



# **SEAFORD HEAD GOLF CLUB**

## **Minutes of the A.G.M held on Friday March 20th 2026**

There were 40 signatures on the attendance list. At 7.35pm, Alan Flood, Club President took the chair and welcomed all those members present. He said that during the AGM presentation of trophies would take place followed by a drinks break.

### **Apologies:**

Apologies had been received from 6 members

### **Minutes of the previous AGM:**

Minutes of the previous AGM in March 2025 were read and accepted as a true record.

### **Lady Representative Report:**

Firstly, I would like to start by thanking the ladies for their support this year, especially Helen Coombs, Anne -Marie Lindsey and Maddie Murphy.

Last year we enjoyed a few friendlies with East Brighton, Hollingbury and Mid Sussex. Hopefully we shall enjoy return matches with them this year.

We had two lovely ladies away days at Hill Barn in April and Lottbridge in September.

Thank you to Maddie and the ladies that helped to organise our Ladies Open day in August. Another successful year, with 64 ladies taking part. We have many ladies returning year after year and we already have 54 entries for this year.

The ladies are always very generous On the day, and we raised £480 for our charity, which is St Wilfreds Hospice, Eastbourne. That brings our total to £1090 which has been one of our largest donations. Our charity for this year will be Cycling Without Age, a local charity.

We have had a few new lady members join us this year, with hopefully a couple more joining us soon. This is good news as we are quite a small group and are always on the lookout for new members.

As the new ladies are not quite ready for the committee Yet, I will remain as Ladies Representative and our committee will remain the same, so I thank you ladies,

I wish you all a happy golfing year. Thank you, Tracie.

### **Captain Report:**

Mr President, Mr Secretary, Mr Treasurer, Members of the club.

As my Captain's year comes to an end, I'd like to take a moment to say a few thankyou's.

Firstly, my sincere thanks go to our President, Secretary & Treasurer. Your support throughout the year has been invaluable. So much of what you do behind the scenes often goes unseen and unrecognised, yet it is absolutely vital to the smooth running of our club. Your hard work does not go unnoticed, and we are all extremely grateful to you all.

I would also like to thank all our members. Your support and enthusiasm has been fantastic. This year has seen increased numbers across all competitions, which shows the true spirit that we have within our great Golf Club. Let's keep that momentum up throughout the coming year.

Of course, it hasn't been the easiest year for our Golf Course itself. A long dry summer followed by a very wet and windy winter has presented challenges for everyone, especially our greenkeeping staff. But now the

sun has returned & with the lighter evenings coming, I'm certain that Simon and his excellent team will have the course back in great shape very quickly.

On a personal note, I'd like to mention my chosen charity, St Wilfrids Hospice in Eastbourne. Shortly after announcing this choice, I had several members share personal stories of relatives and friends that had been cared for by St Wilfrids, and then I knew I'd made the right choice. Sadly at the end of last year we lost a wonderful lady, a friend and the sister to one of our members, and today, one of our lady members is being cared for by the hospice. That makes this cause even more meaningful to me. I am very proud to say that we have raised just over £3,500 this year, with a further contribution from the Ladies section, of just over £1,000. A great achievement by all, and thank you to everyone that contributed, it truly means a great deal to me.

My favourite day of the year, amongst many, was my away day at Singing Hills GC, which was attended by over 50 golfers. It's a course I played for 9 years before moving to Seaford, so it was a special day for me personally. I was genuinely amazed by the support on the day, which included a hole-in-one from Helen Coombs and a rather spirited bidding war for a pack of golf balls, one that Julian Turner was clearly determined not to lose! It's a day I will remember for a very long time, so thank you to everyone who came along and made it so special.

Looking ahead, there are two people I'd like to mention; Steve Harriman & Paul Jones. They have taken the Seniors and the Scratch team to a new level, the enthusiasm to play for these teams has been fantastic and hasn't been seen for many years. I wish you both every success in the coming year.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Lady Representative, my wife, for her support and understanding this past year. At the start of my year, it felt a little daunting, and at times stressful, I might have even panicked a little! I wish her all the very best for the coming year. You are doing a great job.

