



LADIES SECTION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting
held on Tuesday, 28 November 2023 at 2.30pm

PRESENT

Heather Smith (Lady Captain), Sue Tate, Isobel Wright, Val Chapman, Tina Hutchings, Janet Greaves, Karen Hornby and Gill Kendal

APOLOGIES

Max Bailey and Lisa Starkey

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 October 2023, were proposed as being a true record by Gill Kendal and seconded by Sue Tate.

98/23 Matters Arising

Martin Robinson was invited to attend our Committee Meeting but unfortunately could not attend as he is away on holiday. He will be happy to address any point that is raised at the meeting.

99/23 Lady Captain's Report

The weather hasn't been to kind to me and not all winter games have taken place. It is lovely to see ladies coming up for coffee and a chat when we can't play.

On Thursday, 16th November, myself, Val Chapman and Liz Barber attended the YLCGA Annual General Meeting at Harrogate. Val has produced Minutes of the meeting.

I was a bit worried about the Ladies Social, as it was missed out of the Club Diary. In the end 45 ladies attended and all seemed to enjoy the evening. A big thank you to Steve for the excellent buffet.

Gill Kendall was announced as Lady Vice-Captain Elect for 2024. This was well received by the ladies.

Saturday, 25th November, was Presentation Night. Ian and I won the Cawood Trophy and

I was part of the team, alongside Isobel Wright, Darren Starkey and Patrick Kettlewell, that won RI Centenary Trophy.

Friday, 15th December, is the Christmas Ladies lunch and Tuesday, 19th December we will be playing bingo.

I hope everyone has a Happy Christmas and New Year.

100/23 Secretary's Report

The next YLCGA Delegates' Meetings are to be held at Pike Hills on 11 March 2024 and 2 or 16 (to be confirmed) September.

101/23 Treasurer's Report

Report to 26.11.2023

Community Account	5308.41	
Cash Tin	307.96	
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		5616.37
Less		
Locker Room Fund	884.10	
Exchange Day Coach Fund 2024	197.30	
		1081.40
Total		<u>4534.97</u>

102/23 Competitions' Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

103/23 Handicap Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

104/23 General Sub-Committee Report

Nothing to report.

105/23 New Ladies to Golf Report by Linda Whaley

The Ladies New to Golf WhatsApp group continues to be very active.

I am also pleased to report that a good number of ladies who have come through LNTG over the last 4 years are signing up for the Winter Fun games. Thank you to Lady Captain Heather for encouraging them to play.

106/23 Women in Golf Report by Linda Whaley

The review of progress on our objectives with Rob Moore from England Golf took place on 31st October. Rob was very pleased with the progress made especially the success of the Taster Day. I have not as yet received his report on our meeting but one of the suggestions he made when we met was that he felt it would be useful to put together a small group to oversee WiG and LNTG. His suggestion was a maximum of 4 ladies meeting probably on a quarterly basis. This would help to produce new ideas and would give support to me. I think it is a good suggestion and is something I will be looking to progress.

107/23 Juniors Report by Hazel Cushing

Lessons continue when the weather permits.

108/23 Diary – Golf

17 December - Santa Sunday - Raffle tickets are being sold. Steve King asked if he could have an old school bell so Alistair Burn is organising one. Sue has asked Chris if he could play some Christmas music in the bar and George Lounge throughout the afternoon. Santa will arrive at 3.00pm. Sue has checked the Santa outfit and organised for the handyman to drive the buggy. Some Santa Sunday Posters will be organised and displayed.

109/23 Items for Discussion

109/23/a Update on Locker Room

Delivery of the new lockers and flooring will be in January 2024, decoration will also take place in the New Year before the lockers are fitted.

It was agreed that the photographs of all Lady Captains would be displayed above the lockers in the new Locker Room. Lady Captain would also like to re-think the Notice Boards.

Lady Captain is looking into a new towel dispenser for the Ladies' Locker Room.

110/23/b YLCGA AGM Report

The 111th AGM of the YLCGA was held at The Pavilion, Harrogate, and there was a good turn out of ladies.

The Treasurer was calling for more ladies to take part in the competitions held in the Yorkshire region. Members had increased in 2022 but the membership will be down at the end of this next year.

Following COVID the YLCGA decided to keep fees at the same level but an increase of .50p is proposed for 2025 (£6.50 to £7.00). A Vote was had and carried. There may be a further .50p increase in 2026, if required.

The Competitions' Report stated that the Harvest Competition held at Pike Hills this year was not well supported. This is the 2nd year they have held it and because of the lack of interest they are increasing the Handicap Index limit to 40, so as to include more higher handicap ladies. Please support it.

Regarding the County Foursomes, every member who intends to play in it must register on Golf Genius. This only has to be done the one time. No one will be accepted who is not registered.

The wet weather appears to have caused much disruption to many of the competitions in 2023.

The Assistant Secretary reported that regarding the draw for the Inter-League matches, the numbers and geographics are the main factors affecting the draw. Some teams are having to travel further afield.

All Juniors should be registered on the WHS platform, this would allow YLCGA to monitor any potential and further training.

England Golf are still working towards compliance of inclusion in golf. It will take time to make facilities open to all and changing hearts and minds to respect all, but good work is being done. Also, working towards equal opportunities with no discrimination whatsoever to anyone playing the game. In a survey carried out, 31% witnessed discrimination and 71% didn't report incidents.

The England Golf App has a new facility, 'IPlay' which is a useful tool for ladies new to golf and anyone putting in a general score.

The fee paid to England Golf has been increased from £9.50-£10.50, which is competitive with other European members.

It is a continual struggle to encourage more ladies to enter the world of golf and new ladies over the past year has flatlined.

WHS has many changes to come and there will be Seminars held over the course of 2024 which will be useful for Handicap Secretaries. Changes from 1 January but will take place from 1 April 2024.

New Course Rating Charts will be available from next year.

England Golf have decided that when playing in a 4BBB, if a score of 36 points or scoring over 9 holes for an individual, that this can go towards your handicap. Competitions must be run through the software. This does not apply to AM-AMs. Using the England Golf App will give the correct handicap.

All Reports are on the YLCGA website.

110/23/c AGM February 2024

The Nominations' Sheet and Proposals Sheet have been completed and will be displayed in the Ladies' Locker Room towards the end of December. Val will ask Max Bailey and Lisa Starkey if they would be available to man the entry desk with the Attendance Sheet and to sell tickets for Lady Captain's Coffee Morning.

97/23 Any Other Business

Lady Captain confirmed that the Magnolia Trophy will be presented at the Ladies' AGM.

Lady Captain has received a quote for the cost of the coach for Exchange Day in 2024. Going forward Lady Captain thought it may be better if one person organised this every year and Tina Hutchings volunteered to do that job.

The Ladies' Committee Dinner will be on Tuesday, 16 January 2024 at Rustique.

The usual beer/lager for the Greens' Staff and handyman for Christmas will be organised by Tina Hutchings.

Janet Greaves informed Committee that the Course has been measured for the Winter Tees for competitions to be held during the winter and it has gone forward to England Golf. Pike Hills have received their Certificate.

Members had commented on the poor state of the cutlery and crockery and lack of attention to detail when laid out on the tables at the Presentation Dinner. This will be brought to the attention of The Board.

Suggestions Book

Nothing to report.

Next Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 23 January 2024 at 2.30pm.

Meeting closed at 3.25pm.

Notes prepared by VCC / 28 November 2023