



# LADIES SECTION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting  
held on Tuesday, 26 March 2024 at 3.30pm

## **PRESENT**

Sue Tate (Lady Captain), Gill Kendall, Heather Smith Val Chapman, Julie Kelly, Isobel Wright and Julie Steel

## **APOLOGIES**

Tina Hutchings, Janet Greaves and Max Bailey

## **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 20 February 2024, were proposed as being a true record by Heather Smith and seconded by Gill Kendall.

### **27/24 Matters Arising**

No matters arising.

### **28/24 Lady Captain's Report**

This month has gone quickly since I became Lady Captain on 6 February 2024. It is going very well apart from the wet weather and not being able to play a round of golf yet. I have enjoyed arranging the fun games on a Tuesday as it is nice to see lots of ladies joining in.

My Coffee Morning was a huge success and was pleased to raise £1,519.50 for my charity MND.

I am looking forward to the Drive-In on 5 April and then to follow, Rock'n Roll Bingo.

We will have to wait and see if the Lady Past Captains' on 3 April will go ahead and the Drive-In Competition on Saturday, 6 April. Let's hope for some dry weather over the next two weeks.

### **29/24 Secretary's Report**

The new ladies' lockers are now complete and I have organised lockers for those ladies who were wanting one. I have allocated the lockers strictly in alphabetical order and on no other reason. I hope the ladies are happy with this.

I had an email from YLCGA informing us that they have registered an application for the first time this year and the County Championship has been added to the WAGR (World Amateur Golf Ranking) calendar. This enhances the stature of the Championship. The awarding of WAGR points will be dependent on results during the Championship and whether they meet the relevant criteria laid down by WAGR. This is a great opportunity for our ladies and junior golfers in Yorkshire and they hope it will encourage more to enter the Championship, which takes place at Hallamshire Golf Club in May. More details can be found on the YLCGA website.

The YLCGA Delegates' Meeting went ahead on 18 March 2024 and was well attended. I would like to take this opportunity in thanking all those who helped with this meeting.

**Brief Summary of the YLCGA Delegates' Meeting – 18 March 2024 at Pike Hills Golf Club – Liz Barber**

Please ask and encourage members to enter YLCGA Competitions as they are there to suit all handicaps.

Competitions – All must be paid for through Golf Genius, those not paid for will be rejected.

All players in the County Foursomes must be registered on Golf Genius, there is no need to play a Club match prior to entry. Those wishing to play to be entered by the Competitions' Secretary. Numbers from each Club allowed to play is dependant on the number of fees paid to England Golf the previous year. Send in the names and numbers of couples who want to play according to handicap guidelines in the YLCGA Handbook. Yorkshire will work out the numbers allowed to play as they always need reserves.

Big discussion took place regarding numbers playing in all the Inter-Club teams plus handicaps. Liz will need some feedback and will possibly attend a Committee Meeting to explain once all the information comes out.

All Reports will be available to view on the YLCGA website.

**30/24 Treasurer's Report**

<b>Report to 20.03.2024</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Business Community Account	5837.07		
Cash Tin	455.20		
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		6292.27	
<b>Less</b>			
Locker Room Fund 2022/23	884.10		
Exchange Day Coach Fund 2024	197.30		
Lady Captain's Charity 2024	1684.50		
		2765.90	
<b>Total</b>			<u>3526.37</u>

**31/24 Competitions' Secretary's Report**

The Winter League competition has been abandoned as, due to the very wet weather, very few matches had been played. Let's hope next year will be a better year!

There are two diary changes which have been advised to us – the Finals of the County Foursomes at Knaresborough has been moved to Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2024, due to a clash of fixtures at Knaresborough and the York Union Fulford Rose Bowl will now be held at The York Golf Club on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024. This was originally planned for 21<sup>st</sup> July at Tadcaster GC.

I have started putting sheets up for the earlier events in the diary and it would be great to see these fill up with names of ladies wishing to play in these competitions.

The York Union of Golf Clubs has altered the format of three of their cups – The Sharp Trophy at The Forest of Galtres on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April; The Lewis Trophy at Fulford on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May and The Kitching Trophy at Tadcaster on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July are now all mixed Fourball Betterball events. As with all York Union events, entries must be made online at their website when payment will be taken. CDH numbers are also required at the time of entry.

The first qualifying competition is on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Could I remind ladies that they will need to book their own tee times on the BRS for this.

### **32/24 Handicap Secretary's Report**

Nothing to report.

### **33/24 General Sub-Committee Report**

Nothing to report.

### **34/24 New Ladies to Golf Report** by Linda Whaley

This year's Taster Day will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April. To-date 9 ladies have confirmed their attendance.

Ladies New to Golf Stage 1 commences on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. To-date 6 ladies have enquired about the sessions.

Both the Taster Day and Ladies New to Golf have been advertised on local social media sites in addition to being notified to members via the quarterly newsletter and weekly newsletter.

