish to attend should turn up at 10.00, so that they can be shown how to mark their shots on the card before they go out to play. In KJ's absence SM and EB will 'supervise'. It is open to all ladies, with or without a handicap.

Report from Management: CW reported that the issues about the 11th hole have not yet been resolved. Other golf clubs don't charge for room hire. Our £35 charge is to cover cleaning costs.

Recruitment and Retention: Janet Ayres reported that all group coaching sessions have ended. Another new lady is in the process of converting from temporary to full membership, bringing the total of new members to three. She is maintaining contact with two other ladies who may join in the future. She also passed on thanks from herself and Maureen Shurrock for everyone's work to make invitation day so successful.

Shotgun: Arrangements are well in hand. KJ will run the competition. The caterers are providing a hot snack.

Coffee Morning: Dawn Eastland has contacted a number of prospective stall holders for October 31st. So far there is a wood worker, Tropic skin care, Dionne designs, fused glass, the Frost foundation, and Joan's 'pick a bag'. There will also be a cake stall and raffle. Volunteers are needed to bake, donate raffle prizes, and serve the drinks. CW agreed to buy the drinks and biscuits. SM offered the spare drinks from team matches. KJ offered to take money at the door. EB will post a list for ladies to offer to bring cakes and/or raffle prizes to avoid a massive surplus. EB will organise teams of 'waitresses' and dish washers. The tables will be put out the evening before. We'll need extra kettles. DM agreed to produce tickets and posters. SD offered to do a 'What's my Name' competition.

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Presentation Evening: To be held on 19th October. The room is booked. CW will ask Gill Rogers to help her with a silent auction. There will be a meal at 7.00 p.m. followed by the presentation at 8:00. EB to ask the caterers for a choice of two mains and two desserts e.g. fish & chips, lasagne, apple crumble and fruit salad. Cost to include gratuity. KJ will ask Elaine Smith to take the trophies to the engraver. CW
EB
KJ

Ladies Annual Dinner: CW will begin the process of finding an entertainer. CW

Lockable Key Box: SM suggested we buy a lockable key box for security reasons. She will try to provide a key safe in which to keep the key to the box. Agreed. SM

Donations: It was agreed to continue the tradition of the ladies' section making a donation to the charity selected by family when a Past Lady Captain dies. This month this would be for Joan Lynn and Leslie Lund.

Dates for 2023: EB and KJ to explore possible dates for Invitation Day 2023. Other dates to be decided next month.

A.O.B: SM enquired about beginning to organise the Christmas lunch and was encouraged to go ahead. The committee minutes are to be emailed to ladies until the website is set up to take them. SD has framed the Bronze team photograph and will put it on the dining room wall as we speak! CW said the Christmas decorations go up on 23rd November. Boxes to be brought from storage beforehand.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 3rd. October at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9.05 p.m.