

Minutes of the Ferndown Forest Golf Club Ladies Committee
20th March 2025

1	Attendees: Gail Leyland (GL), Carol Guest (CG), Caroline Sard (CS), Carol Thornton (CT), Martha Tucker (MT), Tina McMillan (TM),
2	Apologies: Penny Hamilton (PH) and Steve Pockneall (SP).
3	Minutes of the previous meeting on 20 th February were approved.
4	Matters arising from minutes: None that are not on the agenda
5	<p>Treasurer's Report: Cash in hand is now £254.60 showing an increase of £65.25 since the 20th February and after prizes were deducted.</p> <p>The last few weeks have seen an increase in the number of ladies taking part on Wednesdays, with 16/17 playing 18 holes and 7 playing 9 holes.</p> <p>An application for a Nat West bank account has been made but the website warns of delays in processing applications.</p> <p>Last year complimentary meals for ladies playing in the Woods Competition came to £270 (£9 per head). After a discussion, when it was pointed out that other clubs simply provide a tea cake and drink, it was agreed that it is no longer possible to provide a meal. CT will investigate the cost of tea cakes and speak to SP about the proposed change.</p> <p>Following a complaint about the decision not to pay out on 2s scored during fun games this decision was reviewed. The notes in the folder passed on to the Ladies' Captain from the previous committee were reviewed once more. It clearly states, more than once, that 'Birdies made in a full competition will be given £2'. The 2s have replaced the birdies but it was agreed that they will be paid out on the same basis as birdies were so only in full competitions. However, to make prize money fair the contributions to the kitty on those days will revert to the ladies' funds and will not carry forward.</p>
6	Summer evening roll-up: Tuesdays 17 th June and 8 th July at 5.30pm were proposed and agreed. CG will book three tees. CT and TM will be there in June and GL and MT in July.
7	Social Events - coffee morning and others to include setting up a working party: CG, MT, TM and CS will hold an initial meeting on 27 th March.
8 i) ii)	<p>Competitions</p> <p>Trophies to be awarded at the end of season</p> <p>Prizes to be allocated to various competitions and those to be renamed</p> <p>Leigh Clark Trophy – will be awarded on 28th May. Details yet to be decided.</p> <p>Hilary Clarke Perseverance cup – 3 clubs and a putter on 25th June. There will just one prize for first place and 2s will be recognised.</p> <p>The Anniversary Shield, Autumn Trophy and May Trophy will be discontinued for the 2024/25 season.</p> <p>Ferndown Forest Cup is not recognised as a ladies' competition.</p> <p>Sylvia Hart will be remembered in the renaming of the summer bowl as the Sylvia Hart Summer Bowl.</p> <p>Patience has now been placed in the Leigh Clark Memorial Garden.</p>

iii)	Ladies Championship Prizes – this will take place over two days, 23 rd and 30 th July, and will be an 18 hole competition. There was a discussion about whether it would be possible to include 9 hole golfers but it was felt that was impractical. There will no longer be two prizes, one for higher and another for lower handicaps because the handicap system itself should level the playing field. There will be one prize and the trophy will be awarded on the day.
iv)	The Order of Merit has replaced the Winter League and will operate for those playing 18 and 9 holes. Prizes for the winners will be £20 for 18 holes and £10 for 9 holes. There was a discussion about whether there should be an order of merit prize in the summer but it was agreed that for now it should only be in the winter as there are already a number of summer competitions.
v)	Fun games – the number of fun games played in a year will be reduced. A President v Captain's team event is planned for Easter
vi)	Ladies' singles knockout matchplay competition – booking for this competition is via the pro-shop which will set the dates by when rounds must be played. Prizes have yet to be agreed.
vi)	Three Captains' Awayday - Rushmore. Bookings are now being taken in the pro-shop. SP is planning to take buggies from FFGC.
9	Captain's Charity Day – to be discussed
10	Leigh Clark's Memorial Day – to be discussed
11	President's team v Captain's team - to be discussed
12	Gary Gunn Memorial Day – this is a Club competition. There will be a medal for the "Best lady golfer".
13	Communication – will take place via Whatsapp and the website and it was also agreed that paper versions of minutes, rules etc will be placed in a folder in the ladies' changing room.
14	Easter Raffle – to be discussed
15	Schedule for meetings 2025 – it has been agreed that meetings will take place monthly.
15	AOB: A query was raised about whether ladies hoping to take part in inter club friendlies or competitions are aware of the club colours. CT will ensure that new ladies are have that information.
15	Next Meeting: 9.30am on Monday 14 th April. A small group will meet at 9.30am 27 th March to start planning for social events including Leigh Clark's Memorial Day, the President v Captain team competition, the Ladies' Championship, the Easter raffle and the Captain's Charity Day. A suggestion has been received that Andy Beal should be asked to run an evening event explaining the rules of golf. CG will approach him to find out if that is can be arranged.

	<p>Items for the next meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Ladies' Club Championship2) Knockout competition3) Coffee morning (September)4) Gary Gunn Memorial day to include Ferndown Forest Trophy5) Andy Beale rules evening6) Summer OoM7) Autumn Trophy8) County Unification
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