



Isle of Wight Ladies Golf Association

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th May 2026 at Shanklin & Sandown 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)

Delegates:

Freshwater Bay – Jackie Evitts (JE)
Newport - Jackie Mouat (JM-N)
Osborne - Shirley Mawdesley (SM)
Ryde – Tricia Penn (TP)
Shanklin & Sandown - Lyn Guy (LG)
Westridge – Louise Webb (LW)

HLG Rep – Emma Powell (EP)

Apologies: Julie Miller (JM) and Jude Ferris (JF)

The captain welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th April 2026 were agreed as accurate and signed by the Captain.
2. **Matters arising:**
 - **Fairfax Trophy engraving update** – LM stated that she will take the Trophy to Timpson (in-store at Asda) in June and make enquiries about whether engraving in the original script is possible.
Action: Treasurer
 - **Membership reduction update** – LM confirmed that there has been an increase of 2 more members since the last meeting. This means that membership stands at 12 less than last year. She is confident that there will be a few more ladies who will request membership during the summer months which it is hoped will make up the shortfall and therefore match last year's membership numbers.
 - **Wight Games Festival venue** –EP said that the recent event at Browns had been positive but not sure if it would be a suitable venue for a Wight Games Festival. MG suggested that LW ask Proprietor at Westridge if he would be interested in hosting this in the future.
Action: Delegate - Westridge
 - **HLG Delegates meeting - venue feedback (MA)** MA had written to Jill England (County Secretary) and read out the reply that explained that the IW delegate's expenses are covered by Hampshire when attending a delegate's meeting and also that Eileen Cunningham would be more than happy to visit the Island with a view to explaining the reasoning behind the unification proposal between Hampshire's men's and women's governing bodies.

- EP confirmed that expenses were available for the IWLGA Hampshire Delegate to attend mainland Hampshire meetings. She was aware the previous IWLGA delegate (KP) used to take some other club Hampshire leads with her in her car. EP confirmed that neither she nor LB had attended a mainland meeting as yet. MA requested that a draught letter be prepared by JM in due course to respond to the letter on behalf of IWLGA.

Action: Secretary

- **Osborne Catering - (SH/MG)** SH and MG will visit Osborne in the next few weeks to make enquiries regarding food availability on 15th June for the Isa Ballard competition.

Action: Captain & Competition Secretary

- **Vice-Captain 2026/2027 update - (SH on behalf of JF)** SH reported that JF has accepted the position of Vice- Captain 2026/2027.

3. Captain's report:

We had better weather than was forecast for the Sibyl Bennett at Newport and just the last few groups had to contend with sharp showers on their final holes. It was nice to see that a large proportion of the field stayed for the presentation, making for a good atmosphere in the clubhouse.

Congratulations go to Lynne Backshall from Ryde for winning the trophy with 39 points, two clear of Beverley Carroll (SS) and Elaine White (N) who took 2nd and 3rd respectively.

The results and photo are on the website, and I thank Julie for the report and Jane for uploading them in prompt fashion.

4. Secretary Report: JM sent the following report

- **Isa Ballard Trophies** –As per action, I contacted Sara McKie and she said she would be delighted to attend the presentation of her grandmother's trophies again this year. I will contact her closer to the date to confirm approximate time for the presentation. Can either Maggie or Steph please look after her when she arrives?
- **Ladies' Invitation list** – I have now heard from all clubs holding invitations with relevant dates and these have been collated and sent out to delegates.

5. Treasurers report:

Balance of account is £1678.97. The insurance is paid and so is the ClubV1 fee. Everything is ok. MA asked if the Website fee had been paid and LM confirmed that it had. There was a query regarding photos of the Island golf courses, but they have not been included on the website yet.

6. Competition Secretary's Report:

- **Sibyl Bennett** –MG expressed her gratitude to Lucy Burke at Newport GC for her help with processing the competition scores on 11th May as there was a glitch in the Club V1 software. The IWLGA ClubV1 is piggybacked off the Golf Union ClubV1 and it worked perfectly for the Veterans competition last year but it was not working for Sibyl Bennett. MG is very concerned that a fix is not available yet despite being in touch with the Golf Union for help. MG will ask Golf Union for help again.
Action: Competition Secretary
- **Championships** – 1st & 2nd June at Freshwater Bay. Discussion deferred to the end of the meeting.

7. President's Report:

- Website – it was noticed that the start sheets for each competition are not appearing on the website yet. it was confirmed that it is the intention for them to be uploaded in future. MA expressed her gratitude and thanks to Jane who is doing a great job with the website. MA also wished Jane to ensure that emails for IWLGA officers would be available in future.

ACTION: JW (via Competition Secretary and Secretary)

8. Hampshire Rep:

EP shared the following. The recent woman and girls golf event at Browns was attended by approximately 20 people and EP said that there would be another event in due course.

EP shared that the Hampshire Championships at Stoneham Golf Club were well represented by Island ladies and the highlights were;

Both Sammi Keen (FB) and Lucy Burke (SS) qualified for the matchplay in the County Championships with both just losing out in the first round of matchplay.

Beverley Whorwood (SS) qualified in 2nd place and lost in the semi-final of the Quinn Seniors Scratch Bowl.

Joanne Wright (FB) qualified in the Challenge Salver and lost a very close match in the final.

Jacky Cook (SS) won division 1 of the Division 2 Championship Stableford.

9. Any Other Business.

- **130 Anniversary celebration** –All - Various options were discussed including: Albert Cottage, IW College (if their venue is bigger after the refurb), possible lunch after the Presidents Frolic or to have a "non-golf playing" get together possibly at Northwood House. All present thought that Northwood House would be a good venue. Suggested that LW talk to JF and G Fahy.

Action: Vice-Captain

- **Facebook** - SH asked who would monitor our IWLGA Facebook. EP volunteered and was thanked.
- **Competition secretary** – MG told those present that she is resigning at the end of 2027 so needs a volunteer to shadow her ready to take on the role for the 2028 season. Ideas were discussed with a view to making the competition role less onerous. MA asked if the IWLGA competition secretary needs to be at the venue of every competition for the entire day. It was also emphasised that all members/entrants need to take full responsibility for knowing their handicap indexes on the day of competition. EP prepared and sent a poster for all delegates to share with their members and put on notice boards regarding this. It was emphasised that failure to know your handicap index on the day of competition may result in disqualification.

Action - Delegates

- **Championships - All** - A lengthy discussion took place regarding the low numbers for the Championships at Freshwater in June 26. There are only 28 in total compared to 44 last year. The various divisions were discussed, and the start sheet was discussed. All present were asked their reasons why they believed the numbers were so low this year. The majority thought that Freshwater was considered a challenging course to play and the lack of on course toilet facilities a contributing factor. A discussion was had regarding going back to having the Championships at Shanklin and Sandown every year as happened many years ago.

MG is sending out the start sheet today.

10. Date of the Next meeting:

Monday 6th July 2026 at Shanklin & Sandown Golf Club – **start time 10.00.**