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

Present Lady Captain Helen Radcliffe

Competition Secretary Gillian Crofts

Lady President Eileen Beeney

LCE Kate Knox

Secretary Kay Brannigan

Treasurer Anne Oakes

Janet Ayres, Clare Macleod, Sue Manning, Elaine Henderson

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| **Welcome:** Lady Captain welcomed everyone to the meeting.  **Apologies:** Dianne Cooper  Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed    **Matters Arising:**   1. MDLGA - GC confirmed letter sent to regarding Bell Cup Changes, KK and CM to attend AGM on 18th November at Davyhulme.   Nomination for committee form sent to Members KB   1. Ladies Annual Dinner confirmed for 13th, LC and DC to organise, Monies to be collected by AO. A motion was proposed by KK on allowing the LC to have the privilege to invite a male guest to accompany them for the meal and speeches, noting this was not to set a precedent for this privilege to be extended to ordinary members. The vote was seconded by KB and the motion was passed. 2. Annual Lunch – DC has volunteered to organise the Lunch. SM has offered to liaise with DC to manage the posting of notice/menu etc. It was agreed that the notice for the lunch would be published on or after 25th November. 3. Taster Day – KK confirmed currently booked for 5th April, CB to run the program, GC, JA, KK and CB to meet to discuss the future format and ideas for the taster day, these include, TUAL not only on a Monday but in the evening for working women, a commercial proposition for new members, Rules and course management and actual tasters on the course. CM suggested contacting Helen Searle from EG for advice and assistance. Group to report back to committee post AGM. 4. Dates for 2025 still to be confirmed by Club once confirmed the rooms will need to be booked by the committee (SM), Email sent to Geoff and confirmed that Opens are on Golf Empire. AO raised concern the link was not working, KB to contact Geoff/Dale to investigate. Potential clash with Rotary dinner and proposed date for coffee morning, SM to contact Rotary and advise them that access will be available from 1:30 and see if that is acceptable, Committee will volunteer to help catering and bar after Coffee Morning to dress the room and chairs. 5. Secretary Role – KB to send out note to members to ask for anyone interested in volunteering from the role when KB steps down in January to contact JA or EB for further information. Discussion was had about the potential to Job Share. KB to provide a breakdown of main duties and circulate to JA and EB. It was also noted that other committee roles are also becoming vacant and these would be notified as part of the AGM process. KK proposed a role for an Events Manager, this is to be discussed further at the next Committee Meeting. 6. Assistant Comp Sec – GC confirmed that potential candidate had been approached and discussion is in progress.   **Treasurer’s Report**  The opening bank balance for October was £2,923.38 with the cash in hand amounting to £474.70, making the total monies £3,398.58.  The income for October was £1,808 which is made up of income from the Silent Auction, Donations for items which belonged to Wendy Howard and the recent Coffee Morning. Thanks to everyone involved in making the coffee morning a huge success and a great team effort were noted.  The expenditure amounted to £1,140 for Bank charges, Prizes for the September Shotgun, Food for the Shotgun, Cost for engraving of trophies and £100 deposit for the entertainment for the Christmas dinner.  Total assets amounted to £4,066.58 with the Net Assets amounting to **£3,584.58** after taking into account the ringfenced money of £482 for Canopy hire, Donations for items from Wendy Howard and Christmas dinner payments.  AO outlined that she had been in contact with the Bank regarding moving to online internet banking and a motion was proposed by LC and seconded by EH and unanimously agreed that Anne take this action forward and to bring the final proposal back to a future committee meeting.  **Competition Report**  **Club Competitions**  The Club closing weekend was held in early October, with a successful mixed competition on Sun 6th Oct, Gail Heathcote teamed with Steve Mcgee were the overall winners with 43 points.  Winners of the nearest the pin went to the ladies, with Kate Knox winning on the 10th, and Gillian Crofts winning on 17th.  The Ladies Waltz was played on Wed 9th Oct, it was a fun day, and after a count back, the Team of W Gudger, G Crofts, K Knox scoring 68 points emerged as the winners. The 4 Clubs and a Putter Competition had to sadly be abandoned due to the waterlogged course being closed on Wed 16th Oct.  