

SEAFORD HEAD GOLF CLUB

Minutes of Committee meeting held on Wednesday 23rd April 2025

Present: A. Flood, A. Hutchings, R. Waller, M. Crowther, T. Waller, S. Doyle, M. Noel, K. Bray, R. Coombs

Alan started the meeting at 5.50pm and welcomed all with a special welcome to Rob as the new captain, Mark as the new vice-captain and Tracie as the new Ladies representative.

Apologies: J. Mason, P. Ray S. Harriman

Minutes of the previous meeting:

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

Matters arising: Shaun said that the alteration of Saturday tee times had taken place, there had been some confusion from one society and Shaun had requested that they should talk to other society captains.

Captain Report:

Firstly, I'd like to thank everyone for the support given to my Captain's Drive-in. I think it was a great day, great weather and an indication of how I hope we can build the relationship with The View, who must have been very happy with the day's takings!

I had hoped to have a total for the money raised on the day for my chosen Charity for the year St Wilfred's, but unfortunately, they have still to count all the collection pots from the day.

Since the Captain's Drive-in I have now arranged my Captain's Away Day. This is planned for Friday the 8th of August at Singing Hills. The day will cost £59, and includes bacon roll on arrival and a 1-course meal. A sheet has been placed in the lobby outside the Pro-shop so please put your names down if you are interested so I can confirm numbers.

Having previously taken part in golfer / non-golfer events in the past, I know how much fun they can be. With this in mind, I have provisionally booked The View for Friday the 11th of July and Friday the 5th of September. I would encourage us all to get behind these events as it is another opportunity to build our golfing community, bring in some money into the club and to have a great time.

I have also spoken to Simon and Fraser, and they are more than happy to arrange a 'Greenkeeper's Revenge' in September / October, when there are less Societies playing our course. I will confirm the date asap.

I was invited by the Ladies Representative to present the trophies at their Annual Meeting. It was nice to meet with them and put names to faces that I didn't know.

With the Club Championship being held on the 7th and 8th of June, The View has been booked for the 8th of June. Having discussed this with Nicola and her team, I am hoping to make the Sunday a day where members and their families can come and enjoy a BBQ on the terrace and celebrate the crowning of our Club Champion for 2025. The BBQ will be held from 2pm to 8pm.

I have made contact with our reciprocal clubs regarding friendly, scratch and mixed matches. At this current time, only Sweetwood's have replied. Unfortunately, their calendar is already booked for this year, but they are open to arranging something for next year.

To support my chosen Charity for the year, I have spoken with Nicola about arranging a Charity Quiz and a Christmas Charity Party in December and hope to have something arranged in the near future. Additionally, Fraser and Simon have supported my request to have a Captain's Charity Bunker on the right-hand side of the 18th hole. A sign has been ordered and will be placed by the bunker on the right-hand side of the green when it arrives.

The Tuesday evening Roll-up is gaining momentum but it would be great if more members attended. Shaun has also taken time to put the details on the club website for all to see.

Lady Representative Report:

The ladies annual meeting was held on the 8th April.

Maddie Murphy has stepped down from the Lady representative roll and the new representative is now Tracie Waller. Maddie will remain on the committee. Shelagh Miller has also left the ladies committee. Chris Flood and Sue Fears have agreed to fill the vacant positions.

Helen Coombs is now in charge of arranging the Tuesday competitions.

The ladies away day was held at Hill Barn Worthing on Tuesday 22nd April. We had a lovely day and would recommend playing there if you get the chance. The winner of the day was Bridget Constantinos and 2nd was Teresa Gregory.

Treasures report:

Andy reported all was in good order but we will have to get paid a lot quicker by the council this year as the SCGU will be imposing late payment penalties. Our payment is due on June 1st.

Secretary Update:

Shaun will contact all society captains to ask them to form a What's App group to improve communication between the societies with the responsibility of the captains to relay news to their members to keep all in the loop. Shaun has been looking at the Stroke indexes of all the holes along with the handicap committee and pro shop. We are using playing data from the last 2 years from all submitted cards and applying the odds and evens rule for front and back. This will have some significant changes to some holes. The timeline for change will be a coordination of new cards being printed and liaising with England Golf to change the apps on WHS. Once a deadline has been agreed we will communicate this to all members via the club website and an email from the pro shop. Lastly, Shaun is awaiting confirmation that the end of "winter rules" will happen this week. Ask in the pro shop if you are unsure and look on the board by the shop. Simon may wish to keep them on 5, 7 & 8 to allow those fairways to recover a little more.

AOB:

The meeting was then joined by Nicola from the View at this point. Nicola said that she wants to increase connections with the club and is happy to be part of more golf days going forward having had a couple of productive meetings with Rob. She confirmed that all discounts would continue and would allow those to be extended to family when with you. She would like to email all members with offers and informing them of special events. It was pointed out that not even the club had all those details but we would try to help in communications going forward using the website.

Rob asked if the club could put up a notice board rather than stick things to walls as you enter the pro shop lobby. Shaun will speak to Fraser as he understood the council were going to decorate those areas and wanted our opinions of what was wanted.

Rob asked how we were going with progress on the flag pole, Shaun had done some research with Simon but they were quite expensive. It was agreed that the club should go ahead and purchase one that would fit the original hinged base.

Tracie raised the photos after Shaun had requested some for the wall, the ladies will continue to put one up under the description of Lay Representative rather than Captain.

Matt informed the committee of the sad news of one of our members passing, Shaun will put a message out in the club news on the website.

Matt confirmed the that Ted & Jean taking place on May 10th will be off the Yellows for the men and Reds for the ladies.

Kevin asked again if the nets could be repaired, Shaun will raise this with Fraser.

Shaun gave the stats that since introducing mixed tees there has been a big rise in participation though the competition winners have all come from players using the white tees so far.

Shaun will add the captains reports to the club news page for those who don't read these minutes to see and promote the captains away day as Rob needs numbers soon to book the tees.

Meeting closed at 7.10pm Next meeting will be on June 4th