

Harwood Ladies' Section

Minutes of the Ladies Committee Meeting held on 7th August 2023

Present	Lady Captain Secretary Competition Secretary Lady Captain Elect Treasurer Kay Brannigan, Karen Hogg, Sue Manning, Gillian Crofts, Janet Ayres	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. Updated to show Anne Oakes attendance.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ryder Cup – 40 Ladies have signed up for the Ryder Cup on 20th September. It was agreed that after the comp would be an Afternoon Tea to be arranged and paid for by LC and LCE. A draw will be made for teams Europe and USA by the LC and LCE. Tee times will start from 9am thro to 10:45 – Comp Sec to book teams on HDID New Ladies will be invited to join in doing a 'few' holes from 10:45 onwards then meeting KJ to take part in a Putting Comp at 1pm. Putting green to be booked for 1 hour 1 – 2pm. Email all participants and social members with agenda, tee times, format, teams, team colours dietary requirements, separate email to new members once draw has taken place. 2. Shotgun Event 25th September 2023. Guidance to Elaine that prizes should be around 75% of takings. LC to speak to Elaine around food choices. All to continue to promote on FB and Social media and in person at events. 3. Wimbledon – A great day was had by all despite the appalling weather, thanks to Sue M for all her organisation. Note future events need to be organised via Catering/Bar Team. LC sent letter of apology to Mgmt Committee. 4. LC invitation day was a great success a great turn out. EB is liasing with KJ regarding compiling a new list or reviewing the old list to assist Gillian next year. Note that Monday to be avoided if possible. 5. Update from Picnic – Unfortunately due to the inclement weather the picnic had to be cancelled. Garstang have kindly offered to roll over the picnic to next year at the same rates, however dates need to be agreed within the next 2 months to guarantee the existing 36 places at 2023 prices. GC to find a date that will work and let LC and KB know so that the hotel can be re-booked. KB to send email once date agreed to existing ladies re carry over or cancel and then send an additional email to new ladies wishing to join once rates for additional players have been agreed with Garstang. 6. Membership Options: LC defined the criteria for concessionary membership. LC has confirmed that the relevant people have been contacted and parameters outlined for future years agreed with Dale. 7. MDLGA – confirmed subscription submitted and no nominations from Harwood have been made. 8. Taster Day sub committee have met and submitted a document for new starters 'academy' which has been approved for circulation. Following from the Taster Day report we agreed that we need a programme for the 'class of 2023' and as a start we will ask for 'volunteers' for specific dates. 	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>LC/LCE</p> <p>LC/LCE KJ/GC</p> <p>KJ</p> <p>KB/EB</p> <p>LC KB</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>For Info</p> <p>KJ/EB</p> <p>LC/KB/GC</p> <p>For Info</p> <p>For Info</p> <p>JA/SM</p>

<p>9. Discarded plastic tees - LCE brought up at Mgmt Committee, to be resubmitted in formal letter format for discussion.</p> <p>10. Request from Great Lever and Farnworth reciprocal arrangements</p> <p>11. Canopy and Ribbons – LC to write to Dave B to ascertain if the advice is mandatory or just advice at this stage also to confirm the clubs wishes to do with the canopy regarding future bookings where the canopy has been booked. It was agreed that the Ladies section should not pay for any new canopy but would provide support in terms of maintaining and installation for events. KH presented a list of suggestions and costing made by the existing canopy team for consideration, AO suggested that this needs to be formally costed and then approved by the management committee. LC to meet Alan Green to discuss further.</p>	<p>LC Closed LC KH</p>
<p>Treasurer’s Report: The opening bank balance for July was £2,367.93 with the cash in hand amounting to £252.76 making the total monies £2,620.69. The income for July shown in the accounts was £1,122.50 of which £418.50 was to pay for meals for Lady Captain`s Invitation Day, £154 from the Raffle on LCID, £50 Canopy hire. (There is also a figure of £500 from Harwood Golf club which has been paid inadvertently as this money was paid into the account in June to go towards costs for LCID – this money will need to be paid back to the club). Expenditure for July amounted to £1,290.01 for Bank charges, Prizes for LCID, Refreshments for the Handicap Team and Bell Cup team, Flowers for Lady member, Ribbons for the Canopy, Meals and gratuities for LCID. Total assets therefore amounted to £2,453.18 with the Net Assets amounting to £2,003.18 after taking into account the ringfenced money of £450 for Canopy hire. (Note – this figure should really be £500 less because of the £500 transferred in error by the club – therefore figure should be £1,503.18)</p>	<p>For Info</p>
<p>Competition Secretary’s Report: 1. Lady Captain’s Prize Round 2. The overall winner was Sue Docherty 2. Australian Spoons at Upton by Chester. Harwood were represented by Karen Hogg and Carol Brooking. 3. Millennium Trophy Board Prize. Tie for 1st place between Clare and Vicky. Due to bad weather, The Bell Cup and prearranged commitments, the play off will take place later this month. 4. Bell Cup Team beat Mellor and Townscliffe in 3rd round, and Prestbury in the quarter finals. They go on to play in the semi finals at Hazel Grove on 1st September. 5. Wimbledon Fun Competition was held as a texas scramble. 6. Lady Captain’s Invitation Day was a 4BBB. It was won by Clare MacLeod and Dianne Edwards. 7. July Stableford. Wendy Gudger had a Hole in One. 8. The Ladies’ Picnic at Garstang was cancelled at the last minute due to the bad weather closing the course. It has been rearranged for next year. 9. The Championship was won by Clare MacLeod, beating Jenny Murphy on the 19th hole. The semi finalists were Anne Oakes and Amelia Taylor. Vicky Boyes was the winner of the Nicholson Prize. Maureen Shurrock won Round 1 net prize and Wendy Gudger the Round 2 net prize. Excellent support from lady members and brilliant golf. 10. Singles stableford competition had to be cancelled due to terrible weather and a clash with the Bell Cup. 11. Bronze Interclub was held at Accrington. Kate Knox came 4th. 12. Ladies played in several open events at local clubs including Gillian Crofts and Anne Oakes coming 2nd at Stand. We have been unable to enter the Ping 4BBB this year as we could not fit in a qualifying competition before the closing date. We hope to enter again next year. Work on the greens takes place next week,(7th to11th August) so we have arranged a non qualifying Greensomes competition for Wednesday 9th. Alternate day competitions begin on Saturday12t h and Wednesday 16th with an August Stableford competition. Booking on BRS is needed if playing on a Saturday.</p> <p>Report from Management Meeting: LC Report was submitted for information.</p>	<p>For Info</p>

