

Minutes of the Ferndown Forest Golf Club Ladies Committee

29th January 2025

In attendance: Steve Pockneall (SP), Gail Leyland (GL), Carol Guest (CG), Tina McMillan (TM), Caroline Sard (CS), Carol Thornton (CT), Penny Hamilton (PH) and Martha Tucker.

This meeting followed the resignation of the previous ladies' committee and the meeting on 21st January 2025 at which SP outlined his wish is to see a more active ladies' section within the club focusing on enjoyment, engagement and participation not only in golf but in other activities, such as quiz nights, wine tasting or events outside the golf club.

The committee members will be:

- 1) President - Gail Leyland
- 2) Captain – Carol Guest
- 3) Vice-Captain – Tina McMillan
- 4) Treasurer – Caroline Sard
- 5) Members' Representative (Competitive Fixtures Secretary) – Carol Thornton
- 6) Members' Representative (Friendly Fixtures Secretary) – Penny Hamilton
- 7) Members' Representative – Martha Tucker

SP has provided a draft charter setting out the aims of the committee for discussion and finalisation by the committee at its next meeting.

SP left the meeting which continued in his absence.

- 1) Entry into the Daily Mail 2 ball competition for players with a handicap between 18-25 has been registered. **CT will organise the entries.**
- 2) An invitation has been received from Ferndown Golf Club to set up an annual friendly competition. It was agreed that this should be accepted. **PH will respond to the emails that have been received.**
- 3) An email has been received about the New Forest pairs but it is not clear whether that is a coffee morning or open competition. However, it was agreed that this is something for individual golfers to organise themselves this year if they are interested.
- 4) There was a discussion about the possibility of organising a coffee morning at FFGC and this proposal was met with complete agreement. It was agreed that it should be a combined coffee morning and charity event with full details of the date and format to be agreed. The 18th June was proposed as the date and an entry fee of £15 to include a drink and pastry was proposed subject to negotiation with the club.
- 5) The Leigh Clark Memorial day clashes with an event with Wellow so will be moved to 28th May.
- 6) Jon Mitchell has pointed out that setting up a competition for 9 holers is time consuming if there might be just 2 ladies taking part. He has suggested that ladies playing 9 holes should go out with those playing 18 holes and stop when they reach the end of the 9th hole. They can still have their own competition but will not have to sign in unless they want a handicap in which case they should sign in to general play. It was agreed that this should be trialled.
- 7) To avoid complaints of slow play ladies should start play at their proper tee time or when the group ahead has left the first green rather than when the group ahead is half way down the first fairway. In that way early bottlenecks and the appearance of delay will be minimised.

- 8) Ideas for social events and ways of encouraging more ladies to join in were touched on. It was suggested that Jane Miles should be approached and asked to encourage ladies having lessons to approach the committee to find out more about what is going on, maybe over a coffee. A buddy system for new ladies could be set up.
Advertising by way of posters and inserts in the Ferndown Community News and MyFerndown should be considered.
- 9) It was agreed that the summer bowl will be run this summer but not the summer knockout due to the comparatively small number of ladies who take part in that event. **PH will organise the summer bowl.**
- 10) Competition prize money should be reviewed. Should it be paid out for positions 1-3 or 1-4? A comparison should be made with arrangements in place with the seniors.

Matters for the next meeting:

- 1) Recognition of the contribution made by previous committee members.
- 2) Finalise the Charter including the terms of office of the committee members
- 3) Review the Fixtures and Competitions Diary
- 4) Finalise plans for a coffee morning/charity day
- 5) Agree a plan for updating the ladies' section of the Ferndown Forest website
- 6) Discuss systems for future communication with ladies.
- 7) Agree the size of, and a system for awarding, prize money.

Date of the next meeting: 20th February 2025 at 9.30am.