Minutes of the Ladies Committee Meeting held on 8th November 2023

Present Lady Captain Dianne Cooper

Lady Captain Elect Helen Radcliffe
Secretary Eileen Beeney
Competition Secretary Katharine Jones
Treasurer Anne Oakes
Janet Ayres, Gillian Crofts, Karen Hogg and Sue Manning

In attendance: Lady President Clare MacLeod

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| Welcome: Lady Captain welcomed everyone to the meeting. | |
| Apologies: Kay Brannigan | |
| Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as a correct record. | |

Matters Arising

Picnic 2024: LCE reported that all deposits for Garstang have been returned. Deposits for 36 ladies have been paid to Mottram Hall that offered the best deal. Some prizes from 2023 can be carried over. LCE, Kate Knox and Elaine Henderson are looking at Houghwood and High Legh as possibilities for a day trip, possibly on Sunday 12th May 2024. **Honorariums:** David Johnson has said that the discussions about officials' honoraria are ongoing, and the management committee is requesting job descriptions. LP thinks the job descriptions should be written by someone other than the current officials and asked that the management committee should say who is writing job descriptions and the date by which they are needed.

KJ's original question about the honoraria for ladies' secretary, treasurer and competition secretary was discussed. A proposal by LCE, seconded by KH that these officials should receive an honorarium of £100, to be reviewed annually, was agreed unanimously.

Coffee Morning: JA offered to organise the coffee morning in 2024, and to make some innovations. One possibility is to give a crafting group some funds to stock a stall.

Correspondence: LLCGA and the Bolton Town's Committee have sent the fixture dates for 2024.

Treasurer's Report:

The opening bank balance for October was £1,727.61 with the cash in hand amounting to £539.22 making the total monies £2,266.83.

The income for October shown in the accounts was £1,369.50 for Silent Auction, Coffee Morning, plus monies for meals for the Presentation night and Christmas dinner.

Expenditure for October amounted to £759.70 for Bank charges, Flowers, Donation to Endeavour project, Presentation night meals and gratuities, Tea/Coffee etc for Coffee morning.

Total assets therefore amounted to £2,876.63 with the Net Assets amounting to £2,276.63 after taking into account the ringfenced money of £550 for Canopy hire and £50 already paid for Christmas Dinners.

Competition Secretary's Report:

KJ presented her report, appended at the end of the minutes.

The timing of the Ladies' Championship was discussed, possibly to be integrated with the Men's Championship. In previous years KJ has been told that there are insufficient tee times to allow both competitions on the same days. It was agreed we should suggest having both competitions on the 6th and 7th July, with 'tee zones' for the female competitors in the morning and afternoon. Some less confident women may prefer to play after the men. Semi-finals and finals would be held on the same day, followed by a joint presentation.

£111 from 2's entries has not been won. It was agreed to roll this over to 2024 and have a maximum win of £50. The Bottle Competition is to be held on16th December. LC, LCE and LP will provide the first three prizes. The ladies have permission to use the kitchen to heat mulled wine, and the club has bought a soup kettle. LC will follow tradition and provide the wine and mince pies. EB will invite the non-players on her behalf.

KJ presented the competition accounts and explained how the money was allocated to prizes.

A discussion about the Pro-shop stock followed. We would like to know how much unused prize money is in the Pro-shop accounts

GC suggested that a label printer that players could use themselves would be a useful addition to the Pro-shop.

Report from Management Meeting:

LCE reported that there is no strategy re the display of trophies. The Kings & Queens competition was not discussed.

