

# SEAFORD HEAD GOLF CLUB

## Minutes of Committee meeting held on Wednesday 24th April 2024

### **Present:**

A. Flood, S.Doyle, A. Hutchings, J.Mason, R.Waller, T.Baker, M.Noel, M.Murphy, R.Coombs, K. Bray, P. Ray.

Alan started the meeting at 6pm and welcomed all.

**Apologies:** None, all present.

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

Minutes of the previous committee meeting on February 29th were agreed as an accurate record.

### **Matters arising:**

None

### **Captain Report:**

Jack I'm going to start off with some congratulations for the new season.

Congratulations to Spencer Elliott for winning the Easter Bogey with a winning score of 7.  
Congratulations to Keith Edden on winning the Veterans Vase with a winning score of 36 points  
Congratulations to Phil Ray on winning the Saturday Monthly Medal with a winning score of 68  
Congratulations to Trevor Townsend on winning the Sunday Monthly Medal with a winning score of 73.  
Congratulations to David Millar on winning the Peter Alliss Open with a winning score of 41 points  
Congratulations to Phil Avenall on winning the Bolsom Cup with a winning score of 64  
Congratulations to Brian Powell on winning the Monthly Seniors with a winning score of 40 points.  
Congratulations to Mark Patton on winning the Seaford Challenge Cup with a winning score of 67.

### **Team results**

The Handicap team went down to play against Goodwood, they unfortunately lost 3-2 but I've been told by members of the group that they really enjoyed the experience and were close to getting a result. Can I also just add a thank you to Shaun from the club for taking control of the team and putting in lots of effort, it's really appreciated.

The scratch team played a home game against Seddlescombe. The result was a hard one to take as we lost 6/half - 5/half. An unbelievable effort from everyone. We were very close, but a massive improvement on recent years. This is mostly down to Rob Waller taking control of the Scratch team and getting us organised. We are now looking forward to the plate and trying to win this.

### **Lady Representative Report:**

Tracie Waller and Rona Tyrell are through to the 3rd round of The Daily Mail beating Seaford Golf Club on the 19th hole. I have put up a sign up sheet for the Clark Cup on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May so hopefully will get a good response as this is always a popular match.

Unfortunately we have lost a couple of ladies as they have moved on to other clubs this year but have also gained one who is looking to be a good player having already won a couple of games.

## **Treasures report:**

Andy reported all was in good order he had a meeting with Lynn who handed over numerous file and paper records. Andy will now undertake the process of digitising these. He is waiting for Natwest Bank to finalise the internet banking set up for him.

## **Secretary Update:**

I recently attended a training session with Sussex County Golf Union on the changes to the WHS rules. Some of the more pressing items that came out of the meeting was to remain affiliated to Golf England the club must have a handicap committee. The role of the committee is to ensure compliance is met and that members are following the rules and they have somewhere/one to approach if they wish to question their handicap. A handicap should be current and with the opportunity to submit cards for every round nobody who plays regularly should have scoring rounds from many years ago. The committee must represent the club, so must have a lady member, male member and senior member on it as a minimum. We also need to have all our tees rated for men and women, this will mean having to have a rating for the red tee for men and yellow and whites for ladies. The SCGU do this free of charge so we just need to arrange it. Once the handicap committee is set up they will come down and help with some coaching and rule clarification. I will put out appeal for those interested to sit on the handicap committee.

(Update, following a club update email, Maddie will sit on the handicap committee for the ladies, Steve Harriman for the seniors and Matt Smith and Andy Holden for the men)

## **AOB:**

Jack and Bob raised the issue of the local rule that allows you to drop a ball in the middle of the fairway when a ball is lost, after discussion it was agreed that it was a time saver and we would adopt it once he had sought clarification from the SCGU about how it affects handicap cards and competitions. Once this had been received Shaun will mail all members with a clear definition of the rule and when it can be used.

Maddie asked if the scoring machine downstairs could have instruction put by it, Shaun will sort. Andy asked if vouchers could still be exchanged behind the bar, it was thought so, but Shaun will check. Andy asked if the fairway on the 3<sup>rd</sup> had been shortened and increased the carry from the tee. Shaun will check. (Update, Simon is just starting the process of fairway shaping as the course grows, he said it may be a little further up but minimal, for the purpose of pick and place as always seek agreement from playing partners should be sort if unsure if you are on the fairway)

Phil asked if we can utilise of the notice boards upstairs to help promote club matters, Shaun to ask. Tom said that the quiz night on 8th March had 19 teams take part, quiz night will resume in September. Tom said, the mixed open has had just 10 pairs so far and needs more pairs to enter and make it viable. Tom said the mixed match against East Brighton has 6 pairs taking part.

Matt wanted clarification on handicap limits for club championship and it was confirmed there is none. Rob said there would be a Tuesday evening roll up 11 hole comp starting on May7th from 4.30pm, more details would be sent to Shaun to send out to all members.

Alan raised the condition of some of the trophies and the club will look at refurbishing some of them adding new bases and fixing broken parts.

Alan raised the issue of the Saturday tee times, a long discussion then took place and it was agreed that Jack would set up a meeting with all society captains to try and find a viable and fair system for all.

Meeting closed at 7.52pm Next meeting June 6th