

Signed & Approved by Jane Walter on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**HARPENDEN COMMON GOLF CLUB – LADIES SECTION**

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 3.45 p.m.**

**Present:**

Mrs Jane Walter	Lady's Chair of Committee/Handicap Secretary
Mrs Sue Cooper	Lady Vice Captain
Mrs Carolyn Richmond	Treasurer
Mrs Gill Taverner	Secretary
Mrs Tracie Walker	Saturday Ladies Organiser
Mrs Carol Campbell	

Also attending:

Mrs Bernie Young	Acting Lady Captain May
Mrs Pam Henson	Acting Lady Captain June
Mrs Georgina Elliot	Acting Lady Captain July

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Mrs Carol Challender, Mrs Sheila Stewart

**2. Corrections to Minutes of the last meeting**

There was a date correction to the Minutes. A signed amended copy will be posted on the LC board in the locker room. Copies of all the Ladies Minutes are now available on the Club V1 site under "Club documents" (CC)

**3. Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the May Minutes.

**4. Correspondence**

An email had been received from a member requesting that permission be granted for her to share a buggy needed for her partner in the forthcoming Invitation Day. This matter was discussed, and it was agreed that the ruling set out by our club should be adhered to, i.e. unless there is a medical reason for a buggy to be used in competitions, players are not permitted to share a buggy.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Savings Account balance	£2,505.79
Current Account balance	£1,870.97
Cash in hand	£ 59.18
Total	£4,435.94

CR reported that a £2,800 contribution had been made from the Ladies Section for new curtains in the downstairs clubroom. CC prepared a Clubhouse Curtain & Mood Board, which is available for ladies to see on the desk of the ladies' locker room.

It was noted that the number of entrants for our Ladies Open was significantly lower than in previous years. TW advised that the Ladies Golf Lounge was a good site on which to advertise golf events, and agreed to liaise with Beth to enter our details on this site (TW)

## **6. Competitions**

- (a) May and June review: Good feed-back was reported for events in these months.
- (b) Diamond Jubilee 27<sup>th</sup> June: 23 pairs have signed up, with 22 pairs from Harpenden GC. Our 23<sup>rd</sup> pair will be requested to play as a "buffer", possibly with one other person from HGC. Organisational details regarding this event were finalised (CC)
- (c) Hudson Championship 1<sup>st</sup> July: Currently only 6 players have signed up. However, as the Club continues to allow 5 day ladies to enter the Championship, a notice will be sent to all lady members reinforcing this point. TW to confirm final numbers and tee times to Beth when known (TW)
- (d) Details for the Ladies Invitation Day (4<sup>th</sup> July) were discussed. Currently 16 pairs have signed up. GT to advise Beth of final numbers and tee reservations when known (GT)
- (e) Past Lady Captains Golf & Dinner (6<sup>th</sup> July): CC finalising details (CC)
- (f) Lady President's Putter (11<sup>th</sup> July): Carole Challender confirmed (by email) that she would organise prizes for this event (CCh)

The Committee discussed their concern for the increasingly low numbers for both the Hudson Championship and the Ladies Invitation Day, and will look into both viability and formats, with the intention of resolving issues before the 2024 diary is presented for printing. It was pointed out that the Invitation Day used to be held on a Thursday when numbers were greater. It may therefore be possible to revert to Thursday (not Tuesday) in future.

## **7. Classification of Trophies**

At the last meeting JW suggested that as there is a long list of Trophy competitions, this could possibly be divided into sections, in order to try and encourage more ladies to play in team competitions, especially the drawn events. The "major" singles competitions would require players to have submitted 10 qualifying cards within the previous 12 months of the competition, with a maximum HI of 42.4. The "minor" competitions would not require players to have submitted 10 qualifying cards within the previous 12 months of the competition, but there would still be a maximum HI allowance of 42.4.

A sub-committee was formed to discuss this suggestion. Proposals were then agreed by the Committee, with the added proviso that consideration should be given to members who had been unable to play enough qualifying rounds due to illness/injury and also to new members

who by definition would not have played enough to qualify. It was concluded, therefore, that records would be looked at on an individual basis.

### **8. Lady Presidents' Pictures**

It was agreed that all the LP frames should be replaced to match. Beth to be requested to look into this matter (JW/CC)

### **9. New Members**

Currently there are no new members

### **10. Handbook**

It was reported that for the Coronation Trophy (Mixed Singles Medal Club competition) it is stated that the ladies play off the white tees with 6 handicap adjustment shots in order to equalize the course ratings for both men and ladies.

### **11. Any Other Business**

A member has written to MANCO asking why the ladies do not follow the same competition rules. It was reported some time ago that an attempt had been made to create a list of general competition rules that would apply to all sections. However, on discussion, it became apparent that this was somewhat complicated, particularly with regard to the number of male v female members and prize money. It was concluded that ladies would be different in some areas, e.g. card checking, calculating prizes and number of qualifying rounds to be played in previous twelve months. The GM (and MANCO) are happy with the current situation.

CR reported that some men are concerned about the number of booked tee slots the ladies have on a Tuesday. CR suggested that the committee should review this matter with a view to possibly reducing them in the Winter months when fewer ladies choose to play.

The meeting finished at 6.00 p.m.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in the Committee Room