Academy Report

The “Taster” element of our recruitment programme has finished with the temporary membership period coming to an end on 31st July. Of the 16 who took the Temporary Membership with coaching option, 12 have converted to full membership. These, together with Marie Meakin who has requested to join this new intake, are now dubbed as “The Golf Class of 2023” .

All have received an induction, and now have access to the locker room, BRS and booking their own slots, and, most importantly, discounted drinks! They are already in friendship groups and have started to go out on to the course together. They are also notified about TUAL every Monday and advised what slots they can use up at the end of the ladies’ competitions on a Wednesday morning. They have all been invited to the Welcome Meeting, convened by the Club Secretary, on 16th August.

Rather than add them all to the main WhatsApp group (which would have been overwhelming for everyone!) I have started a separate one which includes the 12 new members, plus Marie Meakin and myself as administrator. I hope we can get some volunteers to also come onto this group to act as a point of contact for the new ladies should they have any questions, queries or need help in getting onto the course etc. We need to explore the possibility of running some sessions on Saturdays and/or Sundays if we can get any volunteers. Also trips onto the back 9 on Wednesday mornings with Wendy, Joan, Mary, Dawn and Pauline.

SM, EB and I have put together a document “What to expect in your first 12 months” which we hope will be helpful to the new members and may help to manage expectations as they start playing on the course.

On behalf of LC and LCE, I have invited them all to join in the Ryder Cup event. It’s doubtful they will be up to 18 holes, or even a competitive 9 holes – I have suggested a “smaller” kind of competition for the newbies maybe, but allowing them to be included in the “after golf” as this would be a great opportunity to meet the rest of us. Obviously, this is for LC and LCE to decide.

Thanks to everyone who has helped in this year’s programme. It has been remarkably successful, thanks in no small measure to the perfect weather for the first 10 weeks of their temporary membership. Let’s hope it stops raining soon so they can continue to enjoy the golfing experience.

Plan and Mission – document agreed, KB to send final version to committee to put on Website and to show management committee for information.

Use of funds - Discussion to be carried forward to a future meeting – send any further suggestions to KB/EB

AOB

1. Divisional Final HCP – confirmed that Ladies section will pay £5 per team and Lunch for players
2. England Golf Request for Women stats was received by the Club and passed to the Womens section but unfortunately too late to be sent out – this was a request to support Women and Girls in Golf week which started on 7-8-23.
3. Letter of Thanks received from Endeavour for donation from LC invitation day
4. A member has suggested that the WhatsApp group not be used for birthday wishes and weekly congratulations. The committee recognises that some members regard this as important in establishing a friendly and supportive culture, while others would prefer personal messages to be sent to the individual concerned, especially as the group becomes larger. It may be left to individuals to make their own choice. LC will mention it in her newsletter.”

The meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 7:00pm.

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