**Minutes of the Ladies Committee Meeting held on 14th May 2024**

Present Lady Captain Helen Radcliffe

Secretary Kay Brannigan

Competition Secretary Gillian Crofts

Treasurer Anne Oakes

Lady President Eileen Beeney

Elaine Henderson, Sue Manning, LCE Kate Knox, Dianne Cooper

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| **Welcome:** Lady Captain welcomed everyone to the meeting.  **Apologies:** Clare MacLeod, Janet Ayres    Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed    **Matters Arising:**   1. **Taster Day –** 9 Ladies of a registered 15 turned up and took part in the Taster Day 7th May. It looks like 5/6 of these will take up the offer of coaching and 3 month membership. Coaching will take place with Dale on a Wednesday at 6:30 for 6 weeks. Helen to draft and email via KB to ask for volunteers to lead the activity on behalf of the Ladie’s section and to also ask for volunteers for the coaching evenings. EB also agreed to approach people to volunteer. It was also noted that a previous taster day attendee from 2018 Jenny had approached LC to be included on the sessions, it was agreed that due to her extenuating circumstances that this would be allowed on the same basis as the 2024 taster day attendees. This was proposed by SM and seconded by DC. LC to contact Jenny on that basis. 2. **Responsibilities** – As list of responsibilities has been circulated and appended to by EB – Review to be carried over to next meeting 3. **Equitable Handicaps** – A lively discussion was had around the introduction of Divisions, Handicap reviews, and equitable handicaps and 9 hole competitions. GC to approach Elaine Smith potentially assisting with 9 hole competitions. GC to carry out competition review and present to committee in due course for consideration before the start of the 2025 season. 4. **8th Hole** – Formal response received and no change to the existing rule matter now consider closed 5. **TUAL** – It was reported by GC that TUAL was being used and therefore no change to TUAL proposed 6. **Leavers Email and resignations** – to be carried over to next committee meeting. 7. **Raffles** – EH confirmed new raffle tickets bought. A number of raffle prizes have been collected and or bought sufficient for the Open on 17th May. More Raffle prizes are required. Not a great response to EH mail therefore EH to follow-up with another email/whats app, draft to be provided to KB and sent to members with LC to mention raffle donations at Presentation evenings. Joan, Dawn and Arlene all confirmed to sell tickets.   **Treasurer’s Report**  The opening bank balance for April was £1,575.81 with the cash in hand amounting to £477.87, making the total monies £2053.68.  The income shown in the Bank statement for April was £772 (this money was for an annual subscription and locker payment that was paid into this account in error by one of the Lady Members. A cheque has been given to the Treasurer of Harwood Golf Club for this money but will not appear in the Ladies account until next month.)  The expenditure was £54.99 for Bank charges and payment for a connector/lead for the TV required for the Ladies rules evening.  \*Total assets amounted to £2,770.69 with the Net Assets amounting to £2,520.69 after taking into account the ringfenced money of £250 for Canopy hire.  Anne Oakes  \*As explained above £772 has been deposited in error, therefore these figures should be £772 less.  **Competition Report**  1.Competitions:  I. The Bronze Team have had 2 games so far, and although we haven’t won they have been against tough opposition and been tight games. Encouragingly we have had 10 players, some for the first time for match play.  II. The HC Team have played 2 games and won both.  III. Bell Cup Team have played their first match against Bury GC away. It was a very close game Harwood won 4 matches to 3. The next round match is against Wiltshire on Sat 1 June at home.  IV. 125 Trophy Team are scheduled to play on Sat 11th May.  V. Silver Interclub are scheduled to play at Denton on Friday 10th May  VI. Team not entered for Aussie Spoons as it requires an 18 hole qualifier for this Competition and only holes 1-9, 18 were open on the date of the qualifier.  VII.Archie Preston Team won their first round match v The Wilmslow Golf Club.  VIII.Dianne Cooper won a past Captains Open Event at Walmersley Golf Club  IX. Clare MacLeod came 3rd in Division 1 of the Bolton Towns Cot Event at Breightmet.  X. Ladies’ Trophy Board Prize will now be the qualifier for The Annie Chambers Trophy. Normally its The Ladies Shield, but this is scheduled too late in our calendar.  XI. The draws for the Ladies’ singles, foursomes, and mixed Knockouts have been made.  2. Rules and Handicapping  i. Handicap monitoring GC and EB met with Helen Searle EG representative for Lancashire to discuss  II. Current good practice guidelines in particular in relation to ‘Equity in Competitions’. How we may organise competitions in the future to better reflect equity and take into account the diverse picture of our women players.  III. A General Play score may not be submitted whilst playing a 4BBB competition. That was the case since the WHS was implemented and remains so.  3. Presentations:  We have the following dates for the Ladies Officials' competitions followed by presentation evenings:  Mr Presidents Wed 29th May  Mr Captains Wed 5th June  Lady Captains Wed 12 th June  Lady President Wed 24th July  The end of year presentation is planned for Wed 16th October.  GC confirmed the rules around 4BBB which she has also circulated on email.  **Report from Management Committee:**  Golden Parking space is now open to enter at £5 per entry until end of May.  Timing of Notification of course closure and notification to members, generally sent out by Dale and on Website, investigations ongoing about using a no-reply What’s app by greenstaff to facilitate earlier notification however GDPR consents from members have to be in place before this can be launched.    **Lady Captain’s Charity and Fundraising- deferred to next meeting**  LC to arrange meeting to organised LC invitation day, Confirmed all invitations now sent out, those missing to be sent out asap to Lady President and Mrs Captain  **Memberships**  This is to be a standing item on the agenda, KB to update each meeting on any changes to membership.  **GDPR –** to be passed to the management committee no further action by Ladies section required  **Tribute to members we have lost -**. LC expressed her sadness at the passing of Wendy Howard and confirmed that tribute flowers had been left on the 9th hole bench. Various suggestions were discussed on how to adequately and fairly remember Lady members who have passed. To be discussed at next meeting  **AOB**   1. **Catering –** it was noted that Cosalea are no longer operating and that catering will be undertaken for teams etc on an as required basis to be organised by the individuals that required it. The bar will be providing limited food such as pasties on a daily basis. SM confirmed that catering for LC invitation day was inhand. 2. Chris Weatherall has had a hip replacement, LC to organise flowers. 3. Away Day – all confirmed and looking forward to a great day at High Legh 4. EB to arrange meeting for East Lancs division rep Karen to discuss 8th July hosting with LC. Also H & S form to be returned to East Lancs – EB to assist KB to fill in and return. 5. Noted that there will be no ‘home’ competitions during the week of the Bolton Competitions (19th June) 6. May Opem – JA is now managing this event for 2024, 18 teams have signed up to take part. Lorna is maning the registration desk and GC is helping to sort out the cards/input into the system on completion. Mr Captain and Vice Captain have agreed to be starters for the day – the Ladies section thank them in advance for their support.   **Date of Next Meeting: Monday 3rd June 2024 at 7.00pm** | Info  LC/KB  Info  GC  Info  Info  Info  EH/LC/KB/ Info  Info  Info  Info  Info  LC/KB  Info  Info |
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