



SEAFORD HEAD GOLF CLUB

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Minutes of the A.G.M held on Friday March 18th 2022

There were 31 signatures on the attendance list. At 7.30pm, Mr Alan Miller, President took the chair and welcomed all those members present and Councillor Mark Brown . He suggested the presentation of trophies would take place after the AGM formalities.

This was agreed.

Apologies:

Apologies had been received from D. Lindfield, G. Bennett, P. O'Connell, M. O'Connell, H. Coombes, R. Wilcox, M. Martin, B. Miller, S. Miller, B. Constantinous, FR. I. Brown, L. Winkler

Minutes of the previous EAGM:

Minutes of the previous EAGM in September 2021 were read and accepted. Motion was proposed by T. Dezille and Seconded by P. Johnson, this was carried unanimously.

Lady Captain Report:

As there is currently no Lady Captain Alan thanked the Ladies section for all their good work. Adele was present to represent the ladies. They have played 23 competitions through the year and she thanked Ann for steering them through the last year. The ladies open had 56 ladies come from around the South East, they had a fabulous day and thanked Sue Baker, the ladies, green keepers and the Staff at the View. They held an open day to encourage new members and 2 have joined up. Shaun is in communication with the Golf England rep to seek initiatives to help get more lady members into the club, discussions were on-going on how to encourage this. We have a great club and course and hoped all will get involved to help sustain this in the future.

Captain Report:

Shaun said that it had been an odd 34 months with 10 months as Stand in Captain, 12 months of Captain Elect and 12 month of actual Captain but not a lot happening apart from a worldwide pandemic. No drive in, Captain charity, away day or past Captain dinner, even so he had enjoyed his time and thanked everyone for their support in trying to keep things running as best as they could. There had been some success in the county competitions possibly down to the new handicap system and thanked all those who helped represent the club. In October he stepped in as Secretary when Eddie stood down, since then in this joint role we have managed to get the club placed on the agenda for the Council Golf and View quarterly committee meetings. In December he stood up at the first meeting and asked the councillors to help turn the View into a golf club house by moving honours boards and Captains photos up from the changing rooms to the upstairs areas. This was agreed and Shaun was happy to report that today Mark Patton and himself started that process. Shaun has also helped Alan modernise the Club rules, Pat with the updated local rules and create generic club email address for committee members. What also came up was that Golf England threatened to take away our access to the WHS unless we appointed a club welfare officer. In the absence of anyone else wanting to do it, Shaun took on this role, which involved an enhanced DBS check, 10.5 hours of online tuition and publishing of the safe guarding policy. In January the club gained its accreditation. Shaun finished by thanking Fraser, Gus, Simon and his team, Craig and the View team, committee members, Councillor Brown and all members that had supported him over the last few years and wishes Mark every success in the coming year.

Mark then presented Shaun with an engraved tankard as a thank you for his time as Captain

Treasurers Report:

Lynn presented his report, said we were doing okay and in a healthy position but mainly down to the pandemic with less out goings. Lynn then proposed that from next April 2023 that the membership fee we collect from the council when people buy annual tickets should increase from the current figure of £55 which had been in place since 2015 to £63 and thereafter in line with inflation. This was to reflect that this had not stayed in line with inflation over the last 7 years. This was put to the vote, the motion was proposed by B.Coombs and Seconded by C. Fernandes, and this was carried unanimously.

Appointment of Officers:

All nominee slips were read out along with proposers and the following were duly elected for the April 2022-2023 year.

Captain Mark Patton

Vice-Captain Carlos Fernandes

Lady Representative Adele Wakefield

Secretary Shaun Doyle

Treasurer Lynn Jenkins (Lynn would like to stand down but will continue until a replacement was found)

Committee members Robert Coombs, Tom Baker, Phil Ray, Madeline Murphy, Matt Noel

Constitution:

Alan with the help of the Secretary and committee had modernised the club rules, these had been circulated for comment. This had been done on the night and the floor was opened for comment but also encouraged to take the rules away and send any comments to the secretary for discussion at the next committee meeting.

Propositions of Motions:

Pat Johnson with the help of the secretary and committee had rewritten the local rules and presented these to the members. He explained how they were local to the course but had to be written in a way that kept them in line with the R&A. These had been circulated for comment on the night and the floor was opened for comment. Some clarification was sort on a couple of issues, with Pat stressing that all should read rule 16.1 in the R&A rule book.

Sue Baker asked about the score card, Shaun was able to report that it is in the hands of Fraser and was being redesigned to accommodate the WHS and it should hopefully be with us soon.

Alan thanked Tom and Sue for organising the quiz nights that have been very successful and was pleased to hear that more are planned in the future.

Rules and format of competitions was raised and Shaun pointed out that he had already addressed this with Fraser. On the notice board downstairs there is a copy of the rules and format for all competitions with a copy in the pro shop for Fraser and Gus to access.

Shaun informed the meeting that Fraser had been given the funds and go ahead from the council to employ a teaching pro and this should happen shortly. From this it is hoped to forge partnerships with local schools to encourage more youth into the game and club.

Written questions came in from A. Graves which Shaun has responded to via email. They were, can members have access to the booking system 48 hours before general public. It was raised with Fraser and he pointed out that members already get 24 hours priority and will not change it to 48hours. The 2nd question was around the colour of flags on temp greens which Shaun has taken up with Simon.

This raised the question of could the booking system allow others to join groups to make up a 4 ball if only 3 members were booked on. Shaun will talk with Fraser and the secretary of other local clubs to see what they do and if our software could do this. Shaun will also enquire if booking for club comps could be opened up on the system to save writing in the folder. Shaun will report back to committee.

Following a short break, the President thanked Pat Johnson and Gordon Booth for all their hard work whilst working for the committee. Mark announced his Captain charity for the year and reminded all of the Captains drive in on the coming Sunday.

The presentation of trophies then took place.

The meeting was closed at 8.35pm