

Ferndown Forest Golf Club Ladies Section

Amalgamated Committee Minutes - 2022

Concise chronological version prepared from the 2022 committee minute files supplied.

Scope and approach

These minutes have been consolidated into date order and rewritten to remove repetition, correct obvious transcription errors and present the same business in a concise format. The original meaning and recorded decisions have been retained.

Meetings included

- 10 January 2022
- 21 February 2022
- 22 April 2022
- 23 May 2022
- 29 June 2022
- 29 July 2022
- 22 August 2022
- 6 September 2022
- 3 October 2022

10 January 2022

Present	Anne Somerville, Debbie Norris, Penny Hamilton, Jo Shiels, Tina McMillan and Irene Stephens.
Apologies	None.
Previous minutes	The AGM minutes were accepted, subject to adding the PING competition winners.
Treasurer	£253 had been used from funds towards the Christmas lunch. The remaining treasurer details in the source document were unclear.
Birdie Tree	Up to date. Irene to give Anne an updated list for her records.
Trophies / mementoes	Still pending.

Key points and decisions

- The ladies section website would not be renewed at £120 because there was no one available to manage it. Tina to arrange cancellation with Bee; Debbie to tell Steve the Ferndown Forest website link would no longer work.
- Penny to bring a new starter pack to the next meeting so it could be reviewed and updated.
- Debbie to issue a WhatsApp reminder about giving notice when unable to attend Wednesday golf, as non-attendance had caused grouping issues.
- For the time being, Wednesday hosting duties would be covered by committee members, with start times staggered accordingly.
- Prize money was increased for 2022. No competition would run with fewer than 10 players. For non-team competitions with more than 15 players, prizes would be £8, £7, £6 and £5; with fewer than 15 players, only the first three places would be paid.
- Team game prizes were set as follows where there were 10 or more players: teams of four, £20; teams of three, £15; teams of two, £10 for first and £6 for second.

Next meeting: 7 February 2022 at 10.30am.

21 February 2022

Present	Debbie Norris, Penny Hamilton, Jo Shiels, Tina McMillan and Irene Stephens.
Apologies	Anne Somerville.
Previous minutes	Accepted.
Treasurer	Anne to distribute Annual Points at the beginning of April.
Birdie Tree	Up to date.
Trophies / mementoes	Still pending. Penny had asked trophy holders to contact her about mementoes.

Key points and decisions

- Card swapping would resume from 2 March, in line with the expected change in government regulations.
- Irene to review old 9-hole cards and scores so that prizes for 9-hole winners could be discussed at a later meeting.

- There would be no Wednesday qualifying competitions during the winter. Anyone wanting to submit a handicap card could sign in for a general play round before going out.
- The mixed 9-hole and 18-hole pairings had received positive feedback and would continue.
- Leigh's Day planning continued. A shotgun start was preferred and a bowmaker with food or afternoon tea was suggested. Penny to check possible start times and minimum numbers with the shop; Debbie to create a changing-room sign-up sheet.
- The new members welcome pack was reviewed. Penny to make the suggested changes and circulate it.
- Penny to chase Jon about planting around Leigh's Bench.
- Job responsibilities were deferred to the next meeting.
- Anne to prepare a Leigh Trophy poster and Penny to purchase a frame.
- Available committee members would meet briefly after golf on 30 March to discuss selection for the first Beales match.

Next meeting: 22 April 2022 at 10.30am.

22 April 2022

Present	Debbie Norris, Penny Hamilton, Jo Shiels, Tina McMillan, Irene Stephens and Anne Somerville.
Apologies	None.
Previous minutes	Accepted.
Treasurer	The section would revert to distributing vouchers every six months. Annual Points, Birdies and Fun Games winners would receive vouchers at the end of April.
Birdie Tree	Irene to update during the week.
Trophies / mementoes	One memento was still to be decided. Anne to ask the shop about opening a ladies section account so vouchers could be spent in the shop and funded from the ladies account.

Key points and decisions

- Leigh Trophy Day would not be a shotgun start due to numbers. Tee times would run from 9.07am to 10.45am. The format would be a three-player bowmaker, with two best scores counting. Penny to confirm the afternoon tea cost with Vasek. The game and afternoon tea would be free for all ladies.
- A message would be sent asking those interested in playing or attending afternoon tea to sign up by 6 May.
- Penny to speak to Jon about planting around the ladies bench and to Bee about rubbing down the bench.
- Anne had prepared a poster for last year's Leigh Day winners and Penny had created a mock-up presentation frame, to be updated annually with current winners.
- The handicap limit for friendly home matches would be set at 36 after the Wellow match.
- The 2023 County calendar was reviewed. As only one County game fell on a Wednesday, no schedule changes were required.
- For the PING 4BBB, players could choose partners, provided both players committed to attending the final if they qualified. Otherwise, players would be entered into a random draw.
- Penny to speak to John Mitchell about setting up 9-hole games on MasterScoreboard; prize money for 9-hole competitors would then be discussed.
- Tina to confirm by WhatsApp that there would be no meal after the 27 April Texas Scramble, as this had been replaced by afternoon tea after Leigh's Day on 25 May.

