

Minutes of the Ferndown Forest Golf Club Ladies Committee
10th June 2025

1	Attendees: Carol Guest (CG), Caroline Sard (CS), Carol Thornton (CT), Tina McMillan (TM) and Gail Leyland (GL)
2	Apologies: Martha Tucker (MT) and Steve Pockneall (SP).
3	Minutes of the previous meeting on 16 th May were approved.
4	Matters arising from minutes: Sylvia Hart's name still has to be attached to a competition but it cannot be the Summer Bowl because that is linked to Carol Burnell who set up that competition.
5	Treasurer's Report: There is currently £420 in the bank and £76.75 in cash giving a total of £496.75. CS explained that there has recently been a disagreement relating to a £3 entry fee which unpaid. There is a difference of opinion between the shop's records and the lady who, it is stated, failed to pay. It was agreed that the payment will be written off but a message will be put on WhatsApp asking ladies to ensure that their names are highlighted on the entry form to show that they have paid. There were 29 entries for Leigh Clark's Memorial and three £5 donations making a total income of £160. The food cost £200 but Lawrie Bell and Steve Pockneall had already contributed £150 towards that so there is a profit of £110. The Charity Day, including the money taken on the charity stall, raised in excess of £2000 and far in excess of the target of £1000. After a discussion it was agreed that £2000, inclusive of the amount taken by Guide Dogs for the Blind on their stall, will be donated to Guide Dogs for the Blind and the balance of £330.87 retained by the Ladies' section for future use. That will take the total held by the ladies' section to £827.62.
6	Penny Hamilton's resignation and replacement – it was agreed that this should be opened up to all of the Ladies in the club to put their names forward and SP will be asked to include a request for volunteers in a forthcoming newsletter. The aim will be to raise interest in joining the committee at the AGM when the make up of the committee for next year will be decided. Until then committee members will spread the word and answer any questions raised.
7	Feedback from Leigh Clark Memorial Day and the Captain's Charity Day – both events were a huge success. This was the last event in Leigh's honour to be held solely by the ladies. Next year there will be a club event involving all sections and this new approach has been agreed by Leigh's sisters. There will be a different format and refreshments, details of which have yet to be decided. The charity day was very well supported by both ladies and men. The raffle and silent auction were both good fundraisers but it was agreed that there are points to learn from this inaugural event. One matter discussed was the raffle where it was felt that the prizes were very generous and more money could have been taken if tickets had been sold in advance. Likewise with the silent auction in respect of which it was suggested that next year there should be a reserve price set for each item. More helpers will be needed in future but next year's event will definitely be building on a positive foundation.

8	<p>Coffee morning – after further consideration it was agreed that this suggestion will not be taken forward this year because it is too complicated to organise alongside a normal Wednesday morning competition. It was agreed that, if the coffee morning is not going ahead, 17th September would be a good opportunity to honour Sylvia Hart and the competition on that day will become the Sylvia Hart Stableford but there will not be a trophy. Prize money is to be agreed.</p> <p>SP is to be invited to a meeting to discuss the possibility of the club allowing a formal coffee morning next year, organised via Golf Empire, and whether it will be possible to book a large part of one day and set up any stalls, for example, selling clothes etc from the shop, second hand golf items and refreshments.</p>
9	<p>Ladies Eclectic Competition – John Mitchell is to be invited to a meeting to explain how this can be organised for next summer.</p>
10	<p>2026 Diary specifically ‘fun’ games – the diary for next year is taking shape but decisions still need to be taken over which ‘fun’ games should be included. TM will give this some consideration and it will be on the agenda for the next meeting.</p>
11	<p>Autumn Trophy – CG has discussed this with Barbara Skingsley who donated the trophy and it has been agreed that the competition will be a normal end of season competition, open to anyone. There will not be a specific trophy for ladies who have not won a trophy during the preceding season because that is not inclusive and handicaps are designed to level the playing field.</p>
12	<p>Autumn Fun Day – this is taking place on the last day of the season. It was suggested that it would an opportunity to do something different, such as including penalties for bunkers etc. Further planning is needed.</p>
13	<p>Ladies’ evening roll up – both are taking place at 5.30pm. TM and CT confirmed that they will be there on 17th June. MT and CT will be there on 8th July.</p>
14	<p>AOB: PING BBBB on 9th July. CG will speak to Irene Stephens about how this has been arranged in the past.</p>
15	<p>Next Meeting: 9.30am on Tuesday 15th July.</p>
	<p>Items for the next meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Christmas lunch 2) ‘Fun’ games 3) Autumn Fun Day