

**HARPENDEN COMMON GOLF CLUB – LADIES SECTION**

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 3.10 p.m.**

**Present:**

Mrs Carole Challender	Lady President
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 Carol Campbell	

Also attending:

Mrs Pam Henson	Acting Lady Captain June
Mrs Georgina Elliot	Acting Lady Captain July
Mrs Gillian Hanson	Acting Lady Captain August

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Mrs Tracie Walker and Mrs Sheila Stewart

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

There were no corrections to the Minutes. A signed 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**

The Lady Presidents' picture frames are currently being updated.

**4. Correspondence**

An email had been received from Tracie suggesting the introduction of some online booking events, possibly trialling the Saturday ladies first. The Committee agreed that this would be a good idea where sign up competitions were involved, but to retain the current system where draws were concerned.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Savings Account balance	£2,513.92
Current Account balance	£2,066.75
Cash in hand	£ 59.18
Total	£4,639.85

It was noted that the number of entrants for our Ladies Open was significantly lower than in previous years. To date the Ladies Golf Lounge site had not produced any new applications. It was agreed that GT would produce a list of current and past participating clubs together with an entry form for the committee with the intent that any ladies playing at other clubs could take an entry form with them. GT also to print several copies of the entry form to be left on the desk in the locker room (GT)

## **6. Competitions**

- (a) Diamond Jubilee review: this event was well organised and highly successful. It was agreed that CC would again liaise with Louise Wiltshire in 2024 (CC)
- (b) Hudson Championship 1<sup>st</sup> July: Only 6 players took part this year, as a result of which the committee agreed that we should look at how we can promote numbers for next year (JW). It was suggested too that we could perhaps list our special events for 2024 at our AGM, in the hope that members will mark their diaries accordingly (SC/GT)
- (c) The Ladies Invitation Day (4<sup>th</sup> July) was very well organised and highly successful with visitors commenting very favourably on every aspect. However, only 32 players took part, once again raising concern for low numbers. It was agreed that the committee should consider how this might be rectified and will look into the format etc. in advance of 2024. Information regarding other clubs' invitation days will be sought and sent to GT to be collated and presented at our AGM (JW/GT)
- (d) Lady President's Putter (11<sup>th</sup> July): An error was made in the results for this event, due to the fact that the winner of the competition (Wendy Audsley) had submitted insufficient qualifying cards in the last year to be eligible to win the Trophy. It was subsequently confirmed that Pam Henson was therefore the winner of the Trophy.
- (e) August: Some revisions were noted for competitions this month, which will be noted in the ACL's newsletter and also on the whiteboard (GE/SS)

JW suggested that an Away Day could be organised for either the 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 (SC)

The Committee discussed their concern that several errors in competition results had been made in recent months, for various reasons. JW suggested that a meeting should be convened with the card checkers to emphasise the use of the Card Checkers Guidelines, and will liaise with Felicity Burgess, the card checking organiser (JW)

## **7. Buggy amendment for handbook**

Two exceptions are to be added to our rules regarding use of buggies in competitions to allow use of buggies without restriction for both the Invitation Day and Past Lady Captains event in future years (CC)

## **8. Qualifying Rounds**

A schedule of "Eligibility for HCGC Ladies Trophies" was circulated to the Ladies Section on the 13<sup>th</sup> July, and a copy will now be included in the handbook (CC). As stated in that circular, ladies are encouraged to keep a check on their own eligibility for our major trophies by checking on the England Golf 'MyEG' app or by asking in the proshop.

JW suggested that more qualifying rounds should be included in the 2024 diary, with a better balance of qualifying rounds throughout the season (CC)

### **9. New Members**

Currently there are no new members

### **10. Handbook**

As mentioned earlier, the revised Eligibility for Trophy list will be included in the handbook (CC)

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

- Following the error in the reported winner of the Lady President's Putter, JW looked into the question of whether a competition result can be corrected subsequent to the event. R & A Rule 20.2e states "there is no time limit for correcting the results of a competition when a player who has competed is found to be ineligible".

Committee Procedures 7d states that "the Committee should retrieve any prizes mistakenly presented and award them to the correct players".

This was therefore the procedure implemented regarding the Lady President's Putter.

- It was noted that notices had been defaced. It was therefore suggested that SS should use a sticky note should dates need to be revised (SS)
- CR previously reported that some men are concerned about the number of booked tee slots the ladies have on a Tuesday. It was agreed that we would reduce them in the Winter months when fewer ladies choose to play. Following discussion with the GM it was also agreed that GT would advise the office of final numbers for sign-ups the day before the competition to release unused slots. On days where we have draws this isn't possible, but it was agreed that the person doing the draw should advise the proshop how many slots had been filled. This request is to be added to the Guidelines for Draw Organisers (JW/SS)
- GE commented that she felt that there was a significant imbalance of numbers in Silver and Bronze divisions, and suggested that we might therefore revert to 3 divisions. JW agreed to look at numbers and consider the situation (JW)
- It was reported that Pat Eames has kindly volunteered to be ALC for September.

Signed & Approved by Jane Walter on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023

The meeting finished at 4.58 p.m.

Date of next meetings – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023 in the Committee Room  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September (revised from 19<sup>th</sup>)