

## Harwood Ladies' Section

### Minutes of the Ladies Committee Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Present	Lady Captain	Dianne Cooper
	Lady Captain Elect	Helen Radcliffe
	Treasurer	Anne Oakes
	Secretary	Eileen Beeney
	Competition Secretary	Katharine Jones

Janet Ayres, Kay Brannigan, Karen Hogg, Sue Manning

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<p><b><u>Welcome</u></b> Lady Captain welcomed everyone to the meeting with traditional hospitality.</p> <p><b><u>Apologies:</u></b> Gillian Crofts and Denise Magrath</p> <p><b><u>Minutes of previous meeting</u></b> Agreed as a correct record. Proposed by KJ and seconded by AO.</p> <p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Locker Room:</b> The work is just about complete and there is a mat on the slope outside. Letters of thanks have been sent. Wendy Howard has retired as 'locker room monitor'. Many thanks to her for years of service. Kate Knox has volunteered to take on the role. JA will provide initial guidance. SM suggested a rota of volunteers to clean the room once per month, paying particular attention to the toilet areas and wash basins, and to clean the outside mat. An email to be sent asking for volunteers.</li> <li>2) <b>ELLGA AGM</b> has been postponed to 8<sup>th</sup> March.</li> <li>3) <b>Coffee Morning:</b> The date has been changed to Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to avoid clashing with either the club bonfire aftermath or the LLCGA meeting. EB to inform Dawn Eastland and book the lounge.</li> <li>4) <b>Country Membership:</b> SM reported that no approach has been made to management about country membership. The only restrictions for a country member would be those written in the club rules, minus the restriction on attending the picnic. SM will pass on the information and advise making an application to the club.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Correspondence:</u></b> AO has received emails from the club treasurer about the Audit Committee's recommendation that the ladies' accounts be included in the club's accounts. Agreed that AO would supply the information he requires.</p> <p>JA suggested specifying what any surplus funds would be used for. This led to a discussion of possibilities such as a hardship fund or a particular charity. Agreed that LC will consider which charity she would like the ladies' section to support.</p> <p><b><u>Treasurer's Report:</u></b> The opening bank balance for February was £2,340 with the cash in hand amounting to £339.76, making the total monies £2,679.76. There was no income for February and expenditure amounted to £417.22 which included for £5.00 for Bank charges, £150 for Honoraria payments, £250.45 for Wallpaper, paint, paint brushes, white spirit etc for the locker room refurbishments and £11.77 for gifts for a member who had been in hospital. Total assets therefore amounted to £2,262.54 with the Net Assets amounting to £1,862.54 after taking into account the ringfenced money of £400 for Canopy hire. The canopy hire income is used for entertainment at the ladies' annual dinner.</p> <p><b><u>Competition Secretary's Report:</u></b> KJ said this month's Winter Competitions have all been played. Well done to those who have turned out in cold, miserable weather.</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>EB</p> <p>EB</p> <p>SM</p> <p>AO</p> <p>LC</p>

Gillian Crofts has agreed to shadow her this year, with a possible view of taking over as Competitions Secretary next year. Gillian has been introduced to the Club V1 system, and KJ is drawing up a "job description" listing weekly, monthly and yearly tasks. Gillian has already started transferring information to her own computer system. Thanks to Gillian for her interest.

The Easter Egg Competition will take place on Good Friday April 7th with tees reserved between 9.30 and 11.30. A presentation of eggs and also the Winter Order of Merit will follow. LC, LP and LCE will provide an egg for the 3 winners. KJ will provide hot cross buns to take out on the course. The entry sheet for the 2023 Eclectic Competition is also on the notice board. The forms for the singles and foursomes knock outs are ready to be displayed. Elaine Smith will collect fees for the Bolton competitions, with support from JA.

The committee then discussed possible rule changes for the knock-out competitions and agreed to maintain consistency with other board prizes by restricting entries to those who have submitted 20 cards, and therefore have a reasonably settled handicap.

**Report from Management Meeting:** LC had not attended a meeting.

**Taster Day:** JA reported that promotion of the day has begun on social media, and handed out posters for display in local libraries etc. She will liaise with LCE re the website. Nine ladies have registered; handouts are ready; refreshments are booked and JA will use testimonials from previous 'tasters'. At the end of March she will ask for volunteers to help. AO will supply name badges.

JA  
AO

**LLCGA Shields Meeting:** EB said the meeting will be consultative, with views sought on the number of players in teams for 2024, and also a new knockout competition aimed to provide an extra opportunity for ladies to play in team matches. SM will attend and ask for 5 players in handicap teams and seven players in bronze teams.

SM

**Fun Competition:** LC suggested holding a competition during the Ryder Cup week, possibly a Greensomes format on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. She and LCE will discuss the details and organise refreshments. KJ will book the lounge for the afternoon.

LC  
LCE  
KJ

**Wimbledon Competition:** SM asked about repeating the Wimbledon competition that was popular last year. Agreed to hold a 3-woman Texas Scramble on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 9.30 to 11.30 if KJ is able to reserve the tees.

KJ

**Conservation of Bird and Bat life:** SM said that GC will provide information at the next meeting about funding for conservation.

**Communications:** SM thought that some ladies would prefer to give suggestions and ask questions about the ladies' section via a suggestions box, and that would encourage involvement. Agreed that all means of encouraging active participation are useful. AO to provide suggestion slips, and EB to email all to explain what they are for, and what to do with them. Also send regular emails to remind ladies to visit the ladies' website to see the minutes etc.

AO  
EB

A question-and-answer board was also suggested.

EB

**Rules:** SM said some ladies would appreciate another session on rules. She suggested Mark Woodward should do this. A provisional date is Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. If he isn't willing/available the 'rules gurus' would be asked. EB to request ladies to let us know which rules/issues they would like covered. Jan Southern has offered to organise 'a rule per week' on the notice board.

SM  
EB

KB said newer members may have difficulty finding out what the various competitions are, and who can enter. She and AO will work on compiling a document about competitions, socials etc. EB has already sent a resume of competitions to new committee members.

KB  
AO

**AOB:** JA said Sue Richardson has access to software to produce professional posters and is willing

to help the ladies' section. EB has produced a simple poster for the May Open that she will send to LCE for improvement, for LC to take to a meeting in the near future. EB

LCE queried the use of clubs on the 11<sup>th</sup> hole because not all ladies follow the guidance. KJ confirmed that we can only encourage ladies to behave in accordance with the request from the club to maintain fairness, but there is no rule in force.

SM said some ladies are using mats on long grass during competitions. EB to email guidance on this. EB

KH asked if the canopy team is the same as last year. It is.

JA said that enquiries from ladies about membership are now being dealt with by Dale. It was agreed that it would be more appropriate for these to come to the ladies' section. LCE was asked to contact Sue Richardson to ask if email enquiries could be copied to JA in the same way as Sue receives copies. EB said that Dale has agreed to send contact details of any new members to JA and herself. LCE

LCE apologised for being unable to attend meetings in April, July and October.

The meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.

**Date of Next Meeting: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>. April at 7.00 p.m.**