

HARPENDEN COMMON GOLF CLUB – LADIES SECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 17th October 2023 at 3.30 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 Carol Campbell	

Also attending:

Mrs Pat Eames	Acting Lady Captain September
Mrs Ginny St John Glew	Acting Lady Captain November

Also in attendance: Mr Peter Housden, MANCO Acting Chair

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Mrs Carole Challender, Mrs Sheila Stewart and Mrs Tracie Walker.

2. Corrections to Minutes of the last meeting

There were minor corrections to the Minutes. A signed revised 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

Following the suggestion that the Sadie Facer might be an opportunity for the ladies to sign up on line, the committee agreed that this would not be practical due to the food options involved. Therefore the usual sign up sheets will be posted on the competitions board in the locker room.

Regarding the Hudson Trophy, following mixed feedback from JW from involved players, the committee concluded that the 36 hole one-day play on a Saturday would be maintained.

Regarding Mixed Matches suggested by Paul Bagnall, a meeting with him was held regarding protocol, and this matter is currently under discussion. However, it was confirmed that the match with Old Fold Manor is a definite booking for the 2nd June 2024.

SS provided a suggested job description for the role of Competitions Secretary. It was agreed that this was very comprehensive and will be given to her successor.

Pat Eames agreed to take over the role of Rota Organiser for Card Checking (from Felicity Burgess). The committee thanked her for volunteering.

The draft diary has been completed by the sub-group and submitted to the office.

4. Correspondence

Glenys Rainbow had emailed with several queries regarding 9 hole play. These had all been answered verbally prior to the committee meeting. A confirmation written reply will be sent to Glenys (GT)

TW had sent in a report regarding an incident on Saturday 7th October. This had been subsequently satisfactorily dealt with by Peter Housden, who was thanked for his intervention.

5. Treasurer's Report

Savings Account balance	£3,525.04
Current Account balance	£1,507.55
Cash in hand	£ 27.78
Total	£5,060.37

6. Competitions

September review: Nothing to report

Open: It was reported that this was a very successful event, despite the fact that we only had 66 players (the usual number is 96). Certain details to be amended for 2024 and GT to keep a note on file (GT). A net profit in excess of £1,500 was made, this partly being due to the generosity of members who contributed financially to the purchase of raffle prizes, and also the generosity of visitors who bought raffle tickets. As ever, Ginny and Linda did a brilliant job in maintaining our reputation for producing very popular themed baskets of prizes, all beautifully displayed.

Details for our 2024 Open will now be put on Golf Empire and on HCGC website (GT). It was suggested that the playing handicap should be increased from 85% to 100% for 2024, but the committee decided to retain the current format.

Sadie Facer (5th December): It was agreed that the sign up sheet for this event will go on the notice board 5th November (SS). This will include a set Christmas meal, with a fish option and a choice of dessert.

28th November: This is to be matchplay – 2 teams: Acting Lady Captain (Ginny) v Vice Captain (Sue). The preceding Saturday will be general play.

7. New Members

Joan Sturmer has joined from Stocks as a 7 day member. Joan has been invited to play with JW and also GT.

8. Handbook

This is an ongoing updating process, with the aim of updating following committee meetings (CC)

9. Any Other Business

It was suggested that as nothing is booked in the diary for 19th December, a 9 hole competition will be held, followed by afternoon tea (CC). No charge will be made for the competition.

Diane Shepherd is to be approached regarding PSi management (SC)

A new committee member is required to shadow Sheila Stewart in the role of Competitions Secretary (SC/SS)

The committee agreed that the Pearson charges should be increased from £3.00 to £5 per head.

It was reported that there had been some discussion regarding 3 or 4 player teams on a Saturday. It was confirmed that the rule is when there are bookable tees, players are restricted to teams of 3, but at other times players are allowed to play in teams of 4. GT to confirm this to TW (GT)

It was suggested that we need clearer rules relative to mixed competitions. JW has already spoken to Brian Macdonald on this matter.

It was agreed that any competitions outside the normal Ladies competitions, e.g. Monty Marshall, Bill Game and Remington Plate should be highlighted in the LC's newsletter, and that the organiser should personally canvass for players.

It was suggested that, as the Monty Marshall competition was not well supported by either the senior men or the ladies, a meeting should be arranged between our LC and the Seniors' Captain to firstly discuss a change of format (possibly alliance) and secondly to request a later start. GT to write to the Seniors' Captain (GT/SC)

The meeting finished at 5.55 p.m.

Date of next meeting –21st November_2023 in the committee room
AGM 12th December 2023