

Harwood Ladies' Section

Minutes of the Ladies Committee Meeting held on 3rd April 2023

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

Janet Ayres, Kay Brannigan, Karen Hogg, Sue Manning, Gillian Crofts

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<p><u>Welcome</u> Lady Captain welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u> Helen Radcliffe (LCE) Clare MacLeod (LP)</p> <p><u>Minutes of previous meeting</u> Agreed as a correct record.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>1) ELLGA AGM took place. Nothing of note to report.</p> <p>2) LLCGA Shields meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2025 will be 125th anniversary of formation of LLCGA, a new competition is being launched to celebrate. Will commence in 2024, culminating in a lunch at Old Trafford in Jan 2025 for presentation of trophies. b. Various suggestions were made re Shield organisation, LLCGA committee will discuss offline and report back. c. 2 straw polls held, majority in favour of changing boundaries, small majority in favour of team size of 5 over 7 <p>3) Surplus funds: Agreed that we should support a charity. 50% of funds raised in raffles at Opens and coffee morning should go to Charity, 50% to the ladies' section. This distribution of funds should be made clear to contributors. Tentative agreement that we should support a local women's shelter (later agreed via WhatsApp group to be Endeavour Project on Chorley Old Road).</p> <p>4) Country Membership: Management Committee have stated this is measured as the crow flies.</p> <p>5) Information for Treasurer: All requested info sent to Paul Bird, no response from him yet.</p> <p>6) Rules session: Will be held on Wed, 5th Apr.</p> <p>7) Competition Info: Competition Info Pack sent out for review, just requires addition of club logo. Kay has tidied up the New Member pack created by Eileen in the same format, agreed to keep the 2 packs separate. Kay will print out a copy of the Competition Info pack in booklet format, this is to be kept in the ladies' locker room.</p> <p>8) Ryder Cup Week competition: LC will captain the "Europe" team, LCE will captain the "USA" team. Will be held on 20th Sep. Dianne asked Eileen to email our lady members asking them to book the day off to enable them to attend a ladies' lunch following the matches.</p> <p>9) Wimbledon comp: will be held on 15th July. The function room is booked that day so refreshments will need to be located outside or in the members' bar.</p> <p>10) Suggestion slips: Anne has created a suggestion slip form. She will print several out and place in Ladies locker room. Eileen will email lady members to explain where they are located, and that completed forms should be posted in the postbox. Katherine and Gillian will collate the slips, summarise and bring to next committee meeting,</p> <p>11) Membership enquiries from Ladies: Sue Richardson will send on to Janet and Eileen.</p> <p>12) Guidance on use of mats: complete</p> <p><u>Correspondence:</u> ELLGA Scratch Shield & Worsley Competitions. Rules have been sent to us. Being held 6th June. Clare will be asked to organise as usual.</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>SM</p> <p>KB</p> <p>EB</p> <p></p> <p>AO EB</p> <p>KJ/GC</p> <p></p> <p>EB</p>

Treasurer's Report: The opening bank balance for March was £2,092.05 with the cash in hand amounting to £170.49, making the total monies £2,262.54

There was no income for March and expenditure amounted to £35.39 which included for £5.40 for Bank charges, £25 for flowers for the outgoing Lady President and £4.99 for files for account reports.

Total assets therefore amounted to £2,227.15 with the Net Assets amounting to £1,827.15 after taking into account the ringfenced money of £400 for Canopy hire.

Competition Secretary's Report: The winners of the Winter League (Order of Merit) will be presented with vouchers for the Pro Shop after the Easter Egg competition.

The Easter Egg competition on Good Friday will be played in 3s as a Stableford over holes 1-13 . We have tried to ensure that beginners are partnered with more experienced players.

The entry sheets for the Eclectic and Knock outs will be taken down on Friday. Only ladies who have signed up and paid will be eligible to enter. KJ suggested that the entry fees be held by the Ladies' Treasurer to ring fence until the end of the year presentation, though the money would still be included in the competition accounts.

The Bolton Golf Cot Charity Event which will be held on Tuesday 9th May at Westhoughton. It is £8 per entry. Janet Ayres has kindly offered to collect the money for the Bolton competitions this year. Gillian C is becoming more familiar with Club V1 and is understanding more about the different competitions and entry requirements. She will be a great asset to the club.

The match play "Competition" on Weds 12th April has been set up as a singles Stableford to allow us to sign in with a partner. Scores will not be entered on the system and there will be no comp fees. It is hoped that newer players will be supported by experienced match players so that they will feel more confident to sign up for our Bronze Team matches.

Report from Management Meeting: The committee welcomed the idea of KB and GC being included in discussions about conservation and sustainability. Marcus Hall believed wrongly that the greenkeepers had not been informed about the bird boxes. They and Marcus were fully involved in the decision about siting the bird box.

The caterers present and future will cover our Opens and Invitation Day.

Stephen Houghton has appointed Emily as the club cleaner with a view to her becoming full time. His cleaning checklist covers the areas we require.

LC informed management that some ladies would be willing to help in club management. Names would have to be put forward before the club AGM.

Taster Day: JA reported that 19 have signed up. All is in hand.

Induction: Discussed in matters arising above

Daily Mail Foursomes: Traditionally the winners of the Doubles Knockout competition go forward to the DM 4somes. EB raised the issue of a rule change in this competition and gave an example of how it could make a difference of over 20 shots being lost by a pair with a high handicap. She had previously circulated some suggestions to deal with this, including holding a different match play competition as a qualifier for the DM 4somes that fitted with the new rule re playing off a maximum HI of 30. Other members of the committee argued that in order to be inclusive, the winners of the Doubles Knock-out competition should continue to represent the club regardless of their handicap. Other suggestions put forward by SM and JA were that winners would be asked if they wanted to go forward to the DM competition, or that an extra foursomes competition be held as a qualifier. It was noted that the maximum possible course handicap used to be 36, whereas at Harwood it is now 61. No agreement was reached about whether the strategy should be to have the club represented by the best pair (as decided by winning a qualifier with a maximum HI of 30) or being inclusive and putting forward whoever won the Knockout competition. The matter was deferred to the next meeting.

Conservation of Bird and Bat life: discussed in Management meeting above

<p>Harwood Opens: posters and entries: EB to forward the poster from Susan Richardson to KB for use on social media platforms when it is available, and email everyone to remind them to organise their teams.</p>	<p>EB KB</p>
<p>AOB: A donation will be sent in memory of Joan Davies once the charity has been decided.</p>	<p>AO</p>
<p>The meeting ended at 8.24 p.m.</p>	
<p>Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd. May at 7.00 p.m.</p>	