

Minutes of the Ferndown Forest Golf Club Ladies Committee
18th August 2025

1	Attendees: Carol Guest (CG), Caroline Sard (CS), Carol Thornton (CT), Martha Tucker (MT) and Gail Leyland (GL)
2	Apologies: Steve Pockneall
3	Minutes of the previous meeting on 15 th July were approved.
4	Matters arising from minutes: None not covered in the agenda.
5	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>There is currently £943.87 in the bank and £154.85 in cash giving a total of £1098.72 which includes the £20 prize for the summer knockout competition.</p> <p>Two requests for payment were made and agreed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) £22.00 entry fees for the Legg Bowl competition and 2) MT has been informed that friendly competitions at Sturminster Marshahall will now have a cost attached. That is £3.50 per person for green fees. This is a new charge and it should be noted that the full fee is £7.00 but the Sturminster Marshall team will be contributing half the cost. The payment was approved for this year but whether the matches should continue will be reviewed in light of the fact that no other course levies charges. <p>Another issue which was discussed is whether there should be a system for compensating ladies who require the use of a buggy when they play in matches. Although it was recognised that some ladies are unable to play the longer or more undulating courses without a buggy it was agreed that the use of a buggy is a personal decision and should be borne by the individual players. However, that is subject to CG speaking to Anne Somerville about what has happened in the past.</p>
6	<p>Majors – These are the Ladies' Club Championship and the Ferndown Forest Trophy. It was agreed that next year the FF Trophy will be moved to avoid having the majors taking place during three weeks out of a four week period in the summer.</p> <p>There can be as many or as few majors as required so they will be reviewed as the number of ladies joining in regularly grows.</p> <p>The Gary Gunn Memorial competition runs over 3 days at a weekend and it was felt that this might make it difficult for ladies to take part so it will not be included in the majors.</p>
7	Autumn Fun Day – A bowmaker is already on the diary on 15 th October so it was agreed that the fun day on 29 th October should be a FBBB and used as an opportunity to give something back to the ladies by including awards for the longest drive, nearest the pin etc.
8	Fun Games to be included in the 2026 Diary – the games to be included will be two yellow perils, one foursomes and one blind partners.
9	<p>Committee Membership – resignation and forward planning.</p> <p>At the next meeting it will be necessary to finalise the process so that a message from CG to all ladies at the club can be included in a newsletter in advance of the AGM. Roles and responsibilities of committee members will be reviewed and shared together with criteria</p>

	<p>for joining the committee. It is critical that a Vice Captain is appointed. It was agreed that at least 2 new members will be needed and a system will need to be agreed for selecting those members in the event that there are more willing volunteers than posts needing to be filled. That may have to be by private ballot.</p> <p>Lin Wilkins has been acting as welfare representative and will be asked if she is willing to continue that role without needing to be on the committee.</p>
10	Christmas lunch – two courses at £20 per head has been agreed with the Forest Inn and 17 th December has been booked. A raffle is being considered.
11	2026 Coffee Morning – course maintenance is due to take place in October so a September date will be agreed with SP. Details such as the timing and price will need to be agreed before it is posted on Golf Empire. It is hoped that it will be possible to use the garden room for refreshments and for the club to sell clothes and for other stalls yet to be agreed.
12	<p>AOB:</p> <p>There was a discussion about the summer and winter Orders of Merit and how points are allocated. CT will speak to John Mitchell to find out more and share that information by a notice in the changing room.</p> <p>Although there is a cut off date and time for entering competitions there have been occasions when ladies have applied to join in at the last minute. It is to be made clear that this will not be allowed where the number of entrants has an impact i.e. if players are going out in groups of 2, 3 or 4 or in handicap order. If ladies wish to join late on those occasions they will have to join those playing 9 holes.</p> <p>Tuesday roll ups are now proving popular and the next one will be on 2nd September when 4 tee times have been booked. CG and MT will join the ladies.</p> <p>Walhampton can only play friendlies on Wednesdays so it was agreed that in the future those matches will no longer take place.</p> <p>Pamela and Louise Searle won the FF PING FBBB competition and are now 16th on the reserve list for the next round. They missed the cut off by one point.</p>
13	Next Meeting: 9.00am on Tuesday 16 th September
	<p>Items for the next meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Committee Roles and Recruitment 2) Gary Gunn 3) 2026 Coffee Morning 4) Christmas Lunch 5) Use of funds