

Harwood Golf Club Women's Section

Minutes of the Women's Committee Meeting held on 1st June 2026

Present:

Captain	Gillian Crofts
President	Dawn Eastland
Captain Elect	Carol Brooking
President Elect	Lorna Hart
IP Captain	Kate Knox
Secretary	Lesley Hardman
Treasurer	Anne Oakes

Kathy Hardman

The meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

		Action
1. Welcome	Captain GC welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Apologies	Janet Ayres, Elaine Henderson, Helen Radcliffe	
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Proposed as a correct record by Lorna and seconded by CB.	
4. Matters Arising:		
(a) Skyline Feature	A quote has been received from Photocast Products Ltd which includes the design and production of a cast bronze plaque. A pattern for the design is required, and an example plaque was approved. It was agreed that the quoted size of 30cm x 30cm should be bigger. GC has secured sponsorship to cover the price of the design and manufacture of the product. The sponsor wishes to remain anonymous and has been thanked. The positioning of the plaque will be for a future discussion, and GC will report back with a revised price.	GC
(b) Catering Update	Although verbal confirmation for the Invitation Day and team matches has been received, written confirmation is needed when requests for bar and catering are made. GC to write to Lyn and Sue	GC
(c) Updating locker room posters	Carried over to next meeting.	HR
(d) Fire Door Notice	It was agreed that a notice is no longer needed due to the effectiveness of the new lock on the women's locker room door.	
(e) Improving our course	Carried over to next meeting.	GC
(f) Exchange Opportunity	CB suggested that September 2027 would be a good time to have the exchange and will send out a few dates for Silverdale GC to choose from.	CB
(g) Competition complaint process	The matter has been raised and GC will follow up.	GC
(h) Reporting Developing Women's Golf to Management Committee	Carried over to next meeting.	GC/CB
(i) New equipment for young golfers	There are 3 'Try Golf' sets, however most young golfers are using proper clubs, which is preferred. There was a suggestion of Ping being involved, maybe having a stand when the young players are having their sessions. CB to talk to Dale about this possibility.	CB

(j) Thanking Mark Schofield for attending last meeting	GC thanked Mark, informing him that we will be having further discussions and will get back to him.	
(k) May Open & Away Day feedback	<u>May Open Report from JA:</u> The event generated a profit for the WS of £441.25, plus raffle proceeds of £245, all of which will be put towards your charity, Parkinson's UK. The event was well supported, both by players and by our Pro and green staff. The course was presented in fantastic condition, and I received only positive comments. GC will feedback positive comments about the course quality to Management Committee. <u>Away Day Report from EH:</u> The Away Day went very smoothly, the weather was good to us, and we had 24 women on the trip. Gillian and I sent an email to Davyhulme thanking them for their hospitality, the friendliness of the golf club members and staff and telling them how nice their golf course is. We did however bring to their attention the quality of the food and how disappointed we were, not only was it poor quality it wasn't what we had ordered. Davyhulme have kindly refunded half the cost of the meal which amounts to a refund of £8 per person. Anne has received the refund and is figuring out how to distribute the £8 to everyone. They also gave Gillian and I a complimentary 4 ball as I said the food issue did spoil my day a little.	GC
(l) Finances for May Open	The delay in receiving finances and a lack of response to communication was brought to the Management Committee. This has now been addressed.	
(m) HGC Gender & Fairness Policy	Pat Doherty and GC have looked at the policy together and agree that it should be accepted as club policy. The document has been very well written by Eileen Beeney and thanks have been expressed. If a matter were to arise, it would be referred to England Golf.	
(n) Security footage question	There has been no feedback yet. GC will follow up at Management Committee. KH has asked Dale to circulate a photo of her missing golf bag and will follow up with him.	GC
5. Treasurer's Report	The opening bank balance for May was £3,805.65 with the cash in hand amounting to £1,196.53 making the total monies £5,002.18. The income for May was £7,123.00 for Food for Lora Fairclough event, May Open, Canopy Hire, May Open Raffle, Balance of payments for Picnic, Bolton Championships, Captain`s Invitation Day, Refund from Davyhulme. The expenditure for April totalled £2,039.16 for Cakes and Buggy Hire for 125 Team, Davyhulme Park Away day, Food for Lora Fairclough Event, Prizes for Away Day and Picnic, Prizes for the Raffle for the Golf COT, Cleaning wipes/Soap, Catering for the Handicap Team, Prizes for the May Open and Snacks for the May Open. Total assets amounted to £10,086.02 with the Net Assets amounting to £3,416.02 after taking into account the ringfenced money of Canopy Hire, £5 deposit for the 2026 picnic, income from the Children`s Christmas party, Balance of payments for the Away Day in May, Balance of payments for the Picnic, May Open Raffle, Payments for Captain`s Invitation Day, payments for Bolton Championships and Refund from Davyhulme GC.	