- The 2023 schedule would be adjusted to avoid three handicap-order events in succession in May. The 2022 May Trophy would be randomised to limit handicap differentials and avoid repeated groups.

Next meeting: 23 May 2022 at 10.30am.

23 May 2022

Present	Debbie Norris, Penny Hamilton, Jo Shiels, Tina McMillan, Irene Stephens and Anne Somerville.
Apologies	None.
Previous minutes	Accepted, with some matters still outstanding.
Treasurer	Funds were healthy, although Annual Points vouchers and Leigh's Day costs were still outstanding.
Birdie Tree	The previous week still needed checking.
Trophies / mementoes	Anne to continue discussing a ladies section shop account. Debbie to create a voucher template and send it to Anne for approval.

Key points and decisions

- Leigh Trophy Day afternoon tea had been ordered for 40 people at £10 per head. Diane had offered to split the food cost with the ladies section.
- Afternoon tea would be served at 2.30pm after a bowmaker competition, with the best two stableford scores counting on each hole. A randomly selected ghost card would be used for the group of two.
- PING 4BBB entries would be extended by WhatsApp. Each player would receive a 50p subsidy. As no one had entered in pairs, partners would be drawn randomly from two handicap groups.
- Beales results to date: won 4-1 against Came Down and won 3-2 against Parkstone.
- Friendly match results: won 2.5-1.5 at home against Sturminster Marshall and won 4-0 at home against Wellow. Crane Valley and Somerley matches were cancelled.
- The Solheim Cup scheduled for 22 June would be replaced by a Waltz for this year.
- Ferndown had invited two ladies to its centenary day on 18 August. If the places were still available, Tina McMillan and Penny Hamilton would attend.

Next meeting: 29 June 2022, immediately after golf.

29 June 2022

Present	Debbie Norris, Jo Shiels, Tina McMillan, Irene Stephens and Anne Somerville.
Apologies	Penny Hamilton.
Previous minutes	Accepted, with the amendment that Jo and Tina would attend the Ferndown centenary event.
Treasurer	Funds were healthy, although buggy costs for friendly matches were still to be paid.
Birdie Tree	Irene to check 1 June and 15 June.
Trophies / mementoes	Status to be checked with Penny.

Key points and decisions

- In Penny's absence, weekly competition start/close duties were allocated for 6, 13, 20 and 27 July.
- The section would pay £10 towards the cost of an away-match buggy where a player had a medical need.
- Woods/Beales update: three wins and one loss, with Rushmore away on 18 July and Salisbury & South Wilts at home on 26 July still to play.
- Friendly matches: Walhampton away was due on 6 July; the Dudsbury away match had been lost.
- Anne to collect the PING cards from Penny before submitting the results.
- From 13 July, the committee would no longer book buggies for Wednesday games. Debbie to notify members by WhatsApp.
- Debbie to ask the shop about using MasterScoreboard for weekly sign-up, in line with the seniors/over 55s process.
- 9-hole games would be monitored during July and the cards reviewed before deciding how to proceed.

Next meeting: 29 July 2022 at 10.30am.

29 July 2022

Present	Debbie Norris, Jo Shiels, Tina McMillan, Irene Stephens, Anne Somerville and Penny Hamilton.
Apologies	None.
Previous minutes	Accepted with no changes.
Treasurer	Funds were healthy, although cash still needed collecting from Irene for recent weeks and some Woods match expenses remained to be paid.
Birdie Tree	Up to date except for 15 June. Penny to check whether she had the cards.
Trophies / mementoes	Awaiting confirmation from Joan on whether she wanted a memento. All trophies would be presented at the AGM in November.

Key points and decisions

- In Penny's absence, weekly competition start/close duties were allocated for 3, 10, 17 and 31 August.
- The PING 4BBB result-entry process had changed and required paperwork appeared to be missing. Anne to speak to England Golf and PING to try to resolve it.
- Penny to write a paragraph about the ladies section for Richard Smith, Club Captain, to include in the next newsletter.
- Home friendly match handicaps would be capped at 36 from the following year.
- Tina to speak to the shop for ideas on dealing with slow play.

