



SEAFORD HEAD GOLF CLUB

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Minutes of the A.G.M held on Friday March 17th 2023

There were 51 signatures on the attendance list. At 7.30pm, Mr Alan Miller, President took the chair and welcomed all those members present and the Captains wife Lydia Patton and Max the new teaching Pro. He said the presentation of trophies would take place after the AGM formalities.

Apologies:

Apologies had been received from D. Lindfield, E. Martin, P. Johnson, G. Balkham, S. Foster, A. Farley, A. Wakefield, J. Hughes, S. Baker, D. Stanyard and Councillor Mark Brown

Minutes of the previous AGM:

Minutes of the previous AGM in March 2022 were read and accepted as a true record. Matters arising from it were that Fraser is now sourcing new score cards and has appointed Max the new teaching Pro..

Lady Captain Report:

As I am sure you are aware the ladies section has not had a Captain for a couple of years now and we have been running by Committee with Adele as our Chairperson for the last year, who is unable to attend this evening, but I would like to thank her for her commitment. We have had a rather uneventful year apart from our Ladies Open which was a big success as usual with over 50 entries and is becoming a popular annual event. We have had 2 new ladies join this year Alison and Jane and welcome them to Seaford Head. We had 2 away days at Horsham Golf and Fitness and Singing Hills which we all enjoyed. I would like to thank the ladies on our committee who share the duties and ensure the smooth running of the ladies section throughout the year and finally we are happy to say we raised £765 for the Alzheimer's charity.

Alan thanked the ladies for organising a fantastic ladies open

Captain Report:

Well where do I start.. What a great year it has been and something I will remember for a very long time. It has been a real honour serving you all as your club captain. I would like to start with a few thank you's to a number of people. Obviously my wife Lydia who has been so understanding throughout the year but now wants me to get on with work around the house. MMMMM do I see that happening this summer. Not a chance. I would like to thank Alan and the rest of the committee for all their support and help throughout the year. One in particular Andy Hutch, who has been so much help to me this year. I do not think he realises just how much he has done to help and support me, especially the ridiculous amount of golf we played together during the summer last year and I look forward to much the same this year lol. I would like to thank Simon and his team for all the hard work they put into the golf course and ensuring we can get out there as much as possible. It's easy to look at negatives and moan about this and that, but all things said, you must remember we have an amazing golf course that we should be mighty proud of. And I would like to thank all of you the members. I meant what I said at the start, it has been a real pleasure and honour being your club captain. Everyone has been amazing throughout the year, many of you have put winnings into my captains charity The Children's Respite Trust who are now going to be another £2000 better off as a result of your generosity in the various raffles and other things we have done to raise money. Did I manage to achieve everything I set out to do at the start of the year, NO not quite, I would love to have been able to do more but sometimes you just have to be grateful for what you have been able to do and leave it at that. Remember folks life is too short for regrets, enjoy the moment now and always look forward to the future, I believe if we all work together as members then the club will continue to grow and thrive.

Alan then presented Mark 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 we had made a loss as expected, this hoped to be corrected by the overdue rise in subscriptions fees agreed on at the last AGM taking effect from this April. That said with everything rising in price the fees need to rise each year in line with inflation going forward. He has enjoyed his role as Treasurer but was happy to be standing down and wished every success to Andy who he hoped would be voted in late.

Alan thanked him for his service and presented a small gift from the club.

Appointment of Officers:

All nominee slips were read out along with proposers and the following were duly elected for the April 2023-2024 year.

President Alan Flood

Secretary Shaun Doyle

Treasurer Andy Hutchings

Captain Carlos Fernandes

Vice-Captain Jack Mason was elected after no nomination was received and it was opened to the room.

Lady Representative Madeline Murphy

Committee members staying in post, Robert Coombs, Tom Baker, Phil Ray, Matt Noel, Mark Patton

Propositions of Motions:

Shaun Doyle proposed that we change the beneficiaries of our charity competitions as the whole we have been donating to are big national charities and do not even thank us for the contributions. Shaun suggested that we find small local charities that need and would appreciate the money. The room agreed and the motion was passed. Shaun will seek local charities to suggest to committee.

Carlos Fernandes proposed that all competitions be drawn only or as a minimum the order of merit competitions. Lengthy discussions took place with views heard from a number of members. The motion was put to the room to vote on with 1 in favour and all others against. The motion was defeated and the competitions will remain as book your own and drawn. (Please note that competitions that have a presentation directly after the competition such as Club Championship would still remain drawn only.

Any other business:

Alan Miller 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 with the next one on Friday Alan also thanked them for their hard work organising the mixed matches and hopes more will get involved.

Shaun Doyle gave the members present a brief overview on the outcome of the council attempting to take away the 10% off the cards. The status quo remains with the 10% still being available but this may be something the council come back to us to discuss in the future.

Carlos Fernandes asked if the senior club championship could be played off the yellow tees not whites. A small discussion took place and the idea voted on. All were in favour.

Tom Baker asked if the scorecard machine could be used for competitions. Those who spoke were in agreement that they would like to see it used and a live update of scores as they come in each week. Shaun will speak to Fraser as this facility seems to be available in every other club.

A member at the back asked if the cable ties could be removed from the flags, Shaun will speak to Simon.

Alan then stood to make his final speech as President. He said he will miss the job but will still be around, he is concerned by the decline in people entering competitions and feels the Saturday society groups does not help this. Was very happy to see so many present tonight though and feels the club is trying to go in the right direction. He feels the relationship with the council has greatly improved over the last 18 months. He will still be around playing and wishes the club and all its members well.

Following a short drinks break, Mark presented Dave Bridger with a shield to mark him being awarded a honorary membership. Mark then announced that the club had awarded the same status to Alan along with some gifts presented him with a shield. Both names have been added to the recently found honours board.

The presentation of trophies then took place.

Carlos announced his Captain charity for the year would be the Rocking Horse Children's Charity and that he would be having an away day and addition competition in the summer to help raise money towards it.

He then reminded all of the Captains drive in on Sunday 26th.

The meeting was closed at 8.50pm