## Harwood Ladies' Section

## Minutes of the Ladies Committee Meeting held on 30th May 2023

Present Lady Captain Dianne Cooper

Lady Captain Elect Helen Radcliffe
Secretary Eileen Beeney
Treasurer Anne Oakes
Competition Secretary Katharine Jones
Assistant Competition Secretary. Gillian Crofts

Janet Ayres, Karen Hogg, Sue Manning In Attendance: Lady President Clare McLeod

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We	elcome Lady Captain welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
Apologies: Kay Brannigan,		
Mi	nutes of previous meeting  Agreed as a correct record.	
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Ma	tters Arising	
1)	Suggestion/Question Slips: Clarification was sought on categories of membership that are not	
	currently on the website. A number of issues arose and it was decided to seek further	ED.
	information from the club secretary, plus make a request for a full list of lady members and their membership category and any playing restrictions in place.	EB
2)	Daily Mail Foursomes – GC has posted a sign-up sheet, and 3 couples have entered. A further	GC
3)	couple will sign up and a draw be made. BHF donation was sent and and a letter of thanks received.	
4)	Ryder Cup: Nothing to report.	LC + LCE
5)	Practice Gate: has been reported. Future minor issues should be reported directly to the appropriate Sub- committee Chair.	
6)	May Open was very successful.	
7)	Endeavour Project: The information is now on the notice board on the website.	
Correspondence: 1. D. Magrath has resigned from the committee and been thanked for her inp		
2. Susan Richardson informed us of the donation of a bench from the family of Joan Lynn. She		
asl	ed for information about Joan that could be given to the wider membership.	
Treasurer's Report: The opening bank balance for May was £2,048.91 with the cash in hand		
amc	unting to £165.50 making the total monies £2,214.41.  The income for May was £916.50 which came from £720 Entry fees for the May Open and	
	£196.50 from the raffle at the May Open. (50% of the raffle money will be donated to the	
	Endeavour Project)	
	Expenditure for May amounted to £613.23 for Bank charges, a donation to the BHF relating to Joan Davies, Refreshments for the Taster Day, Refreshments for the Handicap Team,	
	Flowers for the Caterers, a refund for incorrect income for the 200 Club and Prizes for the	
	May Open.	
	Total assets therefore amounted to £2,517.68 with the Net Assets amounting to £2,117.68 after taking into account the ringfenced money of £400 for Canopy hire.	
	Thanks to everyone for their hard work to ensure a successful May Open, as it made us a	
	profit of £526.50.  It was agreed to donate all the raffle proceeds from the Open to charity. Ideas for the use of	
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funds raised by the ladies to be sent to EB for discussion at the next meeting. The mission statement and development plan may provide a useful focus.

**Competition Secretary's Report:** Jan Southern, Sue Manning, Eileen Beeney and Dianne Cooper qualified to play in the Scott Leggatt at Deane GC on Mon 5th June.

Carole Brooking and Karen Hogg have qualified for the EG Australian Spoons Northern Regional Event to be held at Upton by Chester on Sun 9th July. We should hear if their scores were good enough by the middle of June.

In the Bolton Golf Cot at Westhoughton Eileen Beeney finished 4th out of 48 players in Division 1. Janet Ayres finished 10th out of 57 in Division 2, closely followed by several Harwood ladies.

Mr President's Prize was won by Gill Rogers. Janet Ayres won the 2s prize..her first ever! The Ladies' Shield competition was also held with the 3 best scorers with handicaps 40 or under, qualifying for the ELLGA Annie Chambers. Sue Manning, Kate Knox and Kathy Hardman will go forward to play at Blackburn on Tues 20th June.

The Ladies' Trophy Competition was won by LCE, Helen Radcliffe.

The Bell Cup team played their Round 1 match against Rossendale away, and won 4&3. An excellent result.