Next meeting: 22 August 2022 at 10.30am.

22 August 2022

Present	Debbie Norris, Jo Shiels, Tina McMillan, Irene Stephens and Anne Somerville.
Apologies	Penny Hamilton.
Previous minutes	Accepted with no changes.
Treasurer	Funds were healthy.

Birdie Tree	Up to date.
Trophies / mementoes	Irene to ask trophy winners whether they wanted a memento or voucher. Debbie to print vouchers before the next meeting.

Key points and decisions

- In Penny's absence, weekly competition start/close duties were allocated for 7, 14, 21 and 28 September and 5 October.
- Anne had contacted PING and England Golf regarding the PING 4BBB and was awaiting a response.
- Penny had written a ladies section paragraph for Richard Smith's newsletter.
- The 31 August fun game would be Yellow Peril. Debbie to message members when the start sheet was published to confirm that players should not log in to the computer.
- The 2023 schedule was reviewed. Jo to make the agreed changes and bring the updated schedule to the next meeting.
- 9-hole monthly prizes would be paid to the highest and second-highest score, with the pot based on monthly participation. July prizes were set at £3 for first and £2 for second.
- Mixed Texas Scramble arrangements were confirmed: £4 per person for sandwiches and chips; £2 competition entry plus raffle proceeds to charity; raffle tickets at £4 per strip; Julia's House chosen as the charity; Tina to prepare a cost poster and Irene to bring materials and raffle prizes.
- Mixed Texas Scramble prizes would be wine for first place and biscuits for second.

Next meeting: 6 September 2022 at 1.00pm.

6 September 2022

Present	Debbie Norris, Tina McMillan, Irene Stephens, Anne Somerville, Penny Hamilton and Jo Shiels.
Apologies	None recorded.
Previous minutes	Accepted with no changes.
Treasurer	Funds were healthy, although AGM food, Christmas lunch and Annual Points costs were expected. The Texas Scramble raised £345 for Julia's House; member contributions added £55, making a final donation of £400.
Birdie Tree	Up to date. Irene needed more pink card.
Trophies / mementoes	One member had not responded about memento or voucher preference. Irene to chase current-year trophy winners and Penny to chase previous-year winners. The committee decided that all winners would receive vouchers this year rather than mementoes.

Key points and decisions

- Anne was still chasing the PING 4BBB through England Golf, but communication was proving difficult.
- The 14 September game would be Blind Partners, replacing the Sylvia Hart Trophy, which would move to 26 October. The 19 October TBC slot would be Skins.
- Tina to speak to John Mitchell about changing MasterScoreboard.
- At least two new committee members were needed for the following year. A WhatsApp message would ask interested members to email the ladies section by 30 September for discussion at the next meeting.

- WhatsApp use was discussed after concerns about inappropriate posts and possible bullying. Debbie to draft a message for committee approval, restating the rules and appropriate use of each group.
- Club Championship prizes would be paid for first and second place in both under-30 and over-30 handicap categories: £7 for first and £5 for second.

Next meeting: 3 October 2022 at 10.30am.

3 October 2022

Present	Debbie Norris, Tina McMillan, Irene Stephens, Anne Somerville, Penny Hamilton and Jo Shiels.
Apologies	None.
Previous minutes	Accepted with no changes.
Treasurer	Funds were healthy, although AGM food, Christmas lunch and Annual Points costs were expected.
Birdie Tree	Irene to update now she had returned from holiday.
Trophies / mementoes	All winners would receive vouchers rather than mementoes. Trophies held by the section needed engraving before the AGM.

Key points and decisions

- Anne was still chasing the PING 4BBB through England Golf. Irene had sourced a PING 4BBB umbrella as an alternative prize if the official issue could not be resolved.
- As two new committee members were still required, another WhatsApp message would be sent explaining that without at least two volunteers the ladies section could not continue in its current form.
- Steve had been consulted about the booking system moving to BRS, but the date was unknown. Debbie to speak to John Mitchell about moving the ladies booking process to MasterScoreboard.
- Steve requested that all 9-hole games go out at the back of the group. Members had been informed by WhatsApp.
- 9-hole game prizes would be paid in cash according to participation and money collected. July prizes were £3 and £2; August prizes were £5 and £4.
- The Legg Bowl format was noted: a winter knockout with two silver and two bronze players. The first match was away to Queens Park.
- October start/close duties were allocated, and restarting a hostess rota would be discussed at the AGM.

Next meeting: 28 October 2022 at 10.30am to discuss AGM issues.