

Halesworth Golf Club

Ladies Section



Minutes of the Committee Meeting

Wednesday 10th January 2024 4.00pm

Those Present: Cathy Chandler (CC), Karen Forster (KF), Sara Higgins (SH), Lesley King (LK), Sonia Lord (SL), Viv Leech (VL), Cathy Judd (CJ)

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of 2nd November 2023 were approved and were signed by the Captain.

3. Appointment of Vice Captain

K. Forster approved by CC and seconded by VL.

4. Update on the actions from the previous meetings

Video - LK and SH have started compiling some of the filming and will continue in January. Ben Townsend has been notified.

5. Captains report

The Captain submitted a report which was noted. (Attached).

6. Competition Secretary report

Competition Secretary submitted a report which was noted.

7. Handicap Secretary report

Handicap Secretary submitted a report which was noted. KF, SH, and LK to discuss and check new calculation for WHS for playing handicap changing from 95% to 100%.

8. Treasurer Report

Treasurer submitted a report which was noted. VL went through accounts. SH noted that the invoice for the trophies needs to be checked. KF mentioned a concern about the funds in the ladies accounts going forward, it was agreed that the competition fees are to be increased from January 18th 2023. Fun competitions will be £2.00 and qualifying competitions will be £3.50. The fees will be split 50:50 between the Ladies section account and prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in qualifiers for 1st and 2nd division and 1st, 2nd and 3rd or winning team of 3 for fun competitions. CC to mention it to ladies on Thursday 11th and VL to send out a notice to all ladies.

9. Matters Arising

a. Constitution

KF put forward that the Ladies section should have a Constitution. A working party consisting of KF, SH and LK were proposed to do this task.

b. Funds for Captains Expenses

A sub group (CC, KF and VL) will look into this and also a budget for stationery items for committee members and report back at the next meeting.

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c. Competition Hall Boards

Carried forward to our next meeting as this is to be discussed at the Main Committee Meeting on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7.00pm.

d. New Trophies

CC to put up a Stableford qualifying trophy. This will combine all the results from the Stableford competitions throughout the year.

LK to put up a trophy for the Gross winner of the final Medal competition of the year, if this is not played then the results will be used from the last played medal competition of the year.

e. Toilets on the course

LK sent an email to Ben Townsend about the need for a ladies toilet on the course, she is awaiting his reply. The matter is to be raised at the Main Committee Meeting on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7.00pm.

f. Coronation silver/bronze medals

SH has resolved this since the last meeting.

g. Medal Competition Email

SL to send out an email to all lady members about the 4 resolutions that were voted and agreed upon at the main Ladies AGM in December 2023.

h. Club Championships

This refers to one of the resolutions in 9g. SL to notify lay members.

i. Elected representative for the Main Committee

SH was elected to take this space as it was agreed that it needed to be someone experienced and with a good background knowledge of the Club. It was also noted that this should be included in the Constitution.

j. Friendly games selection process

KF has written a guideline for the ladies section to follow the process for selection.

AOB

SL to send out an email to all ladies to remind them to ensure they let SH and their playing partners know if they are withdrawing from a competition. Also that they should not withdraw on IG from a team competition as it will withdraw the whole team.

It was also noted that the competition sheets and rules need to be amended.

Next meeting date

Thursday 8th February 2024 2.30pm

Sonia Lord

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Captains Report 10th Jan 2024

Where do I start, oh I know WET AND WINDY.....

Hope you all had a great Christmas, and Happy New Year to you all.

I would firstly like to say I'm looking forward to getting the captaincy up and running, working with Paul K and John Megason.

I'm also very pleased that Karen Forster has put herself forward for the position of Vice Captain, and I'm really looking forward to working alongside Karen, Karen is a great asset to Halesworth, and has shown her keenness to get going.

We are only just at the start of January, not much has been happening, so therefore not much to report.

The ladies had our delayed Fun Christmas Comp, on Sunday the 31/12, which was a team event, and wearing Christmas outfits. There were prizes for the best dressed team, which Sara, Rita and Viv won dressed as elves, but may I add they all looked like convicts that had escaped from Holloway.

