



LADIES SECTION

Minutes of Committee Meeting
held on Monday, 9 May 2022 at 5.45 pm

PRESENT

Isobel Wright (Lady Captain), Heather Smith, Val Chapman, Karen Hornby, Max Bailey, Lisa Starkey and Gill Kendall

APOLOGIES

Linda Whaley

Lady Captain welcomed the Club Chairman, Mr Martin Robinson, to our meeting and the following questions were asked and answered by him.

What is the hierarchy of the Club and has it changed in light of us breaking away from the RI? If so, what is it now?

The hierarchy of the Club has changed since Pike Hills became a Charitable Organisation and we now have Trustees to govern the Committee and they will follow the Charity rules. At the moment there are three Trustees, Granville Miller, Liza Griffiths and David Chapman. Martin thought it was a great asset having Liza as a Trustee. We are in the early stages of the charitable status and there could be a conflict of interest if a Trustee is also on the Committee, but next year Granville Miller and David Chapman will stand down as Trustees and around the time of the AGM, there will be an election for new Trustees. Anyone suitable will be eligible to apply to be elected as a Trustee. Officially there is a limit of 15 but we think that would be unworkable. We believe an ideal number would be 5.

What would happen if someone had a problem with a person who is on Committee? Who would be the first point of contact and are there procedures in place for this?

Lady Captain would like to see a Chart indicating who is responsible for what and do we have a Duty Manager or a book for a communication link? Max Bailey has a new Chart which is indicative of who to report incidents to.

Alistair Burns is the General Manager to which overall any incident/problem should be reported to. We have got three Managers and they manage their areas. They are Alistair Burns, Chris Lone and Peter Hay. As for a Duty Manager, we have never had one. Going forward certain things could be tightened up. We have employed an independent HR company to come in and observe various areas and they will be recommending ideas for improvement and will also support the Club on a long term basis.

The Chairman was asked if there could be another Secretary on Committee instead of a paid member of the Club? There could be. Any complaint against any member of staff or Committee should be reported by a written letter to Committee and it will be dealt with in an appropriate way following the correct procedure, whoever it is. Obviously, the member involved would not take part in any investigation.

What is the progress on the extension?

The plans for the extension have been out to tender and a price of £250,000.00 has been received. The Club would fund this by borrowing funds at a decent rate of interest. The start date, if given the go ahead, would likely to be October/November 2022 after the main playing season. Work would

possibly take 3 months. Martin Robinson gave an explanation of what and where the extension is to be. The Ladies Locker Room will be extended into the Office area giving much more space. We will have the same amount of lockers but all will be lower level with possible handbag lockers on the top. Max Bailey as Head of House is researching different lockers and also the possibility of a joiner/shop fitter making purpose-made lockers to fit trolley bags. Martin also said they had looked at the possibility of hiring lockers at the same price as they are at present. Martin was asked if new lockers were included in the tender price? He was unsure at this stage.

Would the Club consider contributing towards the funding of Ladies A and B Teams' uniform or pre-match refreshments?

Martin agrees that the teams are representing the Club and need to look good and suggests getting some costs together and writing a letter to the Main Committee where it could be discussed and be voted upon and he would support it. The same goes for pre-match refreshments.

Why doesn't the sand slope away from the new bunker face on the 15th Hole as it is almost impossible to get out of when you are close to the face of it?

Martin had passed the question over to David Bell, Head of Greens, and they will put more sand in to slope away from the face to improve it.

The state of the bunkers was discussed, in particular the 16th which had a problem but has now been improved. In the past we have had a Bunker Survey carried out and the cost was extortionate for improving the bunkers that needed doing.

Is there a full contingent of Greens' Staff?

Yes, we will have, as a new greenkeeper is starting on Wednesday and will be carrying out his Level 1 qualification. One is on Level 3 by experience and two are on Level 2 of their formal qualification.

Green fees for members' guests and visitors?

Could we have a list of all Green Fees put up somewhere prominent so everyone knows what they are? Martin suggests asking in the Office where they have the current Green Fees.

Lady Captain thanked Martin Robinson for attending and asked if he wanted to leave and he requested to stay for the rest of the meeting.

MINUTES

Amendment to Minutes of Committee Meeting dated Monday, 4 April 2022

There is an amendment to Lady Captain's Report regarding Liza Griffiths no longer being on Greens' Committee due to a conflict of interest with being a Trustee for the Pike Hills Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and a director of the trading arm. This was misinformation and Liza is still on Greens' Committee.

The Minutes were then proposed as being a true record by Karen Hornby and seconded by Lisa Starkey.

31/22 Matters Arising

Val Chapman wanted to clarify the decision regarding non provision of pre-match refreshments. At Wike Ridge refreshments were provided and was worried that they wouldn't be provided on their return visit to Pike Hills. Max Bailey explained what happens. Members of the B Team paid £6.50 and that would go towards providing refreshments for the visiting team at Pike Hills.

