

SEAFORD HEAD GOLF CLUB

Minutes of Committee meeting held on Wednesday 15th November 2023

Present:

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

As stand in President Tom started the meeting at 6.00pm and welcomed all.

Apologies: P. Ray, Cllr Steff Dubas, A. Flood

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Minutes of the previous committee meeting on September 27th were agreed as an accurate record.

Matters arising:

Shaun to talk to Fraser about the ladies wanting to keep their locker room locked with the combination lock.

Captain Report:

Carlos reported that with the recent bad weather not much golf is being played but the Texas scramble competition had a good turn out and generally numbers are up in all comps He suggested that in future the captains photo for the year should go up the day he becomes captain. Finally he wants to organise a meal on Sunday afternoon before Christmas on 17th December as a get together for all who want to celebrate together. There is a Sunday lunch menu available and this is cheaper for all if they use their member's card to pay.

Lady Representative Report:

The ladies had nothing to report but would like the fixture list as soon as possible to start planning matches next year.

Treasures report:

Lynn reported that the finance was in a healthy position. It was agreed at the last meeting that the Juniors should pay a fee but at a reduced rate, their golf is free but the club still have to pay affiliation fees for them. The council are keen to keep golf completely free for juniors so Fraser and Shaun are looking to get affiliations fees refunded from SCGU who want to invest in junior golf.

Secretary Update:

Shaun has been in conversation with Fraser and Simon with regards to the pit on the first. From next week Simon is hoping to turn the pit into a red hazard area by placing red stakes around it. This means rule 17 comes into play. In essence a ball can be played as it's found with no penalty, alternatively it can be dropped back keeping the entry point in line, or within 2 club lengths of the entry point not nearer the hole with a one shot penalty. This will hopefully speed up play on the first and stop the need to play a provisional ball. You will not have to find the ball to take a penalty drop or risk going down to look for it, just agree the point of entry with playing partners, drop the ball and add your one shot penalty to your score. It will come into play once the red stakes are in place.

Shaun has received news from SCGU yesterday that they will be increasing fees subject to it being voted in at the next AGM in December. The committee have been sent all the details and will come back to Shaun with a decision on if the club are in favour or against the increase. There is a chance they will get voted in anyway which would increase costs to the club by £6.75 per member on top of £1.50 per member increase from Golf England. A benefit would be all male members would get a county card rather than paying themselves. It may be the case we have to ask the council for a larger than previously requested increase to the fee we receive from them.

Shaun reminded all that he had received an email from Pat Johnson who after many years of organising the senior club matches has decided to step down. The Club are now seeking expressions of interest from any members who want to take on this role, so far nobody has stepped forward.

AOB:

Jack said that next summer he will try and introduce a fun competition off the red tees.

Jack asked about when winter rules come into play – all believe these are set by SCGU, Shaun will check

Carlos asked about bringing back the summer greensomes competition.

Carlos said the area in the basement needs to be cleared for the new locker room but we still have some old club items down there. He and Tom have agreed to do an audit.

Carlos asked if the local rule change voted on at the previous meeting about the front of the 12th could be put on the notice board and if committee minutes be put up. – Shaun will send to Fraser to put up.

Shaun has been asked that we review society times as not all are being used. It will need society captains to state number of members and how many slots they would like to be discussed by committee in the new year.

Tom has set the price for the mixed open so that it can be advertised.

Tom has cancelled quizzes for this season as the cost of food at The View has made it too expensive to hold there with him having to pick up the cost of anyone who does not turn up.

The next meeting would be in January. Tom will confirm after speaking with Candice.

Meeting closed at 6.58pm