We have our first Stapleford qualifier of the year coming up on the 18/01. Providing we don't have another storm. But having said that, the greenkeepers, are doing a marvelous job in keeping the course open as much as possible, I do see Mark and his team working tirelessly for our benefit.

Lastly, I would like to send all our best wishes to Lynda Baldry for a speedy recovery, hope to see you back at Halesworth soon.

Happy Golfing Everyone

Cathy C x

Handicap Secretary Report – January 2024

New Members

There have been 3 new members in November and December.

Frances Hughman who already has a handicap of 16.7.

Jennifer Read and Kathryn Rowe who did not have a CDH number so I have set them up and let them know. To date none of the three ladies has returned any cards.

Eclectic

I have added all the scores for the Christmas winter fun competition to the eclectic as well as three scores from last weeks roll up general play.

Golfer of the year

We are trialling the IG system "Order of Merits" to replace the manual spreadsheet for golfer of the year. It appears to work really well except for when someone wishes to play on both the Thursday and Sunday in a competition which Lynda Baldry regularly does. She always lets us know before she plays which one should be counted but to use the IG system we would have to adjust the points and also it can affect the birdie tree and eclectic. So, we have asked her, and we will ask others, to not put in a card for the game that shouldn't count.

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Calculation for playing handicap

As of 1st April, there will be a new calculation on WHS for the playing handicap. Currently the handicap is calculated as follows:

Members Handicap x (Slope Rating divided by 113)

The Slope rating for the Ladies is 124. Divided by 113 is 1.0973

Current calculations

For my handicap of 25.7 the playing handicap is calculated as

$25.7 \times (124 \text{ divided by } 113) = \mathbf{28.2}$

As an example of a low handicap, for Sara on 8.6, her playing handicap currently is calculated as

$8.6 (124 \text{ divided by } 113) = \mathbf{9.4}$

New Calculation

However, it has been agreed that the par should be taken more into account and therefore, as of 1/4/24 the difference between the Par for the Course and the Course Rating will be used. It will also help as we move to gender neutral tees.

England Golf say it is an adjustment for the difference between the Course Rating and par of the course you are playing.

Take the Course Rating, minus the par of the course, and add that to your Course Handicap calculation, which now looks like this:

Handicap Index x (Slope Rating/113) + (Course Rating – Par)

For the red tees, the Course Rating is 71.8. The Par is 72. Therefore the difference is -0.2

So, the calculation for my handicap changes to be:

$25.7 \times (124 \text{ divided by } 113) + (-0.2) = \mathbf{28.0}$

The calculation for Saras handicap changes to be

$8.6 (124 \text{ divided by } 113) + (-0.2) = \mathbf{9.2}$

There is more information on

<https://www.nationalclubgolfer.com/whs/what-is-course-rating-minus-par>

This will be done automatically by IG. And, as the difference is so small, it is unlikely to affect many people.

However, for a course such as Stowmarket, the Course rating for red tees is 71.6 and the par is 70, which means that the adjustment to the playing handicap for the red tees will be +1.6

Other Changes

Other changes include

- Fourball BetterBall scores can count for handicap

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- If a hole isn't played "expected" score is to be introduced
- Scores can now be entered from many par three courses
- Competitions can be played over a nonstandard number of holes and can count towards handicap
- Course handicaps will now be unrounded

I will look at these and report back at the next meeting.

Competition Secretary Report – January 2024 Sara Higgins

The start to 2024 has been typically wet, wild and windy throwing everything at me trying to arrange our first few competitions of the year. The course whilst holding up has suffered some terrible bouts of inclement weather causing the calendar to be a bit topsy turvy to say the least.

We did manage to play our postponed Christmas fun competition on New Years eve with 18 ladies playing and a lovely halfway house to look forward to with mulled wine and mince pies. After a windy round was certainly order of the day. Well done to Georgianna Coby for winning the highest stable ford score, it's lovely to see Georgie mixing in with the ladies' and furthermore seeing her golf and handicap go from strength to strength. Well done to the team winners Captain Cathy, Vice-Captain Karen and committee member Lesley. Awesome score ladies well done. A great day had by all especially the naughty elves that turned up to play. Thank you, Cathy, for all your help making this happen.

