

## Harwood Ladies' Section

### Minutes of the Ladies Committee Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

Present	Lady Captain Secretary Competition Secretary Lady President (non-voting) Lady Captain Elect Kay Brannigan, Karen Hogg, Sue Manning, Gillian Crofts, Denise McGrath (part)	Dianne Cooper Eileen Beeney Katharine Jones Clare Macleod Helen Radcliffe
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<p><b>Welcome</b> Lady Captain welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Treasurer - Anne Oakes, Janet Ayres,</p> <p><b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>                      Agreed as a correct record.</p> <p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Suggestion Slips are in the golf cupboard in a clear folder – EB to send out email to inform members of location and use. <span style="float: right;">EB</span></li> <li>2) Induction pact and Competition pack completed and sent out. (copies available in locker room cupboard) <span style="float: right;">For Info</span></li> <li>3) Daily Mail Foursomes – A separate match play knock out competition to be organised – GC to draw up notification to members with a view to have all entries by End of May, competition must be completed before closing weekend. Club winners to be entered to DM competition to be submitted in January 2024. GC to send out email and information to members. <span style="float: right;">GC</span></li> <li>4) A motion was proposed and unanimously agreed that the Trophy prize foursomes will be a separate stand-alone board prize with no automatic entry to Daily Mail Competition. GC to send out email and information to members. <span style="float: right;">KJ/GC DC/HR</span></li> <li>5) Ryder Cup format to be agreed and presented at next meeting between LC and LCE.</li> <li>6) May Open day – LC has organised volunteers for raffle, the caterers have agreed a menu, Dale will prepare cards and KJ will check hcps, close the comp and work out winners etc. EB to email members in alphabetical order to ask for donations for the raffle table. <span style="float: right;">KJ/EB For Info</span></li> <li>7) Thanks to Sue Manning and Jan Southern for an excellent Rules Quiz and presentation, it was extremely well received and thanks to both noted. Rules of the Week are being posted in the locker room by SM and JS. <span style="float: right;">CM For Info</span></li> <li>8) CM to do short presentation on Ready Golf at the Presentation evening 10th May 2023. <span style="float: right;">EB</span></li> <li>9) CM has organised ELLGA Scratch Shield &amp; Worsley Competitions.</li> <li>10) Club Secretary Sponsored Walk information to be emailed to the members. <span style="float: right;">AO</span></li> </ol> <p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b> Treasurers report was duly noted and approved. The opening bank balance for April was £2,061.65 with the cash in hand amounting to £165.50 making the total monies £2,227.15. There was no income for March and expenditure amounted to £36.74 which included for £5.40 for Bank charges, £31.34 for refreshments for the Handicap team match of 24th April 2023. Total assets therefore amounted to £2,190.40 with the Net Assets amounting to £1,790.40 after taking into account the ringfenced money of £400 for Canopy hire.                      AO to check that donation to British Heart Foundation for Joan Davies has been made and accounted for.</p> <p><b>Competition Secretary's Report:</b> Competitions Secretary's Report was submitted and approved</p>	

with an amendment to the paragraph to note it was the Second round not the first as reported - Janet and Elaine S. were unfortunately beaten by strong opposition in the first round of the Daily Mail Competition at Breightmet.

The winner of the Winter Order of Merit was announced at the Easter Egg competition. It was won by Sue Docherty with 107 points. Prizes were given to the top 10 players.  
29 ladies took part in the Easter Egg competition on a lovely sunny Good Friday.

To finish the winter season we held a match play practice day. This was helpful to those ladies who would be playing their first matches this season for the bronze team, and to those who hope to do so in the near future.

The draw has been made for the Knock out competitions. 17 ladies have entered the Singles and 10 pairs have entered the 4somes. The first round has to be played by the end of May.

Weekly competitions, with alternative days, have started with a Texas Scramble and a Stroke play competition. Both were well supported. 16 ladies also paid to enter the twos competition, but there were no winners this week. I suggest that in this case the money is put into the competition fund to be used for prizes as needed during the summer.

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Bronze team played their first match against Whalley, winning 3-2 and handicap team played their first match against Towneley, winning 5-0. A great start by our ladies.

18 players have entered the Golf Cot to be held on 9th May at Westhoughton. Janet has submitted the entries on our behalf. Thank you Janet.

We have received the draw for the Handicap Shield/Annie Chambers Trophy (ELLGA). The top 3 players with a maximum handicap index of 40 after our Ladies' Shield competition on 17th May, will be entered. We have been drawn to play with ladies from Clitheroe Golf Club at Blackburn on Tuesday 20th June.

