**Minutes of the Ladies Committee Meeting held on 9th October 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, Dianne Cooper, Sue Manning, Elaine Henderson

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| **Welcome:** Lady Captain welcomed everyone to the meeting.  **Apologies:** None  Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed    **Matters Arising:**   1. MDLGA -   GC to write to association regarding Bell Cup Changes  AGM 18th November at Davyhulme KK to attend (other attendees to be confirmed)  Nomination for committee form sent to Members KB  Subscription and entry to Bell Cup confirmed KB   1. Presentation Evening/Last Supper   KB confirmed meals have been booked and all monies collected in advance (although it was noted that usually the payment is on the day) Room to be set up in advance for caterer in Dining room. GC confirmed all presentation organisation has been done and thanks to DC for organising the trophies. EH confirmed there will be a table with items from Wendy Howard with a £3 minimum donation, GR is organising the Silent Auction, thanks were noted to EH, GR and DC.   1. Secretary – role profile to be circulated to committee for comment 2. Dates for 2025 still to be confirmed by Club, however dates for opens agreed and to be circulated to Geoff Ward for publication onto Golf Empire. Prices for 2025 entries agreed by committee as £14 per person for May open and £17.50 per person for September open, formats to remain the same as 2024.   **Treasurer’s Report**  The opening bank balance for September was £1,744.01 with the cash in hand amounting to £306.70, making the total monies £2,050.71.  The income for September was £1,452, which was for 18 entries for the Shotgun and Raffle.  The expenditure amounted to £104.63 for Bank charges, payment for 2nd prize for Lady Captain`s Invitation day, present for LH, gratuities for the Shotgun.  Total assets amounted to £3,398.08 with the Net Assets amounting to £3,148.08 after taking into account the ringfenced money of £250 for Canopy hire.  (Cheques have been issued after the bank statement date, which will appear in the October account, for food and prizes for the Shotgun, which will amount by £1,010, therefore the net assets should be reduced by this figure).  It was noted that profit from the shotgun was £268.  **Competition Report**  Club Competitions  Mr Howards Trophy was played 31 Aug / 04 September. Susan Selby was the winner, with Lorraine Chamberlin 2nd, and Carol Brooking in 3rd place. These prizes were presented at the presentation evening on Wed 11th September.  The Committee Prize unfortunately was cancelled on Wed 11th Sept due to torrential rain. It was agreed therefore to offer the Committee Competition held on Sat 7th Sept as a stand alone Stableford Competition. The Committee Prize was played on Sat 14th / Wed 18th September instead.  External Competitions  LLCGA Scott Leggatt Final had been rescheduled for Monday 9th September at Leyland. With a very creditable 27th points, and placing 13th out of 42, Janet Ayres and Sue Manning did Harwood proud. Well played.  Monday 23 September saw Harwood host their annual Shotgun Event, with 18 Teams Teeing off at 12pm. The weather after a tentative hour of rain preceding the start stayed mostly kind thereafter. A huge thanks to the green staff who worked tirelessly to clear the greens of water and this enabled the event to go ahead. Everyone had a very enjoyable day and we received many compliments on the organisation, the friendly welcome, the course, and the food and table decorations. Thankyou to Elaine Smith for organising the event, and all to all those who helped out with room decorations, the raffle and support on the day with registration.  Weekly Competitions  Winter competitions commence on Saturday 19th Oct / Wednesday 23 Oct . Winter 1 Stableford and the next few comps are set up on HDiD. The plan is to play the comps over 13 holes; holes 1-11, 17,18.  I shall be taking a break from Fri 18th Oct, and whilst away Elaine Smith has kindly agreed to oversee the closing of the comps. End of Season Presentation Evening will be held on Wednesday 16th October.  Thank you to Diane Cooper for helping me sort the trophies and overseeing the liaison with the engraving  GC noted that initial meetings had been held with Dale/David around presentation evenings and other potential joint events for 2025. Discussions are ongoing  **Report from Management Committee:**  There was no report from the management committee and update will be provided following the next meeting  **Coffee Morning**  JA has this all in hand, the room will be set up on 27th October 6pm onwards, SM to check if trestle tables are available for set up.  **Annual Dinner (Ladies)**  Annual dinner 13th December, LC confirmed entertainer has been booked and to advise cost to AO.  LC to speak with Caterer to confirm menu and prices following which KB to send out notification to members, payment to Ladies Section this needs to be sent out before 1st November. LC to confirm flower arrangement with Joan and Cards with Rosie.  **Annual Christmas Lunch**  DC has kindly volunteered to organise this year, Wednesday 18th December, DC to speak to caterers and advise menu and prices to KB once agreed for circulation to members. Payment to be collected by DC/KB  **Bolton Town Competitions**  Confirm form sent with information for next years officials and events. KK to attend AGM 5th November. Confirmed JA will organise/Liaise with BTC and GC for next years competitions.  **Lancashire Shield Entries**  Committee confirmed that entries to Handicap and Bronze to be submitted at a cost of £50 per team. KB to do entries and confirm before deadline of 14th October.  **AOB**  SM noted that she had received correspondence from Lancashire regarding single figure handicap ladies and juniors, this was agreed to be forwarded to Dale and cc’d to KB and GC  GC raised that she would like an Assistant Comp Sec role to be considered as the workload is very high and it will provide secure holiday coverage and training for anyone who would take up this role in the future. GC to draft a spec and circulate for consideration to committee. All agreed in principle this was a good idea and would be a valuable additional role.  It was noted for the winter competitons that entrants playing at weekend have difficulty playing in the format where the holes played are 1-9 10,11,17 and 18 due ‘cutting in’ and the problems this caused, GC noted past problems with course availability and accessibility utilising holes 1 – 13 however will try to use this format where the course is open to do so on the date of that competition and that this would be reviewed over the winter to adapt where possible  KK asked the committee to consider that the Taster Programme moves to become a two year period enabling a more thorough introduction and induction to everything golf at Harwood for new members. To be discussed further with CB and brought to next meeting  CM asked the committee to send out a note so that people are aware that it is etiquette to allow people to put their names on the BRS /HowdidIdo to join them to play either socially or in competition, if there is a space or spaces available for them to do so. GC to draft and circulate  **Date of Next Meeting: Monday 4th November 2024 at 7pm** | **GC**  **KK**  **KB**  **INFO**  **INFO**  **KB**  **KB**  **AO**  **GC**  **LC**  **SM**  **LC/AO/KB**  **DC/KB**  **KB**  **KB**  **SM**  **GC**  **GC**  **KK**  **GC** |
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