**Minutes of the Ladies’ Committee Meeting held on 3rd February 2025**

**Present:** Lady Captain Helen Radcliffe Lady Captain Elect Kate Knox

Treasurer Anne Oakes Competition Secretary Gillian Crofts

Janet Ayres, Sue Manning (from 18.30)

In attendance: Lady President Eileen Beeney

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|  | **Action** |
| 1. **Welcome:** LC welcomed the committee to her last meeting, thanked them for their support during the year, and distributed presents. |  |
| 1. **Apologies:** Kay Brannigan, Dianne Cooper, Elaine Henderson |  |
| 1. **Minutes of the previous meeting** were agreed to be a correct record. |  |
| 1. **Matters Arising:** 2. **Interclub Handicap players:** EB reported that 5 players are available. Agreed to enter the competition. 3. **ELLGA:** 1. The subscription is paid for the Scratch & Worsley and Handicap Shield.   2. AGM is to be held at Colne Golf Club on 26th February 2025 at11.00am.  LCE Kate will attend.   1. **Away Day:** 21 out of 28 places have been filled. LCE is confident that three more women will come forward. 2. **Shotgun BRS access:** Dale can copy and paste entry information from last year to give to Elaine Smith.   **e) LCSLGA Audit:** Completed and information sent. 3 new members and 1 resignation.  **f) Taster Day extension members:** TUAL on Monday mornings is not suitable for working  women, and has not been well supported in recent months. To be monitored. Carol  Brooking would like to offer supported play on the course for last year’s tasters. Using Wednesday  evening slots would rely heavily on Carol, so it was suggested that they be asked which other day/time  would suit them, so other members can book slots and give support.  **g) Access to Club v1:** The ladies’ secretary now has access to mailing, but distribution lists  are not helpful. Further permissions to be sought. GC suggested reviewing the platforms used by the  club, and having a clear protocol for closing the course and communicating to members.  **h) Tree For W Howard:** Harold would likeus to purchase an acer. GC suggested Beethams as a  supplier of quality goods. LC to liaise with Harold. | **KK**  **CB**  **EB**  **LC** |
| 1. **Correspondence:** Lancashire Golf have suggested that clubs introduce a ‘Gender and Fairness in Competition’ policy. Cloning the Lancashire policy would not be difficult. Agreed to offer assistance to the club. | **EB** |
| 1. **Treasurer’s Report:** The opening bank balance for January was £2,077.18 with the cash in hand amounting to £1,167.20 making the total monies £3,244.38   The income shown on the accounts for January was £885 which included a figure of £500 cash that was deposited into the account from the cash in hand, with real income being made up of income from the deposits for the Away Day (which will be ring fenced) and a donation for winning the Christmas tree competition.  The expenditure amounted to £637.50 (£500 of which is shown in the accounts to offset the income deposited from the cash in hand). The remainder of the expenditure was for Bank charges, subscription for 125 Competition, deposit paid to Northenden for the Away Day and purchase of Sellotape.  Total assets amounted to £3,491.88 with the Net Assets amounting to £3,004.88 after taking into account the ringfenced money of £107 donations for Wendy Howard and £380 for deposits for the Away Day.  The introduction of Internet banking systems seems to be working well, now we have ironed out a couple of little glitches and it makes making payments, checking income and preparing the monthly accounts already much easier and quicker. |  |
| 1. **Competition Secretary’s Report:** 1.GC reported that she would like to offer one or 2 competitions this season where bookings are made and then pairs / teams are randomly assigned. The advantage is to get more players playing with a variety of partners.   2. GC also proposed ascertaining members views on their willingness to participate in an exchange scheme (in place of the picnic) with another golf club. The advantage is that it reduces the cost to us as players. It would be helpful to know how far players would be willing to travel, what the barriers are to travel, and to explore the possibility of travel arrangements including bus hire. For example Horsforth GC [Leeds] have put feelers out for an exchange opportunity. Ulverston GC are up for an exchange with us. Agreed she would assess members’ interest, and contact Sarah re catering if appropriate.  Taster and New Player Sessions  3. GC has discussed the taster coaching programme with Carol Brooking, and they suggest that tasters do the 6 sessions with Dale as per the usual plan but with weeks 5 and 6 including playing a few holes on the course. This was trialled last year and it worked well | **GC**  **GC** |
| 1. **Report from Management:**  There is a new v1 app. Problems with wifi continue. The annual dinner will be held on 8th November. Night golf will be arranged for November. The men will introduce an induction programme similar to the women’s. There will not be any new Hon. Life Members. Marcus Hall will offer Harwood as host for the Bolton Championships in 2026. Many trees have been coppiced or removed. |  |
| 1. **AGM Proposal:** Agreed to send the proposalwith the rationale for inclusion on the club’s AGM Agenda. KK will respond to any questions. | **EB** |
| 1. **Memberships List:** Denise Magrath has resigned but will be pleased to return if her circumstances change. |  |
| 1. **AOB: 1.** EB queried GDPR issues when putting information on the website. LC will review the content on the website and report back. A review and update should take place at least annually.   **2.** JA has posters for the May Open from Sue Richardson. To be sent to local clubs nearer the date.Information about entries to go to JA.  **3.** The catering arrangements seem to be working well. Kelly to be commended. | **LC**  **EB**  **EB** |
| 1. **Date of Next Meetings: Monday 24th February at 7.00 p.m.** (Apologies fromEB, GC and AO)   **Monday 31st March at 7.00 p.m.** |  |