

# SEAFORD HEAD GOLF CLUB

## Minutes of Committee meeting held on Thursday 1st June 2023

### **Present:**

S.Doyle, A.Flood, R.Coombs, C.Fernandes, M.Noel, M.Murphy, L.Jenkins, K.Bray, T.Baker, J.Mason.

Alan started the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed all.

### **Apologies:** P.Ray, Cllr Stef Dubas

Shaun explained the Councillor Dubas has replaced Councillor Mark Brown following the local election.

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

Minutes of the previous committee meeting on April 20th were agreed as an accurate record.

### **Matters arising:**

Tom questioned the decision not to raise the age of the senior competitions, this was discussed and Shaun will ask the SGU what the age is around the county but for now it will remain 55.

### **Captain Report:**

Carlos said that there had been a few club matches. Friendly matches against East Brighton had been lost. We suffered a close defeat in the county handicap competition 3.5/1.5 away at Highwoods with 4 of the 5 matches decided on the 18<sup>th</sup> green. In the Cyril Blake we lost to Ham Manor 2.5/1.5 and are now in the plate. The scratch team are away to Sweetwoods on June 10<sup>th</sup> in the plate after losing to East Brighton in the main competition. Carlos thanks all those that have played and represented so well.

### **Lady Representative Report:**

Maddie reported The Ladies have played 3 of their 6 County matches so far and have won 2/1. The game at Slinfold was a particularly good win, as they didn't know the course and it was like a mud bath. We had a friendly with Mid Sussex today, where we play with them rather than against them which was very enjoyable. It was suggested by their Captain that maybe we could swap with them in September, where we would go to play there and they come to SH, but not sure if it would be possible as we are a municipal club. I am going to speak to Fraser to see what we can arrange. We had to pull out of the Kathleen Ryder County comp as we don't have enough ladies with a lower enough handicap. The County are going to give us a credit against next year's entries.

### **Treasures report:**

Lynn stated financial matters are ok at the moment, a true picture will not be known until funds are received from the council for this year's memberships, hopefully within the next month. A decision needs to be made on the charity competition money, Shaun said he had not received any suggestions from members for a local charity; he knows of one but was hoping others may know more. Jack suggested we could change some of the format of the some of the charity comps to get more playing. It was agreed to look at this but we have a little time with one not due soon.

## **Secretary update:**

Shaun reported last month 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. All have had a look and all agreed that they should be implemented. Shaun will inform Golf England of the decision to adopt the policies and ask Fraser to put them on the course website. Shaun will also put them on the notice board for reference purposes, though it more practical to also have a hard copies in the pro shop should anyone want to refer to them. He will also email them to all members in a club update.

## **AOB:**

Carlos is looking to hold a 2 clubs and putter competition on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June to help raise money for his charity. Shaun will send more details when they are confirmed by Carlos.

The ladies section would like to Thank Max in the pro shop as they feel he is doing an excellent job trying to get new ladies into the club

Lynn wants all to know what an excellent member Alex Wingfield is as he has seen him on a number of occasions litter picking in the car park in his spare time to help take pressure off the green keepers.

Matt wanted to confirm that the senior's competition would be off the yellow tees, it is.

Matt wanted the ruling on the ball behind the rope on the cliff edge of 17 and 18 clarified. It was agreed that any ball going beyond the rope is a free drop at an agreed point by fellow players. No ball should be retrieved from beyond the rope. Further clarification is that this rule applies to the rope keeping people away from the cliff edge not the rope keeping walkers off the 17<sup>th</sup> green. Shaun will ask Simon of the possibility of a drop zone some distance back so that a poor shot is not rewarded and a sign for golfers on the 17<sup>th</sup> tee.

Kevin asked about the rule regarding the gully in front of 12. This is explained in the local rules posted on the club notice board that if the ball is in the flat part of the gully the player may choose to play it or take a free place on the bank leading to it. A ball on the bank above the gully should be played from where it is.

Tom reminded all that there is a mixed pairs open on July 12<sup>th</sup>, closing date for this is June 12<sup>th</sup> and anyone who wants to enter should contact Tom or the pro shop. A number of volunteers are required for the day, people to meet and greet, people to sign players in and people for the half way hut that will be up on the day. There will also be a raffle and Tom is after prizes if anyone has anything to donate. Anyone who can help please contact Tom.

Tom asked if the new score card would be ready by the 12<sup>th</sup>, Shaun was unable to confirm if this would be the case, Tom will speak to Fraser and if needed produce his own in time for the Open.

Jack asked if buggies could be used in the club championship, it was confirmed the buggies could be used in all club competitions. Jack also stated that next year he had an idea for a new competition to be played across the summer, more details will follow.

Alan sort clarification on the drop zone at the rear of the 9<sup>th</sup> green and it was agreed that only balls or players using a natural stance that was in the GUR would be able to get a free drop in the drop zones.

Alan said the next meeting will be on July 6th and closed the meeting

Meeting closed at 8.17pm