



Isle of Wight Ladies Golf Association

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th March 2026 at Shanklin and 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)
Secretary – Julie Miller (JM)

Delegates:

Cowes – Jude Ferris (JF)
Newport – (JM-N)
Osborne (SM)
Ryde – Tricia Penn (TP)
Shanklin & Sandown – Lyn Guy (LG)
Westridge – Louise Webb (LW)

HLG Rep – Emma Powell (EP)

Apologies: Jackie Evitts (JE)

The captain welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd February 2026 were agreed as accurate and signed by the captain, alongside the Officers meeting held on 23rd February, the minutes of which had been agreed as a correct record by the attendees.

2. Matters arising:

- **Captain/Vice Captain role – supporting guidance update** – LM advised that all details have been checked and information is up to date. Nothing further required at this time.
- **League – Proposal to share title if two or more clubs finish on the same points.** Delegates shared feedback from their clubs and with only one exception (Ryde), all agreed to the proposal. The captain referred the committee to our general rules - no 7. In that the committee shall have the power to make byelaws, which shall have effect until the next Annual General Meeting. Therefore, as the majority of our clubs agreed to the proposal, this will take effect for the current season. The proposal to change this competition rule will then be put forward at our AGM to a vote by our membership.
- **Fairfax Trophy engraving update** – SH had enquired at Taylor's to ask if we could approach their engraver directly following the shop's closure at the end of March. Taylors advised that the engraver was also retiring at the same time and confirmed that he would not be undertaking any further work after that date. SH referred the committee to an alternate suggestion to contact Hampshire Ladies Golf to ask who they use for their trophy engraving and if we could possibly utilise the same business for this one job (if Script is available). EP to

check and feedback. **Action: Hampshire Delegate.** Other alternatives will be discussed if this option is not successful.

- **Website co-ordinator role.** SH happy to report that Jane Wilson (from Shanklin and Sandown) has agreed to take on this role. She attended an officers meeting last month and was given an overview of the website by Georgie Botttreill (who set it up). MG and Jane have held a follow up meeting to discuss and agree their areas of responsibility. They are having a further get together today with GB to finalise the handover.

3. Captain's report:

- **Website Co-ordinator** – SH extended her thanks on behalf of the committee to Jane, Georgie and Mandy for getting the new website off the ground and all the hard work this had involved. The benefits of the website were further discussed, which included being able to upload approved minutes, this will save the Delegates having to print them off.

4. Secretary Report:

JM shared the following report

- **Clothing order** – I have picked up the completed order, and this will be distributed in due course.
- **2026 Ladies Opens/Invitations** – thank you to all Delegates for sending me the dates for these fixtures which I have collated and sent out. For any invitation dates that have not yet been arranged, please let me have the details when you can.
- **League 2026** – the first round is approaching fast, and it will be on 20th April at Cowes. The next event will be in June at Osborne, following our Championships. I have just noticed a small error on the final date of the points tally sheet that was sent out. It was shown as 7th July instead of 6th. To save printing it again, can Delegates please change this on the form. The date is correct on the League schedule.

5. Treasurers report:

Balance of account is £1,782.38 of which £409.50 is for the Presidents Frolic. Therefore, we have a running balance of £1372.88. There have been a couple of additional subs paid in, and we now have 157 members which is 16 down from 2025 season. We may of course get a few more ladies signing up. LM asked to look at those who had not rejoined to ascertain the possible reasons for this. **Action: Treasurer.**

6. Competition Secretary's Report:

The poster has been sent out for the Four ball better ball competition.

7. President's Report:

- **President Elect** – MA announced that Gill Fahy (Osborne) had accepted the nomination to be our next President.
- **Presidents Frolic** – The start sheet has been sent out and everyone reminded to wear something yellow as we will be raising funds for our hospice. To note the limited parking at Cowes, so please car share where possible. MA was asked if trolleys were allowed on the course. She will check on Saturday and confirm to Delegates by e-mail.
Action: President.
- Finally, the committee was advised of the sad loss of Pauline Butler (O). SM to find out address details to enable a card to be sent. **Action: Osborne Delegate.**

8. Hampshire Rep:

EP shared the following report:

Following Lucy Burke and I hosting two Women in Golf events at the Tee Hut, there is one more scheduled for tonight. The plan is to get ladies continuously attending these events and then hopefully get some to transition to a golf course. These sessions are advertised via Facebook/Instagram and have been reported in the Island Echo. MA suggested if courses could run a fun 9-hole competition at the weekend that these ladies could join when they feel ready, it would be a great incentive to continue with their golf journey. EP to send details of the Women in Golf events to Delegates to share at their clubs. **Action: Hampshire Delegate.**

The next Hampshire Delegate meeting is scheduled for 17th April.

IWLGA v Hampshire second team match is on Saturday 6th June at Shanklin and Sandown.

Finally, EP advised that the Eileen Cunningham (Hampshire Ladies Captain) is planning to attend the second day of our Championships.

9. Any Other Business

- **Competition venues - Catering** – SM asked if SH and MG had been in touch with Osborne with regards to catering. They advised this will be done nearer the time. SM said that their Ladies Captain, Mandy White was interviewing someone regarding the catering, and it was thought the best point of contact would be Mandy as she has some responsibility for this area.
- **Wight Games Festival** – MA shared details about a new festival which is being organised by Mike Christie (from Group G4). This event is described as the Championships of athleticism and amusement and is a community 'Olympic Games' for the Isle of Wight. All monies raised will be split between three charities (Mountbatten Hospice, IOW NHS Trust and Independent Arts). The traditional sports include Sailing, tennis and cricket alongside non-traditional sports such as Tug of war, Speed jig sawing and Gallybagger rolling. Golf is not currently included within the list of traditional sports, and we definitely feel it should be. MA will send the advertising poster to Delegates to share with their clubs and encourage them to hold a golf event (perhaps at a weekend) to support this event. Delegates to feedback at our next meeting. **Action: Delegates.**
If take-up is positive, MA will contact Mike Christie to include golf on the sporting event list.

10. Date of the Next meeting:

Monday 20th April 2026 at Cowes Golf Club – start time 10.00.