The matter of A/B Team petrol expenses, whether to pay or not, will be discussed at our next meeting in June. Our teams are in Yorkshire, not just the York area. If they are allowed the Captain should hand out the slips for claims.

32/22 Lady Captain's Report

Hello Ladies. Are you getting out there enjoying the weather and our lovely fairways and greens. How nice it feels to have the full course back. All the blue roped off areas have gone and we are rewarded with a tip top green grassed course. Well done to the Greens Team.

Following last month's Monday Committee Meeting we were straight into competition mode on Tuesday, 5th April 2022 with a Lady Captain v Lady Vice Captain with 11 teams playing. Lady Captain's Team 7, Lady Vice Captain's 4. Well done ladies. Return match Tuesday, 4th October.

Also on the 5th and 6th April evenings, Ladies New to Golf began with our new Coaching Professional, Mark Robson, with some 22 ladies attending over the two evenings. Attendance over the four weekly sessions was excellent culminating 3rd and 4th May with a tea/coffee and cake fest in the George lounge when the ladies were treated to a "what happens next" presentation and presented with individual certificates of attendance and an information folder and club diary. Next session beginning 17th and 18th May for 7 weeks. Well done Linda Whaley, our current Past Captain, who puts this program together co-ordinating all the different elements, the professional, participants, helpers, diary, chef, documentation and administration. A mammoth task Linda undertakes which is to the benefit of the Club and the Ladies Section. This program is bringing much needed younger blood into our Section and it is for us to encourage them to participate and join in and hopefully get their handicaps down.

Captains Drive was on the evening of the 8th April and I managed not to disgrace myself with a drive going forward, landing in the middle of the fairway and measuring 128 yards.

The Captains Drive In competition on the Saturday, 9th April was won by the Captain's Team.

Max Bailey and I were invited by our Chairman to a meal on the evening of Monday, 11th April attended by England Golf President elect Les Wilson who was playing next day in the Captains & Presidents Re-Union Day at Pike Hills.

14th April, Rabbits V Bunnies was played with 6 teams and the result was a draw. Well done ladies.

Sunday, 17th April was Captain V Lady Captain. I think Mr Captain had put together his scratch team or the next best to play our ladies, so well done ladies, we lost 5-1. Mandy Nicholson and I played Mr Captain and Martin Harris and we had them at the 15th, 4 up with 3 to go. Return match is in the diary as 3rd June, however, this will be re-scheduled as the date has been given to the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebration and will now be a mixed foursomes' competition from 12 noon for the Queen's Glorious Jubilee Trophy donated by Jean Green followed at 5pm by a family BBQ, crazy golf and a Velcro ball game.

Jean Green has had a successful hip operation and welcomes ladies who would like to visit her at home for coffee.

Tuesday, 26th saw 9 of our ladies visiting Heworth for the annual 4BBB friendly when we play the two best to score, one from each club, with the Heworth ladies. Well done Pat Shipley and Brenda Harriman who were in the winning team with Michele ? and Sheelagh ?

Heather Smith (Lady Vice Captain), Karen Hornby, myself and Alistair Burns (Coaching Professional) visited Brough GC on Friday, 29th April for a Pro-Am where we had a lovely day with excellent company, fabulous weather, a beautiful course, yummy food and some golf.

Thursday, 5th May was Coronary Care day. Thank you to John Masiak who co-ordinated the day with the NHS representatives and thank you to the ladies who gave their time and energy to making it happen on the day. Max Bailey, Janet Greaves, Pam King, Brenda Harriman. Thank you to everyone

who took part and well done to “Pam’s Pride” who came in with 72 points winning the ladies’ section. The day raised £2,300 for Coronary Care. Thank you everyone who contributed.

Friday, 6th May was Hilary’s ladies lunch day. Well done Hilary. The monthly Ladies Lunch is a highlight for many of your regular attendees who look forward to meeting up with friends over a lovely lunch from Steve our chef.

That’s all for now, bye bye.

33/22 Secretary’s Report

The Ladies’ Committee has received an anonymous letter regarding petrol expenses for the B Team Matches, which was read out. It was signed the B Team Match Players and some of the B Team who played at Wheatley were unaware of it. As it was not signed we cannot reply. It was decided to revisit the subject of petrol expenses for the A and B Teams at the next meeting. Our teams play in the Yorkshire area not just the York area.

The Ladies Yorkshire Union have asked if they could run a competition for higher handicap ladies at Pike Hills Golf Club on Tuesday, 3 October 2023 from 9.00am-1.00pm, which we have authorised. So, unfortunately, on that day our ladies will not be able to use their usual 2 hours. Some of our lady members may like to enter and play and there may also be some free times at the end, depending upon entry and interest.

