

SEAFORD HEAD GOLF CLUB

Minutes of the A.G.M held on Friday March 21st 2025

There were 47 signatures on the attendance list. At 7.09pm, Alan Flood, Club President took the chair and welcomed all those members present. He said the presentation of trophies would take place after the AGM formalities and a drinks break.

Apologies:

Apologies had been received from D. Bridger, T. Baker, S. Baker, G. Tookey, T. Dezille, I. Kieth, A. Kieth, M. Martin, C. Boxall, L. Jenkins, S. Miller, P. O'Connell. M. O'Connell

Minutes of the previous AGM:

Minutes of the previous AGM in March 2024 were read and accepted as a true record.

Lady Captain Report:

Firstly, I would like to Welcome a new lady Rowena Masey who has joined us this year who I think will be a good addition to the ladies section. We had another successful Ladies Open in August with 60 ladies playing and despite a few problems, I am pleased to say we already have 56 ladies entered for this year's Open, many of which return each year as they enjoy playing our course. We had 2 away days at West Hove and Lottbridge which were well supported and very enjoyable. I would like to congratulate Tracie Waller and Rona Tyrrell who did very well in The Daily Mail competition last year getting through to round 5 against some stiff opposition when losing to Haywards Heath. Unfortunately, we are not entering this year due to the lowering of the handicap criteria. Our Charity for last year was the National Coastwatch Institution – Newhaven and we have raised £651.00As you are aware the ladies don't have a Ladies Captain and we run it by committee so I would like to thank those on our committee for their help and support for the last year.

Maddie

Captain Report:

It's been a honour representing everyone in the club for the past year. I've enjoyed the challenge of being the captain for the year. I feel like I have left the club in a good position. That position wouldn't have been possible without a few people's help to mention a few. Shaun has had to deal with questions and lots of advice to me throughout the year and for that I'm very grateful. Plus, he has also made a great website for our members which takes a lot of time and dedication. On behalf of the members thank you. A mention to my vice-captain, thank you for the help and support throughout the year. At the start of the year, I asked Rob if he would take over managing the scratch team and he was committed to the role straight away. It felt like it was the first time we had some organisation in the team for a long time. I'm looking forward to his year as captain and to what changes will be made. Unfortunately, we had to make the decision not to enter a team for the next year's scratch team, but with Paul Jones help along with Rob we are aiming to get this back on track for 2026, which is great news and I hope everyone gets behind the ideas that have been created by Paul. For the school children charity, we managed to raise around £450, which will go to great use in getting the younger generation to try golf for the first time in the summer. Thank you to all the members and I look forward to seeing you on the course.

Captain Jack

Treasurers Report:

Andy presented his report, said we were doing okay and in a healthy position though we may have to spend some money on a new flag pole. He then said he was happy to take any questions, but none came.

Appointment of Officers:

Nominee slips had been received and the following were duly elected for the April 2025-2026 year.

Captain Rob Waller

Vice-Captain Mark Crowther

Lady Representative Tracie Waller

Hon Secretary Shaun Doyle

Hon Treasurer Andy Hutchings

Committee members, Robert Coombs, Phil Ray, Matt Noel, Kevin Bray, Steve Harriman.

Propositions of Motions:

It was proposed by Shaun that following a successful trial, that all competitions this year with the exception of the club Championship would be played off mixed tees. Following a discussion with many taking part a vote was held and all agreed with none against that this year people would be able to select the tee they wanted to play off, but must indicate this on the card and use the appropriate handicap.

Any other business:

Paul Jones introduced a new initiative to for scratch competitions, these would run alongside and in conjunction with the existing fixture list. All details will be on the club website ([Seaford Head Golf Club](#)) tomorrow and an email will go out to members. It will be restricted to handicaps of 14.4 and below and will be sponsored to the sum of £1250

Steve Harriman introduced himself and explained how he has taken over running the Seniors section, talked about some new club matches and that there would be a new 2 day competition this year in September for the age 67+ members.

Shaun then gave the members present a brief overview of the website and said that it had been set up for everyone's benefit and if anyone has anything else they would like to see on there to get in touch with him. He then went on to talk about the stroke indexes of the holes and that they would get looked at as the data shows that the way the course plays and the current stroke indexes don't line up. The problem comes that the course plays very differently in the winter compared to the summer so we may have to look at summer and winter cards but this may throw up some issues with the WHS, so it would have to be done in conjunction with Golf England.

Matt Smith then raised that there have quite a number of people who are selecting the wrong tee when using the WHS app, the pro shop can see this and can change it after but he asks that all can make sure they select the correct tee to save them having to do this and the wrong handicap allowance being used. A member asked if next winter we can ask Simon to remove the tee blocks from the mats so that people are clear they are not playing off the whites and yellows as this year the blocks are there.

A member asked about divisions in competitions, it was explained that the system automatically creates divisions when the entry was above a certain level. It is hoped that this may kick in more with the introduction of mixed tees.

A member said he would like to thank Rob for organising the Tuesday evening roll up last summer is hoping that many more will join in this summer.

A member asked if people could respect the white lines to help the green keepers out and protect the course.

Another member asked that can all members make a point of repairing one or two pitch marks on each green to make up for those who don't to help keep the course in great condition.

A member asked if it would be possible to use a different colour flag on temporary greens, Shaun said that he had had a previous conversation with Simon about this and Shaun explained that the greenkeeper walks the course moving flags on a frosty morning and its impractical to carry all the spare flags. The member then said that could it just be done on the ones directly in line with the main green to help distinguish between the two, such as 6, 13 and 14, as many players end up playing to the main green only to then have to go on it to retrieve their ball which creates potential damage. Shaun said he would ask Simon for next winter.

Following a short drinks break, the presentation of trophies took place, announced by Rob and handed out by Jack. The Order of Merit was won by Matt Smith. It was noted that not all trophies were collected and going forward it would be better if competition winners turned up on the night or asked a friend to collect in their absence if they could not make it.

The Captains drive in will be moved back one week to Sunday 6th of April at 1.30pm followed by a small buffet. This is to avoid a clash on the previous date with Mother's day when the View will be very busy. Rob hopes to see all attend and see Jack & Maddie putt out and Rob & Tracie start their year.

The meeting was closed at 9.10pm