Last but certainly not least, my Vice Captain, your new Captain, Mark Crowther. I wish you all the very best for the upcoming year mate. It can be tough at times, but it's also great fun. Enjoy every moment, and good luck

Your Captain for 2025/26, Rob Waller.

## **Treasurers Report:**

Andy presented his report, said we were doing okay and in a healthy position though expenditure had increased, so had our income. He then said he was happy to take any questions, but none came.

## **Club Update:**

Shaun updated the room on a number of items, these included information from Head greenkeeper on course work both over the winter and what was coming in the next year. He thanked Tom and Sue Baker for their hard work with all the quiz nights they held through the year helping to raise money for the captain's charity. He thanked Jack Mason who had served his year on the committee following his captaincy. He announced that the club now have funds to buy new boards so that all competitions with a trophy would also have a board on the wall. The club are looking into replacing missing trophies (5 in total) A reminder that the club website holds all club information from fixtures, results, news, committee meeting minutes and useful links. A reminder that if you want something discussed email it to Shaun and he would raise it at committee. Finally, Shaun brought up the new club badge that had been ongoing work with the committee since last August. The club had been grateful to receive help from Rod Petrie who has a design background, as a thank you we welcomed Rod to the front of the room to say a few words around the design and was then presented with a thank you gift from the Club President.

## **Seniors Update;**

Steve Harriman came to the front and updated the room on the progress the seniors have made over the last year and thanked all for the support. The seniors made the quarter final of the county comp. There are more friendly matches lined up this year and details can be found on the website. We also saw the start of a new competition called the Super Vets which is for golfers over 67 years old, the trophy has been named the A J

Lowles in honour of the Ex-Pro Tony. The inaugural winner was Roy Doyle and the trophy was presented on the day by some of Tonys family members.

### **Scratch players Update:**

Paul Jones came to the front and updated the room on the progress made over the last year. We have gone from no section or team to put forward to the county competitions to now having a competitive league and people joining the club to be part of it. There was 20 events with 40 people taking part, they played a match against Blatch and won, there will now be an annual Ryder Cup type competition each year with them, the first one taking place in April. This year the Scratch, handicap and seniors' team will all have match kit, funded by the club and the sponsorship of Golf Villa rentals and Aforedable golf who are based in Newhaven. The team have a tough away draw at Cowdrey Park in the county comp and it will be selected following the Ryder cup match. A presentation then took place as Paul had 4 trophies to present for the year.

### **Presentation of Trophies:**

Trophies for the competitions in 2025 were presented by out going Captain Rob Waller and Club President Alan Flood. This was followed by a 15 minute drinks break.

### **Appointment of Officers:**

Nominee slips had been received and the following were duly elected for the April 2026-2027 year.

Captain	Mark Crowther
Vice-Captain	Andy Holden
Lady Representative	Tracie Waller
Hon Secretary	Shaun Doyle
Hon Treasurer	Andy Hutchings

Mark thanked all for the opportunity to be captain, a position he is proud to take up. He thanked Rob and vowed to continue his good work. He would be doing a longer speech at the Captains drive in which would be on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of March commencing at 1.30pm where there would be a buffet following the usual itinerary of putt outs and drive ins.

### **Propositions of Motions:**

It was proposed by the handicap committee that we should have the following rules in place to maintain the integrity of the competitions and people's handicaps. The rules are that all members should try to put in 10 cards a year, of which at least 6 should be from competition play. The rules of entry to the major competitions, which are, Club Championship, Senior Club Championship and Super Vets are that existing members would have had to have played a minimum of 6 Seaford Head GC competitions in the previous 12 months and 4 SHGC competitions for new members. A show of hands was asked for and all voted in favour so the proposition was passed.

### **Any other business:**

None were raised.

The meeting was closed at 8.45pm