**Minutes of the Ladies Committee Meeting held on 6th February 2024**

Present Lady Captain Dianne Cooper

Lady Captain Elect Helen Radcliffe

Secretary Eileen Beeney

Competition Secretary. Katharine Jones

Janet Ayres, Kay Brannigan, Gillian Crofts, Karen Hogg and Sue Manning

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| **Welcome:** Lady Captain welcomed everyone to the meeting.  **Apologies:** A. Oakes, Clare MacLeod    Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as a correct record.  **Matters Arising:**   1. **Secretary’s Email Address:** The address will remain as Ladies’ Secretary until such time as all titles are reviewed. 2. **125 Trophy:** The team has been entered and about 14 ladies have shown interest in taking part.   **Correspondence:**   1. **ELLLGA** notification of the AGM has arrived. To be held on February 28th at 11.00 a.m. at Colne GC. JA and KB agreed to attend (subsequently changed to JA and GC)The subscription forms and entry forms for the Scratch & Worsley, Handicap Shield and Annie Chambers are to be returned by 21st. February. The club pays. 2. **England Golf Trust:** This charity to support young golfers holds a 4BBB competition. Entry fees minimum £50 and 30 pairs play in the final at Birmingham. Agreed to consider for next year. 3. **Welwyn Garden City Competition:** This competition is open to Club Champions. And Clare has requested that the ladies’ section pay the entry fee in the same way as qualifiers are funded to play in competitions. Based on the main issues that Harwood management will not pay for the male champion., and it is a private club rather than an association and competition we signed up to, it was agreed not to fund the entry. GC would have supported the request with the proviso that we have criteria in place so that future applications could be considered in a similar way. SM proposed and KB seconded that the club championship prize would be cash. Agreed. 4. **Bolton Town Competitions:** Updated rules have been received. The Bolton Championship will begin on Saturday 15th June at Deane GC.   **Treasurer’s Report: Accepted in her absence.**  **T**he opening bank balance for January was £1,594.01 with the cash in hand amounting to £867.87, making the total  monies £2,461.88.The income for January was £26, which was for the sale of Rule books, plus a donation. The only  expenditure was £32.80 of which £7.80 was for Bank charges plus £25 for keys for the locker room.  Total assets therefore amounted to £2,455.08 with the Net Assets amounting to £2,205.08 after taking into  account the ringfenced money of £250 for Canopy hire.  **Competition Report**  GC suggested that the Easter competition should be a Texas Scramble following requests from members for a team  event. Sign- up as usual and then GC would organise teams according to handicap. Officials would provide eggs for the  winning team members.  GC and KJ have completed the handicap review for all home players. This will be carried out more frequently as  recommended by EG. There has been no handicap review for some of our away members. We may hold qualifying  competitions in October and March if course conditions are suitable.  GC has received information about a British Club Mixed KO event. Decided not to enter.  KJ was thanked for all her work over the last few years and the support given to GC. She was wished good luck in her  retirement.  **Report from Management Committee:**   1. **EDI Strategy** has been ratified by EG. It includes a section on dealing with any complaints or problems. It will join other policy documents on the website. 2. **Taster Day and Subscriptions:** Management would like to know the number of ladies who might qualify for discounted 2nd year membership and the level of discount to be offered. JA said that in previous years 10% discount was offered, but only to taster day ladies who were new to golf in their first year. The purpose is to retain those who have had relatively little opportunity to play during their first year. There would be a maximum of 12. 3. **Mission Statement:** The amendments were accepted, and it will go on the website. The blog on the ladies’ public page will need to be tweaked. 4. **Defibrillator:** This was used by a member of the public recently, prompting a discussion about where it is sited, the necessity for new parts and funding. GC thinks that external grants are available to support the availability of defibrillators e.g. from BHF and Bolton Council. Management will consider placing it outside the clubhouse. LCE will advise management that the ladies’ section has not agreed to partially fund this, as the treasurer was not present. A review of our assets is due with a view to consider how to contribute to the 2026 centenary events.   **LLCGA Delegate’s Report:** The January mailing has arrived with forms to be completed by the secretary. These have  been sent, after a delay gaining information from the juniors. There is a Shields meeting at Preston GC on 20th March  that SM will attend. Either GC or Lorna Hart as bronze team captain could attend.  The Interclub entries are open on 7th March. Agreed to enter both Handicap and Bronze teams. These entries are made  Online by the secretary and the money refunded by the club treasurer. Shield entries must be sent to the East Shields  rep by the end of February. Need to check that the Bronze match dates have been sent.    **Secretary’s Title:** Agreed as above.  **Proposal re 8th Hole:** GC and EB put forward a proposal that we request management to create a red penalty area at the  rear and right of the 8th green. This was to address the problems in taking either lateral relief or ‘back on the line’ relief  from the bushes, and the health and safety issues in taking stroke and distance relief. This has provoked useful  discussion. A further suggestion was made that there should be a drop zone to ensure that relief is not taken nearer the  hole. Agreed that this proposal be made to management.  **Taster Day:** The posters are to be published. Sue Docherty has agreed to be the contact. LCE will liaise with Dale re the  cost of three-month membership and coaching. Handouts on the day will be clear the offer is for those ‘new to golf’.  **AOB**   1. **Induction Pack:** JA said this needs updating with new committee information and to include the TUAL sessions 2. **Welcome to the Season:** SM said she and GC would like to hold a pre-season session on rules and etiquette for the membership. Agreed 27th March. EB to inform everyone.   The meeting ended at 8.55 p.m.  **Date of Next Meeting: Monday 4th March 2024 at 7:00pm.** | JA  EB  JA/KB  LCE  AO  SM  EB  JA  EB |