

Harwood Ladies' Section

Minutes of the Ladies Committee Meeting held on 4th July 2023

Present	Lady Captain Secretary Competition Secretary Lady Captain Elect Treasurer Kay Brannigan, Karen Hogg, Sue Manning, Gillian Crofts, Janet Ayres (part)	Dianne Cooper Eileen Beeney Katharine Jones Helen Radcliffe Anne Oakes
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<p>Welcome Lady Captain welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies: Lady President,</p> <p>Minutes of previous meeting Agreed as a correct record.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ryder Cup – Email to be sent to Ladies to sign up for this event which is to take place on Wednesday 20th September 2023 hosted by LC and LCE. A sign up form will also be posted in the locker room with sign up deadline 2/8/2023. The format was agreed as 4BBB. A free lunch will be provided with a presentation for the winning side. A draw will be made for teams Europe and USA by the LC and LCE. 2. Cost of Team Tees – deferred to Feb 2024 agenda 3. Bolton Championships- A great successful event, special thanks to all the Ladies from Harwood who was involved and thanks to the referees and spotters. 4. Membership Options: LC defined the criteria for concessionary membership. AO to speak to Club Treasurer to confirm payment status of lady members. LC to speak to ladies who have been given different membership options to explain they would have Monday to Friday access to the course and be able to enter weekday competitions excluding board prizes. Subsequently they will receive a letter outlining the parameters of their membership. 5. Representation on Management Committee – Confirmed LCE now attending as observer, LC and LCE cannot vote, push for Ladies to get involved and voted on at next AGM. 6. Request from Great Lever and Farnworth – LC to ask Bolton LC's their views on reciprocal arrangements <p>Treasurer's Report: The opening bank balance for June was £2,209.93 with the cash in hand amounting to £307.75 making the total monies £2,517.68. The income for June was £584.50 which came from £500 from Harwood Golf club as payment towards the Lady Captain's Invitation Day, £77.50 for evening meals for LCID and £7.00 for purchase of a rule book. Expenditure for June amounted to £481.49 for Bank charges, Prize for the Golf COT, Donation to the Endeavour project, Refreshments for the Handicap Team, Bronze Team and Bell Cup, 2 Raffle prizes for the Lady Captain's Invitation Day. Total assets therefore amounted to £2,620.69 with the Net Assets amounting to £2,143.19 after taking into account the ringfenced money of £400 for Canopy hire and £77.50 for evening meals for Lady Captain's Invitation Day. Treasurer also presented a letter received from Endeavour Project thanking the GC for the £200 donation. It was agreed the letter will be displayed at the next charity raffle at the LC invitation</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>KB KB</p> <p></p> <p>AO LC KB</p> <p>For Info</p> <p>LC</p>

day.

Competition Secretary's Report:

Club Competitions

Our ladies have played in three Officials' Prizes and one Board Prize since the last meeting. Entries were high and the weather was generally kind. Attendance at the presentation evenings was also quite good, but newer members need some encouragement to be present. Thanks to the Officials for their refreshments and prizes. Round 2 of Lady Captain's Prize will be held this week followed by a presentation.

Bolton Championship was held at Harwood. Our Lady President, Clare MacLeod, was runner up to Melissa Walker from Old Links in the Final. The standard of golf was extremely high and enjoyable to watch. Thank you Clare. We are very proud of you. Sally Ann Attwood from Old Links won the Seniors competition. The Texas Scramble Ancillary Competition was won by Brightmet with Westhoughton 2nd and Turton 3rd.

External Competitions

LLCGA Scott Leggatt was held at Deane. Our teams of Jan Southern/Sue Manning and Eileen Beene/Dianne Cooper finished mid table on a very hard course.

ELLGA Scratch and Worsley Competition was held at Darwen. Clare MacLeod came 2nd in the best gross competition and our team of Clare, Eileen, Anne and Amelia finished with the 3rd best nett score.

MDLGA Bell Cup 2nd Round was played at home against Sale. We won 5:2 and go through to the 3rd Round against Mellor and Townscliffe at home on 13th July. Good luck to our team.

MDLGA Bunty Booth Final was held at Worsley Golf Club. Kate Knox was our representative and came mid table in a very enjoyable competition.

ELLGA Annie Chambers' Trophy was held at Blackburn where our team was Sue Manning, Kate Knox and Kathy Hardman. Another mid table finish, but the ladies enjoyed some good company from their playing partners.

