

Harwood Golf Club Women's Section

Minutes of the Women's Committee Meeting held on 4th May 2026

Present:	Captain	Gillian Crofts
	President	Dawn Eastland
	President Elect	Lorna Hart
	IP Captain	Kate Knox
	Secretary	Lesley Hardman
	Treasurer	Anne Oakes
	Competition Sec	Helen Radcliffe

Janet Ayres, Kathy Hardman, Elaine Henderson and Mark Schofield

The meeting started at 6:48 p.m.

		Action
1. Welcome	Captain GC welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Apologies	None	
3. Discussion before visit from Mark	GC explained the purpose of Mark's visit.	
4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Proposed as a correct record by JA and seconded by EH.	
5. Matters Arising:		
(a) Skyline Feature	There has not been an opportunity to work on this since the previous meeting.	GC
(b) New Kit	The kit has arrived. Feedback has been very positive.	
(c) Catering Update	GC has had verbal confirmation for the Invitation Day buffet.	GC
(d) Course Set-up for competitions	All in hand.	
(e) Pre-season Comp Rules Memo	Email has been sent out and paper copy attached to notice board.	
(f) Course Toilet Cleaning Rota	More ladies have signed up but a few gaps remain.	
(g) Catering for Team Matches	Catering will still be available for the teams even if other events are taking place at the same time. It would be a good idea for team captains to double check in advance to make sure that everything is in place, and to note that when Lyn is on holiday the food will need to be organised independently.	
(h) Improving our course	Divots & Himalayan Balsom ideas – awaiting response from Ged Murphy.	
(i) Communication & Notice Boards	Emails are going out at the agreed times. GC and Lorna have tidied up the boards. Some posters need updating and HR has offered to look at this.	HR
(j) Fire Door Notice	The women's changing room fire door automatically locks now so might not be an issue anymore. To be monitored & discussed at next meeting.	GC
(k) Wooden Surfaces on Course	GC gave positive feedback to Ged about the high-vis. tape near the 9 th tee. Ged will be getting back to her about the question of extending the tape to other wooden surfaces.	GC
(l) Exchange Opportunity	Silverdale GC women would like to go ahead with an exchange. The committee also agreed in favour of going ahead and CB will look at possible dates for 2027.	CB

6. Treasurer's Report	The opening bank balance for April was £2,777.64 with the cash in hand amounting to £1,245.66 making the total monies £4,023.30. The income for April was £2,978 for Golf COT entries, Balance for Away Day, Team kit sponsorship, overpayment for Away Day and incorrect payment of Harwood Golf club subscription. The expenditure for April totalled £1,999.12 for Race to Woodhall Spa entry, Centenary Trophy, Bolton Golf COT entries, prizes for quiz night, reimbursement for overpayment of Away Day, reimbursement for incorrect payment of HGC subscription, sponsorship for Team kit, flowers, soap for locker room and prizes for Quiz night. Total assets amounted to £5,002.18 with the Net Assets amounting to £3,001.18 after taking into account the ringfenced money of £5 deposit for the 2026 picnic, income from the Children`s Christmas party and deposits for the Away Day in May.	
7. Competition Secretary's Report	The recent wet weather meant preferred lies were continued longer than anticipated. Rita Towler and Eileen Beeney queried the preferred lies through the green setting on the Course Status. I picked up with Dale on this and he advised that they had been applying the wrong rules to the competitions and David Johnstone introduced the local rule – all confirmed to players via email. It is the club's responsibility to advise on the preferred lies status, so the Women's section had done nothing wrong in this instance. A complaint was submitted to the Secretary in relation to male members jumping into the middle of the Women's comp on Wednesday 8 April. To-date I have not had an acknowledgement to this email. * The Pro Shop allowed 2's to be paid on the recent Scott Leggatt/Aussie Spoons competition. As this is a team event, we do not allow this. I have spoken with Dale, and the confusion has happened as the men do allow this. I will speak to the players involved and organise for them to be reimbursed. We have requested that wording on ClubV1 relating to 'Ladies' is updated to reflect our new terminology. Dale has sent a request to Club V1 for assistance with this update. There is a new text group for Comp Committee, and I have been included in this group. Sue Manning has kindly offered to run the Interclub Team playing at Blackburn on Wednesday 06 May. Only concern is the movement of handicaps following the Bolton Cot on the Tuesday and the alternate days play for the May Medal. Scott Leggatt entry form will be completed and submitted. *GC will enquire as to progress with the complaint.	GC
8. Developing Women's Golf	<u>Women's Taster Sessions:</u> Week 4 starts tomorrow with 7 women. By Week 6 the aim is to get on the golf course. <u>Driving Girls Golf:</u> The first session will be next Monday, 11th May. Harriet has won through to the regional final. JA suggested the importance of CB's work being reported to the Club Committee.	GC

	chase this up and it was suggested that Mark Schofiel and GC be copied into future emails. * It was agreed that all raffle money will go to Captain GC's charity. <u>Away Day Update from EH:</u> Everything is in hand regarding the Away Day on Sunday. I have set up a WhatsApp group and sent out a message with all the details of the trip to everyone taking part. I have received the scorecards in the post and Helen will be sorting out the handicaps for us. All the monies are in, and I will be arranging with Anne to pay the balance on Thursday or Friday and I will be sorting out purchasing the prizes this week. The top-secret draw has taken place and has been done fair and squarely in handicap categories. Similar to the World Cup draw. Even if someone's handicap changes dramatically between now and Sunday the teams won't be affected.	
11. Report from Management	<u>Report from Management Meeting Monday 20th April 2026:</u> Competition Secretary: Joe Harper has been co-opted on as the new Competition Secretary. RHI Biomass boiler: It was approved for David Johnston to submit data for RHI Biomass boiler for Ofgem. HGC Gender and Fairness Policy: Eileen Beeney was thanked for producing a G and F policy for the club. A constructive discussion followed involving whether as a club we could currently deliver on the document, or whether there are areas for development. It was agreed to set up a sub committee to review the HGC gender and fairness policy against the EG FAQ's. And to ensure that what is in the policy is deliverable. T M will chair the subcommittee, and it was agreed that two members from the WS would be asked to review the document. * Bar and Catering: Bar and catering are looking for bar staff to support Lyn. Complaint: A complaint was received about a member of HGC and the outcome to meet with those concerned was taken forward by Mr Captain as Chair of the Committee. Women's Boards: The Women's Boards will be taken down and be revised with the overlay to be removed and the names of Captain / President to be aligned and continued in the existing format until the board runs out. * The committee suggested that Eileen Beeney and Pat Doherty be asked to review the document with Tony McNeile. GC will ask Pat.	GC
12. A.O.B.	• <u>Security Cameras:</u> It was questioned why security footage is only kept for 2 days. GC will forward on the question. • <u>EG Coaching:</u> CB is meeting with Katie Krute from EG to bring in a Community Golfing Instructor. CB will report at the next meeting.	GC CB
13. Date of Next Meeting	Monday 1 st June at 7pm	

The meeting ended at 8.52 p.m.