

# SEAFORD HEAD GOLF CLUB

## Minutes of Committee meeting held on Thursday 24th October 2024

### **Present:**

A. Flood, S. Doyle, A. Hutchings, J. Mason, R. Waller, T. Waller, R. Coombs, K. Bray, S. Harriman

Alan started the meeting at 6pm

### **Apologies:**

M. Noel, M. Murphy, T. Baker, P. Ray

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

Minutes of the previous committee meeting on September 5th were agreed as an accurate record.

**Matters arising:** None

### **Captain Report:**

I just wanted to take the time to congratulate the winners of the competitions in August, September and October. A special mention to Rob Waller and Andy Hutchings for running the Tuesday night competition through the summer. I think every member that played has said it was great to get some regular golf competition in during the week. It would be great if we could get more support from the members next summer. Firework night at the club was a great success, the event was sold out and lots of people enjoyed the food and drinks and a great display of fireworks. It would be good to see more members there, but you need to book early as it is open for the public to book but it could be a special club night going forward.

### **Lady Representative Report:**

We tried to play the Presidents cup twice but was cancelled due to poor weather. The Allen Cup was played and won by Tracie Waller. 16 ladies went on an away day to Lottbridge Golf Club and had a great day. We have had a small reshuffle; Maddie will be stepping back but she will be running the ladies open which has been listed in Empire golf and will take place on August 12<sup>th</sup> next summer. Sue Baker is stepping back from running the matches and Tracie Waller is now taking on that role.

### **Treasures report:**

Andy reported club funds are running low as we have yet to receive the funds from the council for this year. He is chasing them and hopes to have the correct figures and sums paid to us in the next week as Golf England and the SCGU are chasing us for our affiliation fees.

### **Seniors Update:**

Steve reported the season is now over and it finished with a home and away win over Willingdon Golf Club, he thanked all those that have taken part and represented the club over the season. The matches have been played in good spirit and the interaction with other clubs has been very positive.

## **AOB:**

Steve gave the committee an update on the handicap committee role after having another conversation with the advisor from SCGU. The main roles include encouraging all golfers to enter cards when they play any round. To do that they can enter via the My EG app or using the machine downstairs by the pro shop and any of the handicap committee would be happy to talk through how you can do this if needed. The handicap committee also receive a report every November from the WHS platform that highlights any members whose handicap may need looking at due to abnormal scoring patterns. It is down to individual clubs to set rules of how many cards per year should be entered to allow entry to club competitions.

Following this the committee discussed various ways to encourage people to put cards in, these included setting a minimum amount of cards per year of 8-10 to be allowed to enter comps, the potential to allow paper cards to be entered into a box for general play and then entered into the machine by committee members, encouraging all our club societies to put cards in for every game they play in the week and weekend. Ultimately the handicap committee will formulate the rules and bring them to committee to be voted on.

Kevin raised the point that the practice nets are getting large holes in them and are in need of repair.

Jack suggested that the appetite to play in the county scratch comp was not there and we should not enter a team next summer.

Shaun brought up that a year ago it was suggested to add boards for the senior club champion, and it was also suggested that we do the same for best net winners of the overall and senior club champions. Shaun will get prices.

Rob asked if alteration to where the white tee blocks could be placed so that people don't play off them in the week by placing them with the yellow tee blocks but with a different rating of each tee block this would not be possible.

This raised the question of now being able to play comps of mixed tees and it was agreed we would try running a trial of playing a couple of comps off mixed tees with members choosing yellow or white for the round and altering their handicap allowance accordingly.

Alan said that he would be away for the next 4 months and asked if any of the committee members want to accompany Shaun to the Council meeting in his absence. Jack or Andy have said they will do this.

Meeting closed at 7.03pm

Next meeting time and location TBC as the View now closes at 6pm through the winter.