

SEAFORD HEAD GOLF CLUB

Minutes of Committee meeting held on Wednesday 27th September 2023

Present:

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

Alan started the meeting at 6.00pm and welcomed all.

Apologies: K.Bray, Cllr Steff Dubas

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Minutes of the previous committee meeting on August 17th were agreed as an accurate record.

Matters arising:

Carlos had thanked the ladies for a donation of £117 when it actually came from the mixed open event.

Shaun to chase the new club flag.

Captain Report:

Carlos reported that the Burt Goodman was well attended and played in a good spirit by all. He felt the Gilderson was normally drawn partners with low and high handicaps and not picked (Shaun will check this). He congratulated Matt Noel for winning this year's Town Cup. Finally he wants to organise a Christmas meal, he has a price for an evening but will look into a Sunday afternoon event following a competition, he will report back to committee with prices.

Lady Representative Report:

The ladies enjoyed the Presidents day and thanked Alan and Chris for their hard work putting the day on. They recently played a friendly with Mid Sussex and had a couple of great days playing home and away with very good hospitality. The ladies have had a couple of incidents of men accidentally walking into their changing room whilst ladies were changing and asked if the combination lock could be brought into place for the ladies, Shaun will talk to Fraser.

Treasures report:

Lynn reported that the finance was in a healthy position; he thinks we are in the position to move to internet banking after many attempts. It was agreed at the AGM 18 months ago that the annual fee currently at £63 would rise in line with inflation. The club will be writing to the Council to inform them of the required payments for next April ahead of them discussing their finances and price setting meeting. It was agreed 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. After discussion it was decided that asking juniors to pay £50 per year was a fair price, this would pay for their fees and a club shirt every year. Juniors would still be entitled to play golf for free even if they didn't want to join the club.

Secretary Update:

Shaun had received an email from Pat Johnson who after many years of organising the senior club matches has decided to step down and just enjoy his golf. The Club are very grateful for all Pats hard work and will now seek expressions of interest from members who want to take on this role.

Shaun recently attended a Council meeting to represent the club, with a lot of new councillors it was good for both sides to hear how we both operate and what we need to make things run smoothly. The council are still looking for ways to improve the relationship with the Club and are open to hear ideas from us.

AOB:

Alan has had a few requests from members about the bank at the front of the 12th; there have been a few people injured trying to play off it. Shaun and Phil also witnessed people falling down it trying to play. It was agreed to amend the local rule to bring the front steep bank from the gully to the first plateau in line with the banks at the back of the green and give people the choice of either playing as it lies, or take relief back in a straight line without penalty. Clarification would be put up on the notice board.

Alan asked if we could get some fixture cards printed next year rather than just an email sent and printed paper. It was agreed to look at the cost with the card printers.

Jack asked if the club could look at the standard scratch as a number of players have raised this with him, Shaun will speak with Fraser about the process.

Jack asked if the scratch team could practice off the White tees ahead of the club matches, Shaun will talk to Fraser and Simon.

Jack asked if more competitions could be off the yellow tees or even red tees to help the senior players enjoy competitive golf competitions. It was discussed about restoring some of the "Old Codgers" comps for mid-week which there are still trophies for. Shaun and Jack will look into it.

Tom pointed out that not only did the mixed open raise £117 for the captain charity but also £40 for the club.

Tom has some dates in mind for next year for further mixed competitions and Open, possibly moving the open to May to leave a bigger gap between that and the ladies open.

Tom reminded all that the first quiz of the season will be taking place on Friday 13th at the View

Alan reminded all that he will be away from the start of November for 4 months and that Tom would be standing in for him.

He said the date of the next meeting would be at 6pm on Wednesday November 15th at the View and closed the meeting. Tom will confirm this with Candice and Zoe.

Meeting closed at 7.12pm