Our Spirit of Ecstasy winter knock out has been affected by the course closures, I have made sure the deadlines have been extended by adding an extra day every time the course is closed, or half closed. I hope warmer weather is looming and we can get our knockouts sorted before we meet the summer draw.

Looking ahead I have now all our ladies, friendlies and mixed competitions in the diary for 2024, tee times created and all set for yet another busy year in the golfing diary. I have also printed off monthly competitions for January and pinned these on our cloakroom notice board, a quick way of seeing a month's comps in advance and when the sign up is open. I shall continue this on a month-by-month basis.

All county Captains have been appointed and their respective competitions set in the diary. Of course, after our Stearn and gents Parks win I can only wish each and every Captain the best of luck for 2024 county matches being Haskell, Stearn, Cranworth and Silver Jubilee. I hope our winning streak carries on throughout this year and good luck to Rita and Caroline for looking after the Cranworth and Jubilee matches respectively.

We have 5 away ladies friendlies and 6 home matches, 6 mixed friendly matches with only 1 being an away match. All these are now listed on IG so please sign up or speak to Karen Forster and Cathy Chandler who will oversee these matches. Good luck to Viv Leech who is Weston Captain, although relegated this year I'm sure Viv and her squad will be back up to the top tier again! And Barbara Dennis who is again Captain of the Winter League, with frustrations as many of these matches have been postponed due to the weather.

It will be lovely to work alongside Karen Forster this year having taken on the handicap Secretary role, I wish Karen best of luck in her new tenure as handicap Secretary and vice-Captain, trust me she will be learning how to juggle very well and know I am there for any support needed. Also, it goes without saying, but good luck Cathy in your Captaincy, as you know my competition head is always available and will look forward to working with you and advising on competition standings throughout the year, something I very much look forward to doing alongside you.

Wishing everyone on committee and each section some great golf in 2024.