The Winter Competitions are now underway, these are Stableford format played over holes 1-13.    **End of Season Ladies Presentation**  The end of Season Ladies Presentation Evening was held on Wednesday 16th October. There was a fantastic turnout, and it was a lovely evening of celebration. This was touched with a tinge of sadness as Clare MacLeod gave a very poignant speech before her departure to pastures new. Thankyou Clare for all you have done for Our Club. You will be missed.  **Fixtures**  The fixture list is now in draft format as we continue to confirm ladies fixture arrangements and we receive more dates from Associations such as Lancashire and ELLGA.  **Winter Course Rules**  Information from Golf Pro:  The following rules are now in place:    Preferred lies through the green (everywhere except penalty areas)  Lift, rake & place in the bunkers  Winter wheels on electric trollies are compulsory  All competitions will be played from the winter markers with red tee handicaps. Unless stated, all competitions will be stableford to avoid any confusion.    Mats will come in play from Monday 28th October, these are to be used on ALL closely mown areas, however if you would like to start using them in general play straight away then feel free.    Please can everybody stick to the paths wherever possible.  **Wet Weather Protocol**  First Inspection if needed should be made BEFORE play commences to check on the condition of the course, mainly the greens. This should be done by any of the below:  Greenstaff  Greens Chair  Competition Secretary  PGA Professional  Once play commences, it is the responsibility of the players on the course to inform the Professional or shop assistant if the greens have become unplayable. This will be determined by the inability to take line of play relief on the greens.  As soon as the shop is aware that the greens are unplayable, play is suspended immediately for an initial 30 minutes & the claxon will be sounded. An extra 30 minutes can be added should it be likely that the poor weather will be coming to an end to allow the greens to clear, then play can resume.  If a player decides not to continue then they will NR their score & forfeit their entry fee. If the course hasn’t cleared by this point, play will be abandoned & results will be voided, entry fees will be refunded/credited for the next available competition.  England Golf  **EG launch Golf Fore Her webpage.**  ‘Golf Fore Her’ has been created to provide guidance and support on the many life stages of a female, from the basics to the impact on your golf, and how playing golf could potentially help you.    **Report from Management Committee:**  It was advised that a number of the management committee were stepping down from their roles. LC to confirm names and replacements and or dates following next meeting.  LC confirmed Management had received a thank you letter from the LCSLGA for hosting their ladies event at Harwood on the 3rd September, Noted thanks go to Mr Captain, Mr Vice Captain, Clare MacLeod, Gillian Rogers, Lesley Hardman and Maureen Shurrock.  **Membership List**  No changes to the membership list were advised by Dale, however JA informed the committee that EC had rejoined and EB informed us that a new member had joined which KB was not aware of. KB to add to mailing lists and speak to Dale re the consistency of the list.  **AOB**  LC to send out note for volunteers to help put up Christmas decorations on 27th November at 1:30pm  GC confirmed that she is the delegate attending the Lancashire meeting in Preston on 27th  CM spoke and informed us that she was leaving earlier than expected and would be leaving for pastures foreign on 7th December. The committee wishes Clare all the best in this exciting new adventure and noted with thanks that she has been a fabulous asset and ambassador for the Ladies Section at Harwood and that she would be greatly missed.  KK/EH informed us that the Picnic is now fully booked with a totally of 32 signed up to attend.  EHG confirmed that the away day has been booked for Northenden on 11th May, EH to send out Save the Date notification via KB.  KK raised the Golf fore Her from England Golf and the terminology of Ladies vs Women. It is noted that this be added to the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion.  EH confirmed that herself and DE would be preparing the hampers for the raffle on Thursday 28th November and a notice for donations would be posed in the locker room from 6th November.  **Date of Next Meeting: Monday 2nd December 2024 at 7pm** | **Information**  **Information**  **DC/SM**  **KK/GC/JA/CB**  **KB/SM**  **KB**  **GC/Info/KK**  **AO**  **LC**  **KB**  **LC**  **Info**  **Info**  **EH/KB**  **Kk/KB**  **EH** |
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