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Ladies' Annual Dinner: LC explained that there was no turkey on the menu because turkey would probably be the Christmas lunch meal. She said she would like to sit with her guests at a round table. There were no objections from the committee. Rosie Lund, Arlene Mack and Joan Fishwick have agreed to do the stationery and flowers. Captain and ΕB Vice-captain will be wine waiters. EB to send a reminder to all ladies to return their forms. The entertainer has been Bolton Championships: At the AGM on 7th November it was agreed that a) if there was no volunteer President that the club hosting the Championships in the preceding year would nominate someone from their club; b) that the host club for each competition would organise the event with the support of the President and Secretary; c) the first 36 holes will be played over 2 days and the semis and finals will be held on the same day; d) a nett competition that mirrors the scratch championship will be included; e) the host club will choose the format of the ancillary competition. LP was congratulated on her chairing of the meeting. Christmas Decorations: To be put up on Tuesday 28th November at 10.00 a.m. There is to be a metre between garlands, and we are to check that light conform to safety standards. Apologies from LC. Request for boxes to be placed in dining ΑII room on 27th at management meeting. LC to inform Arlene Mack, Joan Fishwick and Chris Weatherall. LC Christmas Hampers: Dawn Eastland and Elaine Henderson have volunteered to make up the hampers. Donations for hampers to be requested, and all funds to benefit the ladies' section. If there are sufficient donations to make up an extra small hamper it will be donated to the Children's party organisers Use of Buggies: England Golf now allow players to apply for permission to use a buggy, self- certifying a medical condition or disability. AOB LC said SM had suggested making soup for Wednesday lunchtimes while there is no catering. The club is buying a large soup kettle, and we could use the kitchen. It was agreed that for reasons including health/safety and hygiene that ladies would continue to provide their own lunch. LP reported an inappropriate comment made to a group of ladies by a club official. She has sent an email to the management team re equality issues and requesting progress on equality by the time of the club's centenary. She has also contacted England Golf for information about ways to facilitate progress. GC has already arranged to meet Helen Searle from EG, so LP will join them and broaden the discussion. LCE LCE will monitor what happens to the email to management. EB said there are so many complex issues involved in seeking equality, and possibly conflicting views amongst the ladies, that it would be useful to have a working JA JA reported hearing that two new lady members have joined the club. Neither she nor EB have received information from Dale as agreed. She will contact Dale to seek confirmation and contact details for the ladies. EB raised the issue of most competition prizes being vouchers for the Pro-shop where there is very limited opportunity for ladies to buy small to medium priced goods. Decision to ask Dale for data on ladies accounts. ΕB

5. Children's Christmas Party: Agreed to donate £150 from the ladies' funds.

The meeting ended at 9.14 p.m.

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

APPENDIX

Competition Secretary's Report November 2023

Our End of Season Presentation, Last Supper and Silent Auction took place on 18th October, It was very enjoyable and was well attended. Thank you for the beautiful flowers which I received. Also thanks to Gillian, Clare and Sue Manning for their help before and during the proceedings. Gillian has taken over the running of the Winter League. Entries have been low, and some competitions cancelled because of the very wet weather. Let's hope for some dry weather very soon.

External Competitions for 2024 have been entered onto the calendar and fixtures are being allocated. It is hoped that we can join the men in some form or other for our Championships in June/July. If we cannot manage to actually play on the same day, we are hoping to have shared semi-finals and finals together with presentation of prizes with a view to the integration of the two sections. Discussion please.

The draw for Handicap and Bronze Shield matches should be made this week. Harwood fixtures will be passed to team captains so that they can arrange their matches.

The end of season competition accounts have been passed to the Ladies' treasurer. We have finished the season with £40.05 which will be taken forward to the winter accounts. Thank you to Anne for producing the spread sheet for me.

This summer we did not have many 2s in our competitions. We collected £301.00 and only paid out £190.00 so the balance of the 2s competition is £111.00. I propose that we use some of this money to purchase mulled wine and mince pies for the Bottle Competition on Saturday 16th December. After that I think £50 should be kept to start the 2s competition next season and the remainder be put into competition funds. Discussion please. Can I ask that Lady Captain, Lady Captain Elect and Lady President each buy a bottle of spirits for the Bottle Competition please? Players will each bring a bottle of wine instead of paying competition fees.

Entry for the Race to Woodhall Spa (won by Sue Docherty) and the Daily Mail Foursomes (Clare MacLeod and Gillian Crofts) are now open. They will be registered this week.