

SEAFORD HEAD GOLF CLUB

Minutes of Committee meeting held on Wednesday 4th June 2025

Present: A. Flood, A. Hutchings, R. Waller, M. Crowther, T. Waller, S. Doyle, M. Noel, K. Bray, R. Coombs, J. Mason, P. Ray, S. Harriman.

Alan started the meeting at 6pm and welcomed all.

Apologies: None, all present

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Minutes of the previous committee meeting on April 23rd were agreed as an accurate record.

Matters arising: No progress on the new flag pole. Rob has put up a new notice board by the pro shop. The Captains' photos had been updated. The practice nets have been replaced.

Captain Report:

Firstly, as you all will be aware, it is our Club Championship this weekend. Although the weather may be a little challenging, I am sure that it will be a great event over the two days.

On the Sunday, with the support from the Treasurer and 'The View', I have arranged a free BBQ of Burgers and Chips for all those competing, and food will also be available to purchase for friends and family. Live music is being provided by budding DJ Charlie Harland, one of our junior members.

To maintain interest and suspense throughout Sunday we are hoping to have a 'live' Leader Board, in the Clubhouse to keep everyone up to date with the scores. Good luck to everyone taking part in our premier competition of the year.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the Captain's Texas Scramble has been moved from Sunday 29th June to Saturday 28th June. Can everyone please get your team of 4 onto the start sheet as soon as possible.

May has been a positive month for the Club with over 60 new members joining. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them all to Seaford Head Golf Club. With the recent rain and all the hardwork put in by Simon and his team, I think the course is looking and playing great so I'm sure our new members will be happy with their decision.

The Captain's Drive-in raised £140 for St. Wilfred's Hospice, and I would like to send a massive thank you to everyone who supported the charity. 'Pop-up' posters have been provided to drive awareness and the 'donation pots' are located at the Bar in 'The View' and in the Pro-shop. To further support the charity, we will be holding a Charity Quiz night at 'The View', hopefully in July, so please keep checking the board for further information.

Since our last meeting the new Notice Board is now in situ, as agreed, and Mark and I are ensuring it is informative and relevant to hopefully drive member engagement and awareness. I want the Board to be easy to navigate and to contain concise relevant information. The layout, I'm sure will develop over time to ensure that this is the case, but please have a look and let me know your thoughts.

Current content includes:

- Information regarding my Captain's Away day at Singing Hills. Uptake has been very good and there are still a small number of spaces available.
- Latest League table of the Tuesday Roll-up, Acknowledging last month's competition winners and upcoming events for June

May saw some impressive scores posted and I would like to congratulate all the winners on their achievements. The 'Ted and Jean' was again played in excellent spirit with The Eversley Golf Society coming out as winners.

Our County Handicap have had a very successful May, beating both Haywards Heath and Cottesmore. We are now in the Quarter Finals against Hill Barn, and this will be played at The Dyke on the 14th of June – Good Luck to all those representing our Club.

The Clark Cup was won by Huw Jones and Sue Fears, with The Captain's Team narrowly beating the President's Team in a closely fought match.

Lady Representative Report:

On May 6th the ladies presented a cheque for £650 to National Coast Watch Institution., which was the charity for 2024.

The ladies open is on the 12th August and is now full, we have 64 ladies entering.

We have reinstated the Seaford Town Salva cup with Seaford golf club. It has not been played for a couple of years. It will be played at home on the 14th August.

The lady's invitation day game is on Tuesday 1st July, this is a mixed game and the sign-up sheet is on the new notice board. I will notify all the society Captains.

Treasures report:

Andy reported the Golf England and SCGU fees had been paid after we sent the bill to the council a lot earlier than. We had lost some members but gained new ones so the net number was slightly up.

Secretary Update:

Shaun reported the stoke indexes had now been updated and are in place.

AOB:

The meeting was then joined by Nicola from the View at this point. Nicola and Rob had worked on a deal for the Club Championship BBQ. She would still like direct contact with the club members which opens up a data protection issue so the club will look for a way to make communication better.

Rob raised the Saturday tee times for the WGS society, a discussion followed and a reminder of the original issue. With 2 of the committee members from the society and not seeing an issue it was agreed to stay as it is, but to be reviewed in September to see if the spaces created had been used. Rob has set up a what's app group for society captains to discuss any issues and pass news to their members.

Matt reminded all that the nations cup will take place on July 26th.

Steve gave an update on the senior's golf. They had lost in the county comp to Haywards Heath but in the plate beat Royal Eastbourne in a play off on the first extra hole. They have also won friendlies at East Brighton and Horsham. Steve has set up a what's app group for senior players interested in matches and is planning an away day in July.

Kevin asked if we can look at the pick and place holes, as the 3rd and 15th fairways are both struggling.

Shaun said that the weather looks bad for the club championship, a decision would be made nearer the time.

Meeting closed at 7.05pm

Next meeting date July 16th