	It was suggested that people be given the opportunity, if they so wish, to donate their refund to Captain Gillian's charity. An email will be sent out.	AO/ Lesley
6. Competition Secretary's Report	Entries have been completed for: • Aussie Spoons • Scott Leggatt • Annie Chambers Kay Brannigan has dropped out of the Bunty Booth on 08 June. I have contacted MDLGA to advise Karen Dowling will be playing instead. Bell Cup will be played on Saturday 30 May and 125 on Sunday 31 May. Lorraine Chamberlin plays in the Race to Woodhall Spa on Monday 01 June. The first presentation evening was held on Wednesday 13 May. There were a lot of vouchers for the winter competition that were not collected due to players not attending, which is rather disappointing with all the work that goes into setting these up. The official's presentation will be held on Wednesday 10 June. Team captains provided reports at the last presentation evening.	
7. Developing Women's Golf	<u>Women's Taster Sessions:</u> These have now finished. CB expressed thanks to all who helped. We have lost 1 lady due to family commitments, but the 6 remaining women are very keen. They will be continuing Tuesday evenings out on the course. <u>Driving Girls Golf:</u> Harriet took part in the Faldo Futures Competition and just missed out on the final by 2 points. In September, Community Golf Instructors from England Golf will be teaching primary school girls, funded by Access, and have said that they would like to treat Harwood GC as a hub. CB suggested that we will watch and learn, but we are already doing this and could potentially continue outside of EG.	
8. Report from Management	<u>Matters Arising:</u> <u>Approval HGC gender and fairness policy.</u> Policy to be reviewed GC to identify someone from WS to contribute. <u>Minutes SMT Meeting 11th May</u> The treasurer has been making progress with digitising the financial management documents and records. There is now a list of known debtors who are being followed up. Resignation / Leavers survey is being produced. Pilot survey to be developed by SR, GC offered to support with the pilot. Solar light being sourced for entrance stone. Concern raised again over the number of hours Lyn is working.	

	Dale A to liaise with David J membership secretary role to ensure smooth transition. David J will be the membership secretary going forwards. * Dale A to advertise his own hours in the shop. Ged M continues on course with the greens strategy. Ged M to send email around course closures for BGA Championships. Ged M to send email regarding Himalayan Balsam pick date. Ged M: Two pieces of machinery due for renewal in August quotes obtained. And looking at possibility of leasing a robot mower. Ged M: A crossing point on the 6th hole is to be introduced on the left hand side of the ditch. New halfway house options being explored with VC and Howard N. Offer received re EV charging. <u>Membership</u>. We have recently acquired 19 new members - including 4 new male 7 day. Current total membership is 736, includes 132 associate members. Question re capacity is raised. Susan R continues to discuss marketing strategies going forwards. New partnership with Cugini Pizza. <u>House report</u> - coffee machine broken, boiler service, junior notice board installed. Various weekly maintenance tasks continue to be undertaken. <u>Bolton Men's Championships 13th /14th June -qualifiers</u> All TT until after 2.30pm to be closed off. Close the course Tuesday/Thursday/Fri week prior, 1pm-4pm for final preparations. Comms to be issued by Ged M. Courtesy rule to be clarified prior to to comms distribution. <u>B and C</u> - New cleaner is to be recruited. Kitchen staff have been recruited at weekends. 3 more staff now available to lock up the premises. New staff currently in training to work behind the bar. <u>Dunham Forrest Competition Exit</u>. Harwood Mens Team exited the DF Competition. <u>AOB</u> <u>Rules and etiquette Seminar</u>. DJ to attend £55 fee to be paid by HGC. GC fed back about poor response times in communications between Treasurer / Treasurer WS. <u>Honours Boards Women</u> - I was asked if the amendments to the boards could wait until next year. The response was that the boards require urgent attention now, and it was agreed that these would be sorted. * For new women, the process should be for Women's Captain and Secretary to be contacted. GC to bring up at Management Committee	GC
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9. Ideas around Mark Schofield's visit	An extra meeting has been arranged on Wednesday 17th June at 12:30pm for us to discuss ideas around women's section integration with our club. A new EG charter is out; GC has sent the link to the charter for us to read before the meeting.	GC / All
10. Forthcoming Events	<u>Picnic Report from EH:</u> We have 28 women all paid up for the Picnic at Oulton Hall. I have all the room pairings and will be sending out an email requesting food choice when I'm back from holiday. All seems to be going to plan. <u>Invitation Day:</u> There has been a good response so far - around 60 signed up. The canopy, flowers and catering are sorted and EH is getting prizes together for the raffle. GC thanked KK and Lesley. <u>Fizz in the Park:</u> Over £100 was raised for Captain's charity. There has been lots of positive feedback. GC expressed thanks to EH and KK and to all who helped and supported the event.	
11. A.O.B.	• CB: There has been very positive feedback from LG about the progress of our 2 young girls, who have been offered the opportunity to take part in another competition. • Lesley asked if there might be an option to have small memento trophies for major (board & officials) competitions. It was suggested that money would be a limiting factor but that winners might be given the option to pay themselves. Nothing was decided, but CB offered to get an idea of cost.	CB
12. Date of Next Meeting	Monday 6 th July at 7pm	

The meeting ended at 8.30 p.m.