

# SEAFORD HEAD GOLF CLUB

## Minutes of Committee meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023

### **Present:**

S.Doyle, A.Flood, R.Coombs, C.Fernandes, M.Noel, M.Murphy, P.Ray, L.Jenkins, K.Bray

Alan started the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed all to his first meeting as President. He explained that as M.Patton and A.Hutchings had both stepped down due to unforeseen circumstances, Lynn has agreed to carry on as treasurer and Kevin Bray has stepped forward and been co-opted onto the committee.

**Apologies:** T.Baker, J.Mason

### **Minutes of the previous meeting:**

Minutes of the previous committee meeting on March 8th were agreed as an accurate record.

### **Matters arising:**

None

### **Captain Report:**

Carlos said that as he had only been in post 3 weeks he did not have much to report. He was pleased to have raised £475 for his charity on Captain drive in day. The club played a friendly against East Brighton but lost 4-2. He said we had problems raising a scratch team due to other commitments but one has been found. Carlos said he would not be putting his money into the sweep for each comp this year, electing to put his money directly towards his charity. He will get some signs made up to remind people of the fine for entering a bunker on 18. He has not had a lot of interest in his idea for a summer comp every Wednesday so may cancel the idea. He asked that the Josef cup should be played on a free date.

### **Lady Representative Report:**

Maddie reported that we had our first Division match at Holtye on Tuesday; unfortunately we lost 3/2. The match last week at Slinfold was postponed due to the course being waterlogged. We have 8 pairs signed up for the Clarke Cup on Bank Holiday Monday and I don't think I will be able to get any more ladies to play. I have sent an email out to the ladies to try and get support for the mixed game at East Brighton on 19<sup>th</sup> May and have only had one lady come back to me. I am hoping more might sign up on Tuesday.

### **Treasures report:**

Lynn stated financial matters are in a healthy position as it currently stands but we are living on previous income until we receive the fees from the council and of course our spending for the year would depend on the amount of members joining. Over the last year all costs had increased and the increase in membership fees should help but would need to continue to rise each year to stay in touch. Any increase has to be decided by September at the latest to be included in the council budget plans which are decided around October.

## **Secretary update:**

Shaun reported that Golf England have introduced two mandatory policies that all clubs must sign up to for them to remain affiliated to them and have access to the WHS. One is a Disciplinary policy and the other is Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion policy. Shaun has written these up and circulated to the committee members to read through and comment on. As they are quite in-depth Shaun suggested they be taken away and digested and if all are in agreement they will be adopted at the next meeting. Once this is done they will be circulated to all members and placed on the notice board for reference purposes.

## **AOB:**

Phil asked if a sign could be put on the 11<sup>th</sup> tee to inform people to wave back once the hole was completed and a reminder on the 12<sup>th</sup> tee. All members know, but there is little to inform guests and green fee players of the procedure.

Phil would like to praise Simon and his team for the work they have done on the course through the winter, many of the tee boxes are greatly improved though he was concerned on a recent Sunday morning that a couple of the boxes were very worn and waterlogged and hoped people would respect the areas when conditions were at their worse.

Carlos asked that people who are in the draw for competitions should have the courtesy to call the club if they cannot play to allow the field to be altered on the morning. Failing to do so is leaving people playing a 2 ball in amongst 4 balls which is not ideal for anyone. Ideally people should call the day before.

Bob asked that the flags to not be tied up for competitions as they are on windy days, the committee were mixed on this but agreed the priority was the protection of the course and unnecessary expenditure.

Lynn brought up that the ladies have requested that once a year when they have an annual meeting that they have table clothes on tables which the View want to charge them extra for. This was agreed.

Alan raised that some members had come to him asking that the age limit for senior comps be raised as it was felt that people age 55 had too much of an advantage over older members. It led to a long discussion but in the end agreed that this rule had been in place for a number of years and older members were 55 once and benefited from the same rule. Ultimately the handicap system was there to allow all members of all abilities play against each other on an equal footing and the age should not be an issue. All members should be encouraged to keep their handicap as up to date as possible. This can be done by entering as many competitions as possible and by using the Golf England App or the terminal in the View for friendly matches on all occasions.

Alan said the next meeting will be on June 1<sup>st</sup> and closed the meeting

Meeting closed at 8.05pm