Our Open Team Event Texas Scramble was held on Friday 19th May, with 19 teams taking part. Unfortunately the weather wasn't brilliant but some good golf was played and money was raised for the Ladies' Funds and for the Endeavour Project through our raffle. Thanks to Vicky Boyes for organising the event and to everyone who helped in any way. The winning team was Helen Radcliffe, Gill Rogers and Pravita Parmar. 2nd were Gillian Crofts, Lorna Hart and Val Hinchley, with a team from Breightmet winning the Visitors' Prize. Wendy Gudger also won the longest drive for handicaps 21-40.

Bronze and Handicap matches have begun. Bronze have won 2 and lost 2. Handicap have won 3 and lost 1.

Marion Nolan played in the Race to Woodhall Spa at High Legh Park Chester. She came a very commendable 20th out of 65 players.

**Report from Management Meeting**: LCE reported that the management committee was pleased we are agreeable to a joint presentation evening. KJ and GC will contact Andy Nixon to organise the details. In response to our request for greater equality and integration, they have agreed that LCE may attend meetings in a non-voting capacity. Any change in the constitution and articles would have to be discussed and voted on at the AGM. The club will give £500 towards Invitation Day. AO to check it has reached the account. Minor issues are to be directed to the appropriate department Chairs.

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**Taster Day:** JA submitted her report to the committee:

16 Tasters plus Marie Meakin are 5 weeks into coaching. There are two groups, one on Tuesday and one on Wednesday

As all 16 have taken temporary membership and are entitled to use the practice ground, I have carried out three practice ground orientation sessions which have captured 12 ladies. They have all been supplied with practice balls to use and for those who do not have their own clubs I have loaned out a 7 iron, 9 or PW plus a putter for use on the practice ground. I have endeavoured to encourage use of this facility between coaching sessions.

All those in the Wednesday coaching group have been on the course at least once, some several times. All have their own clubs apart from two ladies. This group generally is more flexible in terms of getting out onto the course as most are retired or work part-time.

Four ladies in the Tuesday coaching group have either been out on the course or have a trip booked in. Of the others, one is not ready, 3 can only play on a Saturday and one is not responding to messages.

Our Monday TUAL sessions would be ideal as a next step for the tasters for the duration of their temporary membership but unfortunately most of them work on a Monday! However, I will continue to flag the sessions up each weekend and hopefully those that can will join in. The workers will need another "unofficial" TUAL session on a Saturday late in the day after the Junior competition. I have put out an email requesting volunteers to man these sessions.

Once the coaching sessions finish on 6th June, I am going to propose to the tasters that we continue to meet at the club at the same time as the coaching but to go onto the course to play a few holes. I suggest we attempt to do this for 4 weeks. This will require support from the membership once again and I have requested volunteers for these sessions too. I am in the process of speaking to Carol Brooking, Sue Docherty and Kate Knox about taking a shared lead on these Tuesday and Wednesday sessions. The success or otherwise of these sessions will depend on support from the membership. LC Invitation Day - Arrangements are in hand. The format will be 4BBB Stableford. There will be no competition entry fee, but because we are raising money for charity the raffle will not be free. Raffle strips will be £1 and 5 colours will be available. A number of raffle prizes are in the locker room. Agreed to fund 3 prizes value £20 each from existing funds. AO to acquire. LC and EB are due to ΑO meet the caterers. Agreed to invite the Past Captains to lunch. EB TUAL Lead and Mentors JA will put Carol Brooking, Kate Knox and Sue Docherty on the WhatsApp group but didn't think it necessary to have a different co-ordinator or mentors at this stage. LC Mission and Plan: LP has sent comments to KB. **AOB 1** The sign at the club entrance has a spelling mistake. LC to inform management. **2 Team teas** would cost £6 for sandwiches and chips. SM to query the cost for sandwiches. 3 Bolton Championships: LP will meet with LC and EB and caterers to make arrangements for championship week. A further meeting with the Greens Chair and Pro will be arranged. The meeting ended at 8.45 p.m. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th July at 7.00 p.m.

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