



LADIES SECTION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting
held on Tuesday, 6 June 2023 at 4.00pm

PRESENT

Heather Smith (Lady Captain), Sue Tate, Isobel Wright, Val Chapman, Tina Hutchings, Karen Hornby, Max Bailey and Gill Kendall

APOLOGIES

Janet Greaves and Lisa Starkey

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 9 May 2023, were proposed as being a true record by Karen Hornby and seconded by Tina Hutchings.

46/23 Matters Arising

No matters arising.

47/23 Lady Captain's Report

Ladies, with the weekly and quarter newsletters, I have not got much to say this month.

It has been lovely weather for our golf and the ball has had a good run on it. The long rough has been cut and the greens are fast.

On Thursday, 1 June, myself and Linda Whaley attended a YLCGA golf event at The York. It was an opportunity to share ideas on increasing and retaining women and girls at golf clubs. We enjoyed the course and played with two ladies from Knaresborough.

48/23 Secretary's Report

I am sorry to say that Iris Pearson passed away in May. She was a long time and valued member of Pike Hills.

49/23 Treasurer's Report to 06.06.23

Community Account	4315.12	
Cash Tin	100.00	
		4415.12
Less		
Locker Room Fund	704.40	
Exchange Day Coach Fund	163.80	
Total		<u>924.20</u>

Total 3490.92

A maximum of £100.00 would be kept in the kitty on a general basis, unless more was needed for a particular occasion.

50/23 Competitions' Secretary's Report

I have advised the two ladies who have qualified to have their names put forward for the next round of EG Trust Charity event which is held at the Kings Norton GC and I am awaiting their replies. One lady has since replied to say 'Yes please'.

Results:

Medals

06.05.23 Olivia Rayner

13.05.23 Abi King

23.05.23 Julie Steel Julie Kelly

27.05.23 Pam Long

EG Trust Charity Stableford - Julie Smith

Magnolia Nurses Charity Stableford - Angela Littlewood

Rose Marie - Val Chapman

Coronation Cup - Karen Hornby

Team Comp 1 - Marilyn Ingle, Max Devine, Julie Steel

Mixed Events

King's Coronation Waltz - Overall Winners - Paul Steel, Julie Steel, Angela Littlewood, Peter Kerr

Ladies' Winners - Karen Hornby, Val Chapman, Hazel Cushing Sue Tate

Gents' Winners - Luke Watson, Ian Watson, Jeff Simpson, Ian Hamilton

John Smiths - Pam Long, Max Devine, Chris Richardson, Gerald Smith

Queen's Jubilee Trophy - Karen Hornby and Steve King

51/23 Handicap Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

52/23 General Sub-Committee Report

A discussion was had regarding the state of the Halfway House Ladies' Toilet. On occasions it is an embarrassment to the Club, whether it be the nauseous smell, wet floor and lack of toilet rolls/soap. Max Bailey will again contact Alistair Burns.

53/23 Ladies New to Golf Report

Nothing to report.

54/23 Women in Golf Report by Linda Whaley

Nothing to report at the meeting due to Secretary's loss of online facilities. See Report below.

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 – For the first time at Pike Hills GC, a Taster Day for ladies was held on Sunday 16th April. We received 22 initial enquiries with 19 ladies subsequently attending. Of these, 16 signed up for the Ladies New to Golf Beginners sessions. As this was a new venture for Pike Hills, we were very pleased with the response and plan to make it an annual event.

Ladies New to Golf Beginners sessions commenced on Tuesday 2nd May. Four sessions each week for a period of 4 weeks were held with 30 ladies attending. In addition to being notified to members via the Club email, this year for the first time, the sessions were advertised on the social media sites of local villages. A fantastic response was received.

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 – Improvers coaching commenced on Tuesday 13th June and will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 7 weeks. The sessions will include both time on the range and on the course. To date, 26 ladies have signed up to attend.

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 5th June 2023, 15 lady members were aged between 20 and 59 years.

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

Quarterly reports for 2022 have been issued to the Main Committee and Ladies Committee in March, June, September and December, and in March for 2023. The Women in Golf Charter is included as an agenda item at every Ladies Committee meeting.

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 – Following the 2023 AGM and as a result of becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), Pike Hills Golf Club is now run by a board of Trustees and a Main Board. The board of Trustees consists of 5 people including a lady Chair. There are no ladies on the Main Board, however a number of Sub Groups report into the Main Board and several ladies are involved in the sub groups either on a regular basis or an ad hoc basis.

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 – A survey was issued to all current playing lady members (96 in total) on 17th February 2023. 65 responses were received which is a 67% response rate. Overall, the responses indicated that the environment at Pike Hills generally welcomed women.

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.

55/23 Juniors' Report by Hazel Cushing

Mark held a parent/grandparent and Junior fun event on the course on Sunday afternoon, 4 June. 18 Juniors and 15 adults took part.

The Juniors have had a half term break from coaching but will return next Saturday, 10 June, for the next block of 5 lessons. All the session times are fully subscribed and Mark has a waiting list for those wishing to join.

56/23 Diary – Golf

9 July - Ladies' Championship - The List is on the Notice Board.

It was decided that the dates in the Diary would be much reduced in the future. Unless there was a social or charity event which needed discussion and volunteers, the competitions would not be listed.

57/23 Items for Discussion

57/23/a Hospice Day

Lady Captain will contact Mr Captain regarding requests for raffle prizes from the Mens' Section and Lists asking for raffle prizes would be put up in the Ladies' Locker Room, Mens' Locker Room and on the Notice Board in the Bar stating that the proceeds all go to St Leonard's Hospice. The List for volunteers for running the Raffle and Halfway House is up in the Ladies' Locker Room.

58/23 Any Other Business (including Suggestions Book)

Tina Hutchings asked if the Ladies' Section had any intention of having an Invitation Day? One hadn't been arranged for a few years because of lack of interest. A discussion needs to be had for 2024 and it will be put on the Agenda for the next Committee Meeting.

Nothing in the Suggestions Book.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, 25 July 2023 at 4.00pm

Meeting closed at 17.05pm.

Notes prepared by VCC/20.06.2023