Clare has also received the ELLGA entry form for the Scratch Shield and Worsley Trophy which will be at Darwen Golf Club on Tuesday 6th June. No qualifying competition is played for this, but the 4 lowest handicap players who are available will be in our team.

Gillian is now able to set up and close competitions and make ladies fixture bookings on BRS. We will now be working on external entries and presentation evenings before Mr. President's Prize on 10th May. Progress is excellent. Thank you Gillian

It was also noted that a new Score entry Screen is to be installed at the club.

DC/EB

**Report from Management Meeting:** LC Report was submitted for information. Management have requested greater 'links' between sections and have suggested a joint presentation evening and social at the end of the season. The committee agreed in principle to this and EB will provide LC with a suitable response (to be reviewed by the committee prior to distribution to the management committee).

**Taster Day:** JA submitted report to committee. Noted that the taster day was a great success and thanks to JA were noted from the members.

JA/DC

Following marketing across social media platforms and poster placement, 20 ladies registered to attend. Two of these later cancelled and one did not turn up.

<p>Of the 17 who joined us for the session, 14 have taken out temporary membership combined with group coaching. Marie Meakin (recent new member) is also joining the coaching. Subsequently we had two "late" requests from friends of tasters to take out the same deal. So that makes 16!</p> <p>Big thanks to everyone who helped on the day. It was a great team effort. Those who did not sign up either felt they wouldn't have time for golf just now or are away throughout May when most of the coaching takes place. Jim's fiancée, Tik, might join us after their honeymoon. I will keep in contact with these latter two.</p> <p>I feel quite positive about the sign-ups. Several are coming with friends and already have contacts at the club. Also, two ladies are from Greenmount and know Marie. It did feel as if most of the helpers on the day knew someone who was attending and familiar faces help to break down barriers.</p> <p>I've now put them all into two coaching groups with WhatsApp groups to cover; one on Tuesdays 6.30-7.30pm; the second on Wednesdays 6.00-7.00pm. My request for member support at these sessions has been positive so hopefully they will all be covered. Let's hope the weather stays dry on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Once the coaching starts, we may have to supervise first outings to the practice ground between coaching and facilitate club and balls availability for this purpose.</p> <p>As discussion was held around having a lead person for newbies when coaching finishes. Each newbie would have a mentor to ensure they don't miss out on anything, and to approach for information and support. The lead person would coordinate the practice sessions both on practice ground and on the course. The newbie WhatsApp group would include volunteers willing to 'supervise'. TUAL sessions could be used as part of the programme, and the Women on Par materials could be used. Someone will be asked to take the lead, and Janet may advise on who to approach.</p>	<p>ALL/DC/ JA</p>
<p><b>LC Invitation Day</b> - LC to organise with EB. EB to send email to members regarding inviting guests from other clubs and to verify Tee Times. Email to be sent after the May open.</p>	<p>DC/EB</p>
<p><b>Endeavour Project</b> – Noted this is the LC charity for 2023. KB to send information to upload onto Website and to Susan Richardson for marketing purposes.</p>	<p>KB</p>
<p><b>Plan and Mission</b> – CM to review and revise with a view to re-circulation to the group for further discussion.</p>	<p>CM/KB</p>
<p><b>AOB</b></p>	
<p><b>Shadowing</b> – KB to shadow EB as Secretary</p>	<p>KB/EB</p>
<p><b>Management Committee</b> – DC to enquire as to membership for LCE and IPC from Women's Section</p>	<p>DC</p>
<p><b>2's</b> – It was agreed that money paid into the competition will be rolled over until won by 2's competitors.</p>	<p>For Info</p>
<p>CM informed the committee the Lancashire Seniors Autumn Event in September 2024 is to be held at Harwood Golf Club.</p>	<p>For Info</p>
<p>SM asked that the wheel on the gate to the practise ground be repaired. DC to take to Management.</p>	<p>DC</p>
<p>SM noted that CM had been missed from the Special Achievement Board for her win Bury Championship 2016 – agreed this would be added to the board</p>	<p>KJ/EB</p>
<p>CM has asked Marcus Hall to make access to the toilet on the 12th more accessible as the route is</p>	<p>For info</p>

muddy with long grass and holes.

The meeting ended at 8.44 p.m.

**Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 30th May at 7.00 p.m.**