### **35/24 Women in Golf Report** by Linda Whaley

The quarterly Women in Golf report was issued to the Main Committee and Ladies Committee in early March.

Following the annual review of our objectives, it was suggested by our England Golf representative, Rob Moore, that we put together a small support group who would work with me to progress Women in Golf and Ladies New to Golf. Following an announcement at the Ladies AGM, 4 ladies volunteered for the Support Group. They are Lucy Smith, Trish Hartley, Pam Long and Julie Steele. We held our first meeting on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Also at the AGM I asked for volunteers as Buddies to support new lady members and for additional ladies to help with Ladies New to Golf. Five ladies came forward for both roles.

### **WOMEN IN GOLF CHARTER - Club Report January 2024**

#### **Progress**

Over the last 3 months the following progress has been made on our objectives.

#### **Objective 1**

To run annual Ladies New to Golf coaching courses for ladies with no previous golfing experience (Beginners).

**Progress made** – This year's Taster Day will be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April with the 2024 Ladies New to Golf Stage 1 (Beginners) sessions commencing on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Information about both was included in the Spring Quarterly Newsletter and will also be included in the Weekly Newsletter issued on 7<sup>th</sup> March. Information will also be put on local social media sites.

## **Objective 2**

To run an annual coaching course for ladies with limited previous golfing experience (Improvers) this is designed to develop the basic skills taught in the Beginners coaching and to introduce the ladies to course play and course etiquette.

**Progress made** – Five ladies who took up the special membership deal after attending Improvers' coaching in 2023 have continued their membership into 2024.

## **Objective 3**

Improve the age profile of lady members.

**Background** – As at 18 March 2021 only 15 lady members were aged between 20 and 59 year, and 9 Junior girls were aged between 5 and 19.

### **Progress Made**

As at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 17 lady members were aged between 20 and 59 years. Nine of these ladies have come through Ladies New to Golf.

The number of Junior girls aged between 9 and 19 is 3.

## **Objective 4**

Appoint a designated Charter Champion within the club who can assist with the promotion and reporting of the charter.

### **Background**

Linda Whaley named as Charter Champion. Commitment made to report progress on a quarterly basis to the Main Committee and Ladies Committee and on an annual basis to England Golf.

### **Progress made**

Following the annual review with Rob Moore from England Golf, a Support Group has been set up to assist the Charter Champion with the progress of the Women in Golf Charter at Pike Hills and with Ladies New to Golf. Five ladies volunteered to be on the Support Group and the first meeting is due to take place in March 2024.

## **Objective 5**

Review the Main Committee structure to deliver a more proportionate representation of ladies.

Identify female members with the skills and experience to fit different roles.

**Progress made** – This objective is to be amended following the move to being a CIO and the introduction of Trustees and a Main Board.

## **Objective 6**

To issue an annual survey to all female members (in addition to the PHGC annual survey of all members) to get feedback on the inclusivity of PHGC and to what extent the environment welcomes women.

**Progress made** – No further progress in 2024.

## **Objective 7**

Maintain England Golf's SafeGolf accreditation in line with our affiliation terms.

**Progress made** – Pike Hills renewed their accreditation on 10 September 2021.

## **36/24 Juniors' Report** by Hazel Cushing

Nothing to report.

## **37/24 Diary – Golf**

**2 April** - Lady Captain v Lady Vice Captain - The draw has been done. There will be a free raffle.

### **38/24 Items for Discussion**

- a) **Lady Captain's Handbook** - Hazel Cushing has been updating the Lady Captain's Handbook and asked Committee for any comments. Amendments from Janet, Isobel and Julie Kelly have been passed on to Hazel and she will attend one of our Committee Meetings to discuss any further changes.
- b) **Catering** – 2/3 April Yorkshire Past Captains' – Tea and coffee will be provided. There will be no catering next week as Steve, the Chef, will have left Pike Hills.

### **39/24 Any Other Business**

One of the toilet seats in the Ladies' Locker Room is ill-fitting. Val will contact Ian Craig/Alistair with a view to getting it fixed. Val will also mention the need for a hanging rail in the Locker Room.

A discussion was had on what items are still required for the Locker Room and a list will be compiled. It was suggested that new stools/chairs and hand towel dispensers would be preferable to what exists at the moment. Also, Julie Kelly will find out from Alistair if the computer in the Locker Room is up-to-date for entering scores.

The showers were discussed and it was noted that they are checked once a month for Legionnaire's Disease.

The Lady Captains' photos will be re-hung above the new lockers. Gill Kendall will price up new photo frames if needed. It was also suggested that it may be a good idea to hang photos of existing lady members, i.e. Lady Champion, etc.

Nothing in the Suggestions Book.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, 7 May 2024 at 3.00pm.

Meeting closed at 16.17pm.

Notes prepared by VCC/2 April 2024