The YLCGA Executive Committee are going to trial an electronic Newsletter and are inviting any news from individual clubs to be sent to them to be included.

They also sent a reminder of the various competitions that YLCGA organise throughout the season.

34/22 Treasurer’s Report

Business Account	0.00	
Community Account	3185.25	
Cash Tin	653.76	
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Alison Nicholas Fund	62.10	
2022 Lady C charity	337.98	
Total	400.08	
Total		<hr/> 3438.93 <hr/>

We have one account with HSBC where we have charges but once the NatWest account is up and running there will be no charges. Tina needs all signatures for this to be complete.

Tina has received a cheque for £105.00 from Ouida Blake for the Alzheimers’ Society.

DECISION

A decision was made by Committee to allocate the cash received from the books and jigsaws to the Lady Captain's Charity.

The cash which goes to the Alison Nicholas charity will be discussed at our next meeting in June.

35/22 Competitions' Secretary's Report

Six couples entered the County Foursomes Qualifying Round at Pike Hills and I have sent the entry form for the next round to Yorkshire who have acknowledged receipt. The next round is at Pike Hills, on 11th July, and I checked with Steve Simpson, our chef, to make sure that he knew about it. He didn't so it was a good job I checked!

Our first competition was the Veteran Ladies' Cup, held on 24th April. The winner was Lisa Starkey with a score of 74; runner up was Judith Coates with a score of 75. Three ladies, who have handicap indexes of 33 and above, entered the Stableford competition which we are running alongside our cup competitions and Julie Kelly was the winner with 51 points. A fantastic score and a well deserved reduction of handicap. I would point out that the Stableford competition is not intended for just new ladies but for all lady members who wish to play and have a HI of 33 and above.

The Dunera Malcolm Mixed Greensome was held Monday 2nd May and the winners were Joyce Petch and Peter Kerr with a score of 62.4. There were a lot of new gentlemen playing in the competition so we need to make sure we encourage ladies to keep entering and, hopefully, the numbers playing in mixed events will continue to increase.

The Mixed Institute Council Cup was held on Sunday 8th May and the winners were Wendy Newbegin & Martin Greaves with a score of 66.2.

The first medal was held on 3rd May and Karen Hornby won with a score of 72. Julie Kelly won the 9 holes competition with a score of 18 points.

The medal held on Saturday 7th May was won by Lisa Starkey with a score of 69.

The B Team have played two matches, both away, and the scores were:-

Wheatley: lost 41/2 - 21/2

Wike Ridge: won 41/2 - 21/2

The A Team played away at The Oaks and lost 5 - 2

36/22 Handicap Secretary's Report

Reduction in handicaps are as follows:

Julie Kelly down to 46.2.

Gill Kendal down to 50.5.

Lisa Starkey down to 20.3.

Well done ladies – keep it going!

England Golf App – this should only be used for general play rounds NOT Club competitions! For entering Club competitions everyone should sign in and pay in the shop as normal. For general play rounds you can sign in in the shop or use the England Golf App, but NOT both. After a general play round I do not need the card – please take it with you. Think we need a Notice in the Locker Room for the above! If you sign in either in the shop or on the EG App you are committing to play either 9

or 18 holes. You cannot decide not to complete any round unless you have a very good reason – a bad score or bad weather are not good enough reasons!

Heather asked if there were a set number of holes to be completed and Karen confirmed that all in the field need to have completed 10 holes, then scoring is allocated: holes 11-13 net double bogey, 14-18 net par.

A question was asked of how many people have to enter a medal for it to go live? The answer is 1.

37/22 House Committee News

Plans are moving forward for re-decoration of the Bar when the extension goes ahead. The colours will be carried through from the George Lounge but not the same carpet. The wood on the bar will be painted professionally to update it and the Name Boards will be moved.

A successful Bingo evening was held with nearly 40 people attending on Friday, 29 April.

The Jubilee Celebration is being organised. The event is for everyone including children and it will be advertised with a BBQ, lots of different games such as a Coconut Shy and Tossing the ? Tickets are arriving on Tuesday, 10 May. Max Bailey will organise some bunting for decoration.

Steve wants to organise a Greek evening with Greek dancing.

Lady Captain's Race Night is to be held on Friday, 24 June and ladies will be encouraged to dress up.

38/22 Diary – Golf

10 May - Macmillan Team Competition - Organised.

22 May - Rose Marie Cup - The names have been drawn and put up in the Locker Room.

24 May - Magnolia Nurses Charity Stableford - Book morning tee times and John Masiak will present the Trophy

31 May - EG Trust Charity Stableford

3 June - Queen's Glorious Jubilee Trophy - The competition is a drawn Foursomes. There are 13 men and 21 ladies' names on the list so far. Max Bailey is visiting Jean Green to update her on the progress of the event.