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November Finance

Transactions			Receipts								
DATE	Detail	Amount	Xmas Lunch	Spook tacular	Competitions	Captains Charity	Invitation Day	County Comps & Exps	Payment from/to HGC	Trophies & Similar	Sundries
01-Nov	Christmas Lunch (Forster)	£ 34.50	£ 34.50								
02-Nov	Christmas Lunch (Higgins & Goldsmith)	£ 53.00	£ 53.00								
03-Nov	Spooktacular Receipts raffle = £370 MND Badges 17.50, Spells £120, £15 donation	£ 528.00		£ 528.00							
03-Nov	Competition money October 2023 - see separate sheet for breakdown	£ 1,441.50			£ 1,441.50						
06-Nov	Christmas lunch (Leech)	£ 32.50	£ 32.50								
	Christmas lunch (Tutak)	£ 28.50	£ 28.50								
08-Nov	Christmas lunch (Janney)	£ 26.50	£ 26.50								
09-Nov	Christmas lunch (King)	£ 26.50	£ 26.50								
13-Nov	Christmas lunch (Slaymaker)	£ 26.50	£ 26.50								
13-Nov	Christmas lunch (Emeny)	£ 28.50	£ 28.50								
13-Nov	Christmas lunch (Perley)	£ 28.50	£ 28.50								
13-Nov	Christmas lunch (Watson)	£ 28.50	£ 28.50								
13-Nov	Christmas lunch (Hood)	£ 28.50	£ 28.50								
13-Nov	Christmas lunch (Morten)	£ 28.50	£ 28.50								
14-Nov	Christmas lunch (Charnock-Smith)	£ 28.50	£ 28.50								
16-Nov	Christmas lunch (Chandler)	£ 32.50	£ 32.50								
16-Nov	Christmas lunch (Hellman)	£ 26.50	£ 26.50								
17-Nov	Wyboston Bar bill refund, see 3rd November Chandler expenses	£ 30.50									£ 30.50
17-Nov	MNDA Charity box-2023	£ 20.00				£ 20.00					
17-Nov	Christmas lunch (Middleton)	£ 26.50	£ 26.50								
20-Nov	Christmas lunch (Woods)	£ 26.50	£ 26.50								
21-Nov	Christmas lunch (Wildish)	£ 28.50	£ 28.50								
22-Nov	Christmas lunch (Lord)	£ 26.50	£ 26.50								
22-Nov	Christmas lunch (Fossey)	£ 28.50	£ 28.50								
22-Nov	Christmas lunch (Hume)	£ 28.50	£ 28.50								
22-Nov	Christmas lunch (Millard)	£ 28.50	£ 28.50								
22-Nov	Christmas lunch (Jeffery)	£ 34.50	£ 34.50								
22-Nov	Christmas lunch (Cooper)	£ 34.50	£ 34.50								
23-Nov	Christmas lunch (Baldry)	£ 26.50	£ 26.50								
23-Nov	Christmas lunch (Wilson)	£ 28.50	£ 28.50								
23-Nov	Christmas lunch (Freeman)	£ 26.50	£ 26.50								
24-Nov	Christmas lunch (McCoy)	£ 26.50	£ 26.50								
24-Nov	Christmas lunch (Smith)	£ 26.50	£ 26.50								
24-Nov	Christmas lunch (Haddingham)	£ 28.50	£ 28.50								
27-Nov	Christmas lunch (Baxter)	£ 28.50	£ 28.50								
27-Nov	Christmas lunch (Judd)	£ 28.50	£ 28.50								
27-Nov	Christmas lunch (Dudeny)	£ 28.50	£ 28.50								
28-Nov	Christmas lunch (Legg)	£ 28.50	£ 28.50								
29-Nov	Christmas lunch (Dennis)	£ 28.50	£ 28.50								
30-Nov	Christmas lunch (Dutton)	£ 26.00	£ 26.00								
	Total	£ 3,072.00	£ 1,052.00	£ 528.00	£ 1,441.50	£ 20.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 30.50

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DATE	Detail	Amount	Xmas Lunch	Spook tacular	Competitions	Captains Charity	Invitation Day	County Comps & Exps	Payment from/to HGC	Trophies & Similar	Sundries
03-Nov	Spooktacular meals x 72 payment to HGC	£ 1,332.00		£ 1,332.00							
03-Nov	C Chandler expenses pop up coffin, (wyboston bar bill £30.50 - repaid back 17.11.23)	£ 42.50									£ 42.50
10-Nov	Prizes to IG card for November Medal	£ 36.00			£ 36.00						
10-Nov	Suffolk County Ladies 100 club for 2024 - 4 x £5.00	£ 20.00						£ 20.00			
17-Nov	Dulux day Prize money to cards 1st to 4th placed tams plus best dressed.	£ 240.00			£ 240.00						
22-Nov	C. Chandler birthday cakes, see also credit for £20.00 from LC	£ 40.00									£ 40.00
24-Nov	November Stableford to IG cards - Prizes	£ 40.00			£ 40.00						
	Total	£ 1,750.50	£ -	£ 1,332.00	£ 316.00	£ -	£ -	£ 20.00	£ -	£ -	£ 82.50

	Opening Balance 1/11/2023				£1,858.26			Treasurers Account			£ 509.13
	Receipts November 2023			£ 3,072.00							
	Payments November 2023			£ 1,750.50							
	Closing Balance as at 30/11/2023				£3,179.76						
	Expected Receipts										
	Competition money for November			683.50							
	Expected Expenditure										
	Final payment to MNDA			-2559.72							
	Xmas Lunches to HGC			-957.50							
	Total Allocated/Expected				-£ 2,833.72						
	Available to Spend				£346.04						

