

SEAFORD HEAD GOLF CLUB

Minutes of Committee meeting held on Tuesday 21st October 2025

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

Alan started the meeting at 6pm and welcomed all.

Apologies: A, Hutchings, T. Waller, M. Crowther.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

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

Matters arising:

Shaun reported that the new flag pole was in place and thanks to Simon for doing the manual work. Alan fed back that a few trophies had been identified that could be repurposed to replaced trophies missing from some of the comps.

Captain Report:

The last two months have seen competitions such as Ted & Jean, The Nations Cup, The Town Cup & the Burt Goodman being played as well as many others. Each event was very well attended & contested by all taking part, it was great to see the competitiveness but also the friendly banter in the bar afterwards. These competitions, for me, have been the highlight of the year & please let's put our support behind them again next year. As well as the great turnouts, we've seen a resurgence in the Scratch Team. Under the guidance of Paul Jones our Team is looking very strong for next year.

The Seniors have had a good year too, Steve Harriman has guided his merry team to an impressive 7 wins, 4 loses & one tied match. Again it's looking good for the Seniors next year, but Steve is keen for some of the younger over 55s to join in next year.

I was hoping to announce a date for the `Greenkeepers Revenge, but due to the recent rain & the loss of revenue to the Council in green fees, this will not go ahead, which is a shame as Simon was very keen to test our skills on the golf course. I have extended our thanks to Simon & his team for the great work they have put in this year, personally I think it's the best it's played in my time at The Head. I have also tried to arrange a breakfast morning with his team, but I'm still waiting on confirmation about attending. Tom Baker's quiz nights have started up again, so please show him some support as a lot of effort goes into organising these evenings. With the lovely summer behind us, our thoughts turn to Thermals & Waterproofs, so I hope you all got your winter clothing ready for the coming months.

Lady Representative Report:

Tracie was unable to make the meeting but reported that It has been a very quiet month and had nothing of significance to report.

Treasures report:

Andy was not present but sent a report saying all was in good order.

Secretary Update:

Shaun reported that the handicap committee were due to meet within the week to do the annual handicap review as required by Golf England. From this some rules would be put in place with regards to people keeping their handicaps up to date under the WHS. An email would be sent to all members with the outcome of their meeting and any person that is of particular concern would be spoken to individually. Shaun reminded all that the handicap committee is an essential role to the running of the club and is made up of 4 people representing all areas, they are Tracie Waller for the ladies, Steve Harriman for the seniors, with Andy Holden and Matt Smith representing the men's section. They receive extra guidance from the SCGU advisors around the handicap rules and will be looking into such things as minimum numbers of cards entered per year, with all members now meant to be entering cards for general play of the yellows.

Senior Update:

Steve reported that the seniors played Willingdon Away and Home, losing away but winning at Home. Club matches for the year had now been completed and all felt that had been a successful one being well supported by many members, next year there will be an additional 2 matches. Steve was pleased to report that 45 people entered the inaugural Super Vets competition with Roy Doyle coming out as the Champion over the 2 days, prizes were presented by family members of Tony Lowells who the trophy has been named in honour of.

AOB:

Alan said that next year the Presidents prize would be played on one day only rather than the whole weekend.

Shaun said with this in mind he had already produced a fixture list for the following season and would be updating the club website with this once it had been run past the pro shop for final comments.

Alan said that some of the big competition days had fallen behind on tee times due to members not being ready on the tee at their allocated time. We will look to get starters in place for the bigger comps going forward with late arrivals being disqualified.

Phil reported there had been a number of competitions where there had been a back log of players on the 4th tee. It was pointed out that the 4th is still a call up hole and if the group behind are on the tee before players had reached the 4th green, that balls should be marked once on the green to let the group behind tee off before putting out.

Matt said that the Bert Goodman and Ted & Jean had been very successful this year with a good turn out by all teams including a new Captains and scratch team.

Rob asked the question of if we had found a space for a senior's invitation day next year. It was decided there was room we just need to check days to avoid other popular ones around the county.

Rob raised the poor condition of the toilet's downstairs, Alan said how he has raised this with the council but heard nothing back and would look into it further as to when repair work would be carried out.

Shaun pointed out that at the last meeting it was decided that a club badge that represents the club more than the current ship would be looked at, the opportunity was missed when the Bert Goodman day was moved, but it was decided that an initial design of one idea would be sent to society captains to discuss with their members. We would then look to make any improvements when the general consensus was back.

Meeting closed at 6.50pm Next meeting date TBC