

Harwood Ladies' Section

Minutes of the Ladies Committee Meeting held on 5th September 2023

Present	Lady Captain	Dianne Cooper
	Lady Captain Elect	Helen Radcliffe
	Secretary	Eileen Beeney
	Competition Secretary	Katharine Jones
	Treasurer	Anne Oakes
	Gillian Crofts, Sue Manning	
	In attendance: Lady President Clare MacLeod	

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<p>Welcome: Lady Captain welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies: J Ayres, K Brannigan and K Hogg</p> <p>Minutes of previous meeting Agreed as a correct record.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Shotgun 25th September 2023: ES has enquired about holding a raffle. She plans to ask a couple of ladies to run it. An email to request donations to be sent out to a proportion of members.</p> <p>Ryder Cup: KJ agreed to write up the whiteboard. Tees are booked from 9 to 11.00 a.m. Matchplay greensomes or 4BBB (to be decided on the day) ending by the 18th hole. LC is providing raffle prizes, and tickets will be £2 each or 3 for £5. All proceeds to go to the Endeavour Project. An email to go to inform members.</p> <p>Picnic 2024: Arrangements are ongoing. A closing date for replies will be set at 8th September. Discarded plastic tees – M. Hall will obtain a price for tee bins, and reminders to deal appropriately with tees should be sent to the membership.</p> <p>Canopy and Ribbons: L. Hart is working on quotes for fire retardant replacements. Various ideas have been put forward. As long as a plan to deal with the issue is in place, no immediate action is needed.</p> <p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation received from ELLGA to the Captains and Secretaries luncheon • Bolton Championships will be holding a meeting to consider ways to improve the entry numbers for the championships and make it a more vibrant and inclusive event. Various ideas were discussed. EB and SM volunteered to attend the meeting. <p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>The opening bank balance for August was £2,199.54 with the cash in hand amounting to £253.64 making the total monies £2,453.18</p> <p>The income for August shown in the accounts was £100 for Canopy hire.</p> <p>Expenditure for August amounted to £803.82 for Bank charges, Reimbursement of £500 to Harwood Golf Club (paid in error last month), the Endeavour project, Keys, meals for Handicap and Bell Cup Teams, plus gratuities for Handicap Divisional finals and Bell Cup semi final.</p> <p>Total assets therefore amounted to £1,749.36 with the Net Assets amounting to £1,199.36 after taking into account the ringfenced money of £550 for Canopy hire.</p> <p>Competition Secretary's Report:</p> <p>Club Championships: Many congratulations to Clare, LP, on her win over Jenny on the 19th hole. Well done also to the semi-finalists Anne and Amelia.</p>	<p>EB</p> <p>EB</p> <p>KB/EB</p> <p>LH</p> <p>EB, SM</p> <p>For Info</p> <p>For info</p>

External Competitions

Massive congratulations to Gillian Crofts who won The Milgate Trophy at Saddleworth with Alan Green.

Sue Docherty played in the Frances Smith Trophy at Burnley GC representing Harwood with her caddy Trish Mackie.

Amelia Taylor successfully defended her title at The Strathtyrum Tournament at the home of golf, St Andrews. Many congratulations.

Challenge Bowl: Clare, Gillian Croft, and Anne got through to the second round. Gillian also won the Higher Handicap Trophy. Anne was so unlucky - she was 1 point off winning the Lower Handicap Trophy.

The LCSLGA open competition at Knott End was won by a Harwood team of Lady President, Anne Oakes, Eileen Beeney and Gillian Crofts.

A New Members Meeting was held on Wednesday 16th August, attended by 10 of our new lady members, equalling the number of men present.

Team Matches: Our Handicap team played at Blackpool North Shore GC on Monday 21st August in the Lancashire Divisional Finals as winner of the East Division Group 1. We put up a fantastic fight but unfortunately lost 2-3 to Wilpshire. Huge congratulations to the team Captain Sue Manning and all the players and caddies.

Our Harwood Team played in the semi-finals of the Bell Cup on the 1st of September at Hazel Grove GC. and lost to Davenport. An excellent achievement to reach the last 4 from 84 teams. Thanks to Captain Amelia, all the players, their caddies and the supporters.

Course Assessment: The course has been reassessed so that all tees are available to both men and women. The new assessment comes into play on 11th September.

The slope rating off the red tees for women has now changed from 127 to 126 and the course rating from 71.6 to 71.0.

The slope rating off the yellow tees for women is 130 and the course rating is 73.6.

The slope rating off the white tees for women is 136 and the course rating is 75.2.

As there are to be further changes in 2024, there will not be a new enamel sign for calculations of course and playing handicaps until then, but there will be smaller signs (possibly A3 size) around the club and locker rooms. Club V1/Howdidido will also automatically make the calculations for competitions.

Weekly Competitions: Saturday and Wednesday competitions are now being aggregated. There is now no need to sign in on phones or the PSI unit before playing.

There will be a presentation after the Committee Prize competition to ease the organisation on the end of season Presentation Evening on Wednesday 18th October.

After the Committee Prize there will be no more qualifying competitions.

KJ asked for someone to take the trophies to the engraver, and SM volunteered.

Comp Sec Shadowing is progressing well.

Lady President remarked that as the Bell Cup regulations are changing it is important to ensure that all potential team players have submitted enough cards.

GC

Report from Management Meeting:

LC reported that Christmas decorations will have to be replaced or possibly sprayed. A plan is needed, and Sue Docherty's husband will be asked for advice. Further discussions with the management committee to follow.

LC

In future the greens staff will be informed if a competition is cancelled. They have been asked to avoid mowing during important ladies' competitions if possible. Their work on the course has been commended.

Management is reviewing the need for a printer. The ladies use it only to print a small number of cards.

Coffee Morning

Susan Richardson has drafted possible poster designs. Agreed to have an autumnal theme.

Raffle prize donations will be requested nearer the date.

EB

Dawn Eastland will be requesting volunteers to serve the drinks.
LCE will look at succession planning for the coffee morning organisation next year.

End of Season Presentation: To be held on Wednesday 18th October.

Gill Rogers is willing to organise a silent auction. Lady President will present the prizes. EB will contact the caterers re menu choices.

GR
EB

Honorariums: KJ pointed out that these have been the same (£50) for well over 10 years, and the amount of work has increased. Information about the men's honorariums would be useful. EB to request.

EB

Dates for 2024

May Open Friday 17th May Texas Scramble Medal Max HI 40 Team of 3 Cost £36

Shotgun Monday 23rd September 4BBB Stableford Best 2 scores count Max HI 40 Cost £68

Includes tea.

LCID Wednesday 17th July

Ladies' Dinner Friday 13th December

Christmas Lunch Wednesday 18th December

Coffee Morning Monday 28th October

Organisers for events to be approached by LCE

Use of Ladies' Funds: LP informed the meeting that the issue with the 8th tee bed has already been resolved. In order to make progress with this discussion she suggested that we begin with data on the cost of running the ladies' section. AO agreed to provide.

AO

AOB

1. GC passed on a reminder from Amelia that it is the club's centenary next year. For next month's agenda.
2. Ladies' Annual Dinner: LC and EB to discuss catering. Entertainment is booked. LC will speak to Rosie, Arlene and Joan re place cards and flowers.
3. Sheep are enjoying the course. We need to know the policy to respond.
4. SM asked whether the policy re payment for buggies used by team players in matches should be amended. She will prepare a discussion document.

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SM

The meeting ended at 8.43p.m.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 7:00pm.

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