



Isle of Wight Ladies Golf Association

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th April 2026 at Cowes Golf Club at 10.30 am

Present:

President – Maggie Ankers (MA)
Captain – Stephanie Hart (SH)
Vice-Captain – Louise Webb (LW)
Treasurer – Liz Morris (LM)
Competition Secretary - Mandy Gould (MG)
Secretary – Julie Miller (JM)

Delegates:

Cowes – Jude Ferris (JF)
Freshwater Bay – Jackie Evitts (JE)
Ryde – Tricia Penn (TP)
Westridge – Louise Webb (LW)

HLG Rep – Emma Powell (EP)

Apologies: Jackie Mouat (JM-N), Shirley Mawdesley (SM), Lyn Guy (LG)

The captain welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th March 2026 were agreed as accurate and signed by the captain.

2. Matters arising:

- **Fairfax Trophy engraving update** – EP had asked the County Captain of HLG which engravers they used and was informed they took all their trophies to Timpson's. Following discussions, the committee agreed that we would make enquiries at the Newport branch to see if they can undertake the work. To note: This branch has good on-line reviews.

Action: Treasurer

- **Membership reduction update** – LM confirmed that our numbers have slightly increased to 159 but this is still 14 down on last year. She will complete further investigation as to the possible reasons for the reduction in numbers. **Action: Treasurer.**
- **Wight Games Festival interest** – The Delegates had been asked to approach their clubs to enquire if they would be able to hold a golf event to support the Wight Games Festival. On reflection, it was thought by some of the committee that we may be too late to do this as club diaries are all very busy during the summer season. EP suggested that we contact Brown's Family Golf Centre in Sandown as this could be the ideal location to hold the event. She has been arranging another 'Women into Golf' session and found the management at Brown's very helpful and generous. They also have bar and catering. All agreed to this suggestion and EP asked to make enquiries ref costings/dates etc and feedback.

Action: HLG Rep

3. Captain's report:

- **President's Frolic** – SH extended her congratulations to our President for a very successful day.

4. Secretary Report:

JM shared the following report

- **Website Uploads** – I have been gradually forwarding documents with our new logo to Jane Wilson for upload onto our website. This will take time, but we are getting there.
- **Leave** – I will be away for two weeks in May (dates advised to the committee), so any e-mails etc. will be answered on my return.

5. Treasurers report:

Balance of account is £1,609.65 of which £250 is for the Fourball entries. Therefore, we have a running balance of £1359.65. Everything is going very well, thanks as always to our Delegates.

6. Competition Secretary's Report:

- **Sibyl Bennett** – 11th May at Newport. A reminder that entries close for this competition on 27th April.
- **Championships** – 1st & 2nd June at Freshwater Bay. Posters/details will be handed out at today's meeting.
- **HLG Reps** – Thanks extended to EP and LB for stepping up to take on this role, it is really appreciated.
- **Fourball better ball competition** – The draw has been done and sent out. Jane Wilson is running the competition this year.
- **Website Co-ordinator** – Jane Wilson is doing a great job with this role. If anyone has any questions etc regarding the website, please go via Jane or me.

7. President's Report:

- **Presidents Frolic** – This went very well with 63 ladies playing in some lovely weather conditions, which was the best of the week. Photos of all the teams were taken before play, and we will try to upload them onto the website. Individual group photo's can be sent direct to anyone who would like them.
- **President Elect** – I announced at the Frolic that Gill Fahy (Osborne) had been asked and had accepted the nomination to be our next President.
- **Past President's Lunch** – This was held last month at the Garlic Farm with 8 ladies attending and it was very nice to spend time together.
- **HLG Reps** – I am so pleased that Emma and Lucy agreed to take on this role and I wanted to congratulate EP on her excellent response to key questions concerning the proposed unification between HLG & HG. This information was required for the Delegates meeting on 17th April.
- **Sophie Beardsall** – Congratulations to Sophie for being awarded the Island Games individual award in recognition of her double gold wins at Orkney. This was presented to her at the Isle of Wight Sports Achievement Awards on 19th March.
- Finally, cards have been sent to our members who have been in hospital recently and I went to the funeral of Pauline Butler which was very well attended.

8. Hampshire Rep:

EP shared the following report:

Unfortunately, due to work commitments, neither myself nor LB were able to go to the Delegates meeting last week which was held in Basingstoke with a start time of 10.00 AM. Following discussions, it was noted that holding the Delegates meeting in the middle of the county with a 10.00 AM start time could make it difficult for our representatives to attend. MA proposed that we write to the County Secretary to highlight this. All agreed. **Action: President.** To note, it was also suggested that a meeting with HLG and IWLGA on the Island would be beneficial.

HLG have reintroduced the Get Women into Golf initiative with financial support increased from (up to) £50.00 to (up to) £200.00. There are further details on the website, including an application form.

We are hosting another Women in Golf event at Brown's on 27th April, between 6-8 pm. Details were sent to the committee on 12th April. It is open to everyone. This has been advertised on Facebook, Sandown Hub etc.

Thank you to everyone who supplied feedback regarding the proposed unification which as noted was collated and sent to Jill England (County Secretary). Further discussion was held as to why HLG are proposing unification now and the possible reasons behind this.

A reminder that entries for various HLG competitions are filling up fast, in fact some are full. Please refer to HLG website for details.

9. Any Other Business

- **Competition venue - Catering** – MG noted that she had been contacted by SM regarding the catering at Osborne and that it would be advisable to contact Mandy White (Captain) as soon as possible. **Action: Captain & Competitions Secretary**
- **Isa Ballard** – JM asked the committee for their thoughts on contacting Sara McKie (Isa Ballard's granddaughter) to ask if she would like to attend the presentation again this year. All agreed to this suggestion. **Action: Secretary.**
- **Expenses** – SH highlighted that Jane Wilson had paid out for some support material to help her with work on our new website and proposed that we reimburse her for this. All agreed. SH will find out details and forward to LM. **Action: Captain.**
MA noted that Georgie could also be approached for any 1:1 training if required.
- **IWLGA 130-years** – It will be our anniversary in 2027, and it was proposed that we should celebrate this. Various options were suggested, including a lunch following the Presidents Frolic, (the venue could accommodate approximately 60 ladies). Agenda item to be included for further discussion at our next meeting. **Action: Secretary.**
- **Vice-Captain 2026/2027** – Our next Vice-Captain is due to be put forward by Cowes. JF to speak to her committee to confirm if they will be supplying a candidate for this position. Response requested by next IWLGA meeting. **Action: Cowes Delegate**

10. Date of the Next meeting:

Monday 18th May 2026 at Shanklin & Sandown Golf Club – start time 10.30.