

Minutes of Halesworth Golf Club Ladies Section

Present: Caroline Emeny (Captain), Lynda Baldry, Judith Bedwell, Sally McCoy, Clare Woods and for items 1 and 2, Ben Townsend

Date: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

Completed by: Clare Woods (Secretary)

Item	Topic	Report of Discussion	Action Required
1	Apologies	None	
2	Discussion with Ben Townsend, manager of HGC regarding representation of the ladies' Section on the Main Committee.	<p><b>Main Committee:</b> Currently the Ladies' only have 2 seats on the main committee, the immediate past captain does attend meetings but has no seat on the committee. BT was asked if he would consider making changes to the constitution to allow greater representation of the Ladies Section. Suggested 3 elected seats open to any lady of HGC. Also asked if the 2 vacant seats on the committee could be reassigned to the Ladies' section for the next year to give the ladies a stronger voice on the committee. BT replied that the main committee is a communication tool for the club and gives all the sections the opportunity to discuss status of the club. He agreed to better representation of the Ladies' Section on the committee and to increase the number of seats to 3, still retaining one seat for the Lady Captain. He declined the request of offering the spare seats to the Ladies section. BT was asked why members were allowed to attend committee meetings who did not have a seat on the committee eg senior Vice Captain. BT agreed to reminded members that only people voted on to the committee have a seat on the committee. BT will update the composition of main committee allowing the Ladies to proof read the new document before release. BT reminded us, that as a proprietors' club, any amendments do not have to be approved at the AGM and can be implemented immediately.</p> <p><b>Sunday tees times:</b> There was a discussion regarding Sunday Ladies' not having a blocked-out tee time. Originally proposed as a trial which has never been reviewed. The late tee availability made it very difficult to play 18 holes in the light, find playing partners or feel a valued member of the club as the under 30s men pay less yet have tee reservations. BT appreciated the disappointment of Sunday Ladies and would review the situation.</p>	
3	Minutes of last meeting	Agreed	Approved
4	Matters Arising	Painting inside of hole white to aid visually impaired players	To be reviewed in 2022
5	Captain's Report	<b>Winter league</b> vs Gorleston. Home. Win	Results from all matches go to hosts for collating the overall result of this 2-yearly competition.
		Spooktacular	Is very much a team effort. BIG THANK YOU to all helpers. Some wonderful comments from visitors. £1000 raised Bowel Cancer UK on that day
6	Competitions	January and February Medals	Agreed to play fun comp same day for ladies not wishing to play medal
		Dates of results included in putting comp	Competition file lists date of October medal. No need to bring to AGM

		Report of competitions played	Informed of winning players
		Incoming comp secretary	CE produced crib sheets clarifying role of comp secretary for future use and spent time with Sara Higgins training her to use IG
7	Handicap Secretary Report	Incoming Handicap secretary	JB begun IG training for both Lesley King and Sara Higgins Golfer of Year, Birdie trophy, EWGA medal awards and Most Improved Golfer trophies still outstanding as results from remaining comps will contribute to final result
8	Treasurer's Report	SM has finalised accounts for AGM.	Carol Hume to audit accounts. Future bank statements to Carol Hume, incoming treasurer
9	Correspondence	None	
10	Mens Section club colours	Kit has been sponsored	LB to ask at main committee if the same courtesy could be extended to Ladies' Section
11	Ladies' Constitution, committee rules	Section 4 refers to any lady.	There was a difference of opinion regarding the interpretation of any lady. Thought to be ambiguous. CW to review document to avoid conflict of interpretation. Agreed to increase number of elected committee members to 6 reflecting increase in members. (now 55 members)
12	AGM preparation	JB, Trophy winners SM, accounts finalized CW, paperwork compiled	Send list to CE for checking Carol Hume to audit CE to sign both 2019 and 2020 minutes at AGM
13	AOB		
	Playing Divisions	The definition of bronze and silver divisions need revisiting as number of competition entrants increased	
	Defibrillator	Currently situated inside clubhouse. Request to relocate outdoors asking charities to fund costs. BT replied that the equipment could be accessed from 07:30 until dusk which was sufficient. If the members were concerned he would not be averse to fundraising from golf comps	
	Williams Cup	Trophy presented to winning junior been misplaced. Lesley King approached, is able to supply replacement trophy and engrave it within our budget. Committee agreed to ask LK for replacement trophy	
14	Date of next meeting	AGM, Thursday 9th December	