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Transactions			Receipts								
DATE	Detail	Amount	Xmas Lunch	Spook tacular	Competitions	Captains Charity	Invitation Day	County Comps & Exps	Payment from/to HGC	Trophies & Similar	Sundries
06-Dec	£20 from LC re cakes for VC b/day & refund of Lotto tickets re Spook from LC	£ 40.00									£ 40.00
12-Dec	Competition money for November - see separate sheet for details	£ 683.50			£ 683.50						
12-Dec	Auction of picture from P Butcher for MNDA 2023	£ 150.00				£ 150.00					
14-Dec	C Emeny- Tag for LC Charity	£ 10.00				£ 10.00					
15-Dec	S Lord- Tag for LC Charity	£ 10.00				£ 10.00					
21-Dec	K Forster-Tag for LC Charity	£ 10.00				£ 10.00					
22-Dec	2023 MNDA Donation from R Goldsmith	£ 10.00				£ 10.00					
22-Dec	Tags for LC Charity- see separate sheet- LC Charity	£ 170.00				£ 170.00					
	Total	£ 1,083.50	£ -	£ -	£ 683.50	£ 360.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 40.00

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DATE	Detail	Amount	Xmas Lunch	Spook tacular	Competitions	Captains Charity	Invitation Day	County Comps & Exps	Payment from/to HGC	Trophies & Similar	Sundries
04-Dec	Bill Payment to HGC re Dec S/ford winnings	40.00			£ 40.00						
06-Dec	Lesley Pike Ltd	135.04								£ 135.04	
08-Dec	Refund to V Leech ref Lad Captains Brooch	80.45								£ 80.45	
13-Dec	Refund to V Leech, tips for Staff ref christmas lunch	42.00	£ 42.00								
15-Dec	Sara Higgins -Spooky Expenses	41.50		£ 41.50							
21-Dec	HCG Ref Christmas Lunches - see separate sheet	957.50	£ 957.50								
23-Dec	Final payment to MNDA 2023	2559.72				£ 2,559.72					
28-Dec	Summer Eclectic winnings	32.00			32.00						
	Total	£ 3,888.21	£ 999.50	£ 41.50	£ 72.00	£ 2,559.72	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 215.49	£ -

	Opening Balance 1/12/2023				£3,179.76			Treasurers Account			£ 509.13
	Receipts December 2023			£ 1,083.50				Interest	£ 1.77		£ 510.90
	Payments December 2023			£ 3,888.21							
	Closing Balance as at 31/12/2023				£375.05						
	Expected Receipts										
	Competition money for December				134.00						
	Expected Expenditure										
	Charity Receipts				-240.00						
	Refund for Xmas Lunch A. Ddney				-28.50						
	Total Allocated/Expected				-£ 134.50						
	Available to Spend				£240.55						

TREASURERS REPORT – Viv Leech

Wednesday 10th January

November 2023

As you can see from the reports the majority of income this month relates to the Xmas Lunch, the final receipts for the Spooktacular and competition funds from HGC, leaving what looks like a healthy balance. Unfortunately, we still have to pay out the final payment to MNDA and HGC for Spooktacular lunches leaving £346.04 in the main account and £509.13 in the deposit account.

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December 2023

This month has seen a reduction in competition fees mainly due to the awful wet weather and numerous cancellations. The first payments for the new Lady Captain have been received from the sale of Tags totaling £200. The final payment of £2559.72 was made to MNDA and payment of Xmas lunches to HGC leaving a balance of £240.55 in the main account and £510.90 in the deposit account.

I have decided to transfer any monies for the Lady Captains charity to the deposit account to keep it separate from the day to day running of the Ladies Section and hope that meets with the Committees approval. I understand that The Bobby Moore Foundation have suggested that we use 'Just Giving' for payment of donations, however it means that these funds do not pass through our sections bank account and although not too difficult to track I think, that Just Giving take a % of the donation reducing what we actually give? Hopefully we can discuss this further at the meeting?

Finally, I think that, as I mentioned at the AGM, we need to look at increasing the Competition Fees as whilst we are not paying out prizes, we are not getting any income in either. I would therefore like to propose putting the fees up to £3.00 for qualifiers and trophies and £1.50 for fun competitions, an increase of 50p per competition