Greenmount Open Competition

Our team of Maureen, Jan and Anne finished 1st and another Harwood team of Gillian, Sue M and Carol came 3rd at this event with Gillian Crofts winning the prize for the longest drive. Well done ladies.

Lancs Seniors Team

Clare has been selected to play for Lancashire Seniors. In her first match she beat the Lady Captain of Northumberland 2:1 and also won her second match. It is difficult to keep up with Clare's many competitions all over Great Britain but we wish her well in all her matches and thank her for representing Harwood Golf Club.

LLCGA Interclub Bronze Competition

Elaine H, Sue D. Kate and Gillian were the qualifiers from Lady President's Prize who were available and eligible to go forward to this competition at Accrington on Monday 3rd July. Good luck ladies.

Shield Team Matches

Bronze Team has now finished its matches. They have come 2nd in their division, with some very closely fought competitions. Thank you to Marion Anderson for organising the team this year. It has been a great experience for some of our newer members as well as for the more experienced ladies.

Handicap Team has won their last match against Turton and are now through the group stage and will take part in the divisional final at Blackpool North Shore 31st August 2023. Thanks again to Sue Manning for all her hard work and to the ladies who have fought hard to represent us.

Ladies' Competition Secretary Shadowing

This is going very well, with Gillian becoming more confident about the organisation and execution of the competitions. She has led at Presentation Evenings, entered qualifiers for external competitions and set up various spread sheets to assist her when she takes over. I am very confident that this will happen in the not too distant future. Thank you Gillian.

Report from Management Meeting: LC Report was submitted for information.

KJ/GC

<p>Taster Day: The group coaching courses have now finished and trips onto the course have been on going on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. This has been supported by volunteers from the ladies' section.</p> <p>Of the 16 tasters, there are probably 4 or 5 who have slightly faded away, mostly due to other commitments and not being able to put time aside for golf. The others are all very keen and five have already taken full membership now rather than waiting until their temporary membership finishes at the end of July. There five will need an induction as soon as possible. I am happy to assist Lady Captain in this but will not be available to do so until after 11th July for personal reasons so if someone else can step in that would be great. We need to check that we have sufficient locker room keys for the new members. This may be the time to introduce a mentor or mentors for these new members to manage their entry into full membership. As I do expect the sign up to full membership to reach 8 or 9, I also think there is great potential here for having an "academy" style section for these new members where, in due time, 9 hole competitions and rules sessions could be a good stepping stone into the competitive side of our section. An intake of this size will, I think need some "managing".</p> <p>Thank you to all those ladies who have supported the tasters over the last couple of months. I think further assistance will be required but there are a good number who are good to go it alone in terms of getting onto the course.</p>	<p>JA</p>
<p>KB to print off current induction packs for distribution by JA and LC SM to augment the induction pack with a more general introduction</p> <p>It was agreed a Taster Sub Committee is formed with SM, JA and EB to formulate a plan to present back to the committee on future taster days, mentoring in some form to enable slow intro into the section with suggestion of 9 hole winter informal comps amongst some of the suggestions.</p>	<p>KB SM</p> <p>JS/SM/EB KB EB</p>
<p>Plan and Mission – KB to re-circulate to the group for further discussion.</p>	
<p>LC Invitation Day - LC to organise with EB. All going well, catering is being discussed and numbers confirmed. 4 LC 4 balls and 6 general 4 balls are registered to take part</p> <p>Shotgun – 25th September, small number of teams registered need to increase interest. Posters handed out to committee for distribution, LC to contact other LC's, advertise on FB and other social media. Allocation of start holes to be allocated in order of registration.</p>	<p>KB/ALL Elaine Smith</p>
<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Angela Wilkinson being directed to Dawn for coffee morning stall - Tropic 2. Helen presented a list of Ideas to use funds for the benefit of the club. Helen to circulate to committee who can add other ideas and this can be discussed a future committee meeting as an agenda item. Suggestions include Welcome pack for new ladies, new course ball washers. 3. S Richardson confirmed a new hole sponsor has offered to fund team kits next season 4. Manchester and District entries for Bell Cup 2024 due in by 30th September, Amelia to be Bell Cup Captain for 2024. 2 delegates required for AGM on 20/11/23 usually Secretary and LC. Nominations for council by 30/9/23 – EB to ask Clare if she would like to be nominated. 5. Discarded plastic Tees – letter to be drafted to management 	<p>HR</p> <p>SM</p>
<p>The meeting ended at 8.56 p.m.</p>	
<p>Date of Next Meeting: Monday 7th August at 7.00 p.m.</p>	