

Signed and approved by Sue Cooper on 6th February 2024

HARPENDEN COMMON GOLF CLUB – LADIES SECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 at 10.45 a.m.

Present:

Mr Mavis Joiner	Lady President
Mrs Sue Cooper	Lady Captain
Mrs Sheila Stewart	Lady Vice Captain
Mrs Carolyn Richmond	Treasurer
Mrs Gill Taverner	Secretary
Mrs Jane Walter	Handicap Secretary
Mrs Tracie Walker	Week-end Ladies Organiser

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received Mrs Christine Hutchings.

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

SC reported that she had held a meeting with Paul Bagnall regarding the change of format for the Monty Marshall this year. The Committee had proposed that a change to a 4 ball alliance with a high and low HI man + high and low HI lady per team be considered. However, Paul was keen to have a Greensome. As the committee would prefer to have an Alliance competition, and also as the Bill Game is played as a Greensome, this will be further discussed with Paul (SC). The handbook will be adjusted accordingly when agreement is reached (SC/CC)

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SC agreed to consult with Brian Macdonald regarding clearer rules relative to mixed competitions (SC)

4. Correspondence

JW reported that a Thank You had been received from Ollie and the Greenkeepers. Christmas presents to staff will always in future be presented at our Ladies AGM (SC)

An email had been received from Denise van der Welle on behalf of herself and the group of 18 ladies, 9 and 18 holers who play on Friday mornings. This was following the AGM and Frances's concern regarding the proposed future trial of online sign ups. Denise expressed concern that the social side of the ladies section would be lost if draws were not taking place in the changing room. SC circulated an email to the Ladies Section explaining the Committee's proposals, and also an individual reply will be sent to Denise. (GT)

An email had also been received from Mandy Macqueen (with a copy being sent to Brian Macdonald) expressing her frustration that online booking proposals were slow in being implemented. She also felt that more integrated competitions with the men, as well as more casual play opportunities for beginners at the weekend should be considered together with Academy type facilities. The committee discussed her suggestions and a reply will be sent to her (GT)

5. AGM Review

A copy of an extract from the Ladies AGM in which Frances made 3 requests was circulated to the committee prior to the meeting.

Frances's first subject was regarding trial sign ups in 2024. This area was covered by our LC's email to the ladies section shortly after the AGM.

Secondly, Frances felt that the Jean Garrett Trophy should revert to being played on Lady Captain's Day. This had been discussed in detail at the Committee Meeting in June 2022, a copy of which was posted on the LC board at the time and can be seen on file. Subsequently it was agreed that the JGT should be part of the Spring Meeting in 2023.

Thirdly, Frances felt that the Oliver Rose Bowl should be open to all lady players (as opposed to Grandmothers) as she felt this was discrimination and did not

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comply with equality rights. A reply will be sent to Frances advising that the terms of each competition are clearly stated in the handbook (GT)

6. Treasurer's Report

As we are just at the beginning of the New Year, 2023 year end accounts will be included in the February meeting.

7. Competitions

December: Due to poor weather conditions resulting in course closure, very little play was possible. However the festive lunch on the 19th proved very popular and will therefore be repeated annually.

January: Due to the course once again being closed due to heavy rainfall, the New Year Trophy Stableford Competition was cancelled. This has been re-scheduled for Tuesday 9th January.

The 16th January Alliance and Yellow Ball Competition will be the **first of our trial sign-up on line competitions.**

February: The entry for Saturday 3rd February should read General Play (not Matchplay as stated in the diary).

Tuesday 20th February Reverse Waltz Competition will be our **second sign-up on line competition.**

8. Newcomers' Handout

This is an ongoing matter and will be discussed by a small Committee group with a view to updating information given to new members, plus updating the website (SC/CC)

9. Competition Analysis for Online Booking 2024

TW provided a comprehensive list of the annual competitions for 2024. From this, it was decided that a trial of one sign-up online per month for 4 months would commence 16th January 2024. Information on how to sign up will be circulated to the Ladies Section and help will also be available from the Pro shop.

10. New Members

There were no new members.

11. Handbook

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

12. Any other business

It was agreed that the LC would invite grandmothers/step grandmothers to notify GT in order that GT can assess eligibility for the Oliver Rose Bowl to be presented at the AGM in 2024. It was also agreed that a sign up sheet (indicating eligibility) would no longer be posted on the competitions board.

It was suggested that the allocation of prizes for the Remington Plate (Ladies and Senior Men Texas Scramble) should be carefully considered for 2024 (CH)

The number of Saturday ladies playing in competitions in the winter is being monitored (TW)

CR reported that her new role on MANCO was Membership, to include recruitment and marketing, reviewing the young adult offer, finding ways to entice new members and also looking into the Academy proposal.

The meeting finished at 12.45 p.m.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 6th February 2024 in the committee room (SS to take Minutes in GT's absence)