**Harwood Women’s Section**

**Minutes of the Women’s Committee Meeting held on 31st. March 2025**

**Present:** Captain Kate Knox

President Janet Ayres

Secretary Eileen Beeney

Treasurer Anne Oakes

Competition Secretary Gillian Crofts

Carol Brooking, Lesley Hardman, Elaine Henderson, Sue Manning

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|  |  | **Action** |
| 1. **Welcome** | Captainwelcomed everyone to the meeting. |  |
| 1. **Apologies** | Helen Radcliffe |  |
| 1. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** | Proposed as a correct record by CB and seconded by JA, with the amendment in item 6 that the comp. secretary had nothing to report. |  |
| 1. **Matters Arising:** |  |  |
| 1. **ELLGA AGM** | No new information |  |
| 1. **Club V1 – distribution lists:** | HR assisted EB, but the distribution list is still not working adequately. | **EB** to contact HR. |
| 1. **Gender & Fairness in Competition Policy** | Agreed to send a modified version of Lancs. Policy to management, drawing attention to the person responsible for dealing with issues. | **EB** |
| 1. **Website Review** | To be discussed at future meetings. |  |
| 1. **Treasurer’s Report** | The opening bank balance for February was £2,637.18 with the cash in hand amounting to £392.50 making the total monies £3,029.68  The income shown on the accounts for March was £130 which was made up of income reimbursed by Harwood Golf Club for payment for entries for the Interclub and 125 competitions  The only expenditure for March was £7.40 for Bank charges.  Total assets amounted to £3,159.68 with the Net Assets amounting to **£2,582.68** after taking into account the ringfenced money of £137 for donations for Wendy Howard and £440 for deposits for the Away Day. |  |
| 1. **Competition Secretary’s Report** | The final competition of the Winter Series Winter 23(W) will be played on Wed 2 April.  The winners of the Winter League (Order of Merit) will be announced by LC after the Easter Competition.  The Easter Competition this year will be a pairs competition, best score to count. Players sign up on the sheet in the locker room, playing partners are randomly assigned, £3 entry fee. Fees go to Captains Charity.  The eclectic, singles and 4somes knockout, and DailyMail 4Somes knockout qualifier sheets are displayed in the locker room.  Archie Preston Team played and lost their first round match at Houghwood GC on Sun 29thMarch.  Gillian and Anne are due to play in The Daily Mail 4somes away at Breightmet on Monday 7 April.  The Women’s Section have confirmed the following dates for the Officials’ Competitions followed by presentation evenings:  Lady Captains Prize : 28th May; Lady Presidents Prize 11th June;: Mr Captains Prize 2nd July;: Mr Presidents Prize 30th July  The end of year presentation is planned for Wed 15th October.  GC and AO were wished luck in their DM4somes match.  JA suggested that the competition accounts be presented.  The Easter comp and raffle money will be donated to the Batten Disease Family Association. A speaker from the charity will attend after the Easter competition.  Agreed that EH will cover some raffle costs from ticket sales.  GC will contact competition entrants to clarify they do not have to bring an egg.  Plans for activities needed in case of inclement weather. |  |
| 1. **Report from Management** | Another meeting of the Centenary Committee will be arranged. Summer bar and catering opening hours have been published. Competitions will now be qualifiers. |  |
| 1. **Development Plan** | 1. Titles will be Captain, President, Captain Elect and President Elect, with the option of adding “of the Women’s Section” as appropriate. KK will inform management. 2. There will be no change to the bank account as yet. 3. The secretary’s email address will change in September/October. 4. KK provided the names of the members running teams and events. | **KK**  **EB** |
| 1. **Taster Day** | 11 women have signed up. EH and SD will deal with registration at 10.30 a.m. Other committee members will be present in team kit. Dale will start the session on the putting green before all go to the practice ground, returning for sandwiches at 1.00 p.m. Club members will be invited to ‘mix and mingle’ at 1pm.  Deals: £35 for coaching group; £85 for coaching and temporary membership; £500 for full membership; 2026 membership £699. |  |
| 1. **Driving Girls’ Golf** | 4 girls came with teacher for the first session. Other year groups and from primary schools could be invited. CB will contact Bolton Sports Development. Bolton Spinal Clinic has paid for the coaching.  A Junior Organiser is needed to oversee all the juniors currently playing.  Thanks to CB for all her hard work. | **CB** |
| 1. **Fund Raising Contacts** | KK gave JA details of potential stall holders and speakers. |  |
| 1. **Invitation Day** | KK and JA to meet with SM to prepare outline of the day and give information to EB. | KK, JA, SM |
| 1. **Membership** | 3 new members. C. Hayhurst has renewed. P Grindrod left. |  |
| 1. **AOB** | 1. The Away Day is fully subscribed. 2. Warburtons will provide support for charity events. 3. 13 teams have entered the May Open. Birdie Boutique to be organised. EH will organise a raffle. 4. AO asked for clarification on recipients of raffle proceeds. |  |
| 1. **Date of Next Meeting** | **Tuesday 6th May at 7.00 p.m.** |  |