5 June - Coronation Cup - The Sheet is up in the Locker Room.

7 June - York Against Cancer Ladies Team Competition - The Sheet is not up yet.

39/22 Items for Discussion

39/22/a New Ladies to Golf

Stage 1 sessions started on 5th/6th April with 22 attendees. However, over the weeks a number of other ladies have expressed an interest so by the final sessions last week we had 25 ladies in total. Our new Pro, Mark Robson has done an excellent job with coaching, and has also agreed to run 1 further catch-up session for those ladies who joined after the start.

The final sessions took place last week followed by Coffee and Cake in the Bar. All the ladies were issued with a certificate of attendance and informed what was available to them next. They were offered Stage 2 coaching for a cost of £50 including a range Card worth £20. This includes 5 weeks on the Driving Range and 2 weeks on the course. They were also offered the opportunity to take up a special membership deal from 1st July until the end of the year.

So far, 20 ladies have said they will be attending Stage 2 plus a further 2 who attended Stage 1 in 2021 but were unable to do Stage 2. Seven ladies have expressed an interest in the special membership deal but I expect that number to increase once the Stage 2 sessions have commenced.

39/22/b Juniors

Junior coaching started on 7 May with three sessions taking place of the previous two. A smaller 3.00pm group will consist of the older and more able juniors which will allow for intensive training and time on the golf course.

The Professional, Mark Robson, met with the juniors and parents/grandparents on Saturday, 23 April. Mark gave a brief resume of his intentions to develop the Junior Section. During the session the juniors had great fun firing golf balls at the inflatable goals, rugby posts and inflatable goalie, as well as a putting competition.

Mark presented Heidi Hemingway and Darcey Holloway with the Order of Merit Trophy. This is presented to the girl who has attended most sessions over the year. Because of COVID this was taken over the two year period with both girls attending 16 out of a possible 21 sessions.

So far on the register there are eight girls due to attend coaching on 7 May, two of which are members.

Pike Hills is hosting Yorkshire Girls Junior coaching over four Sundays under the leadership of Mark. These are for members of York and Harrogate Clubs. They are under 14s and any girl showing promise will be recommended by Mark to attend further coaching with the Yorkshire Ladies.

39/22/c Lady Championship Prize

A discussion around the value of a prize for the Lady Champion took place. The value will be agreed at the next Committee Meeting.

Over recent years there has been a prize of cash, from the entry fees, to be spent in the Shop for the gross score and runner up and the net score and runner up, plus the Trophies.

This year Isobel Wright has commissioned a Silver Bracelet in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as a prize for the Lady Champion.

39/22/d Divisions for Birdies/Par Trees

Since the World Handicap Index system has arrived, an adjustment has been made for the Birdie/Par Trees:

Birdie Division 1 - + Handicap Index to 23.9

Birdie Division 2 - Handicap Index of 24 and above

Par Tree - Handicap Index of 24 and upwards

39/22/e B Team Matches

Nothing to discuss.

39/22/f Team Uniform

Research on a team uniform will be carried out and a letter will be written to the Main Committee stating indicative costs so that the Committee may discuss and take a vote on whether to contribute towards them.

39/22/g Job Title Descriptions

To be carried forward to our next meeting.

39/22/h Constitution

The Club will be reviewing their Constitution and as a result of that we will review the Ladies Constitution.

39/22/i Women in Golf Charter

The next Women in Golf report is due in June. I am hoping to have had a meeting with Rob Moore, the Area England Golf representative, and our new Pro Mark Robson before then to get more guidance on how to achieve those objectives which we are not doing as well in.

40/22 Any Other Business (including Suggestions Book)

Tina Hutchings mentioned the importance of having a budget for the Locker Room and also for the flowers in the Locker Room. In 2018 Denise Wakeman had a budget of £30.00 and spent £34.00 over the year. This year the soap/hand cream dispensers have been purchased and will be topped up with a more reasonably priced liquid soap.

Committee asked the Chairman if the Club would possibly consider contributing to this cost as the Club is hosting more social events and everyone is using the Ladies Toilets. Martin Robinson asked us to add this request to our letter to the Main Committee requesting assistance with team uniforms and refreshments.

Max Bailey will find out who is ultimately responsible for the Halfway House toilets.

Janet Greaves commented on the large amount of ladies putting cards in for 9 hole competitions when some of them are quite capable of doing 18 holes. We must encourage ladies to play 18 holes where they are able.

Tina Hutchings mentioned that there weren't many names on the Eclectic List. Isobel Wright will mention after play on Tuesday to make ladies aware of it. It is £2.00 to enter.

Martin Robinson mentioned that the Course Re-development is going in for planning at the end of next week and then the Club will be calling a Members Meeting for general discussion.

Nothing in the Suggestions Book.

Next meeting to be held in the Clubhouse on Monday, 20 June 2022 at 5.45pm.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Notes prepared by VCC

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