



SEAFORD HEAD GOLF CLUB

Minutes of Committee meeting held on Thursday 5th May 2026

Present: A. Flood, R. Waller, S. Doyle, A. Holden, M. Crowther, T. Waller, S. Harriman, R. Coombs, M. Noel

Alan started the meeting at 6pm and welcomed our new Captain Mark and Vice-Captain Andy and thanked Rob for his hard work over the last year. Alan then talked about the sad loss of Maz this week and the club send our thoughts and best wishes to Paul and family at this tough time. The flag has been lowered in respect.

Apologies: P. Ray, K. Bray, A. Hutchings

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Minutes of the previous committee meeting on March 5th were agreed as an accurate record.

Matters arising: None

Captain Report:

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who supported the Captain's Drive-In on Sunday 29th March. It was a great day—the weather held up, and I believe everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you also to The View for providing the food.

Although there was initial nervousness having to host the Drive-in in the main bar area, I thought it worked quite well and is something we may wish to consider for future events.

I am pleased to confirm that I will continue to support St. Wilfrid's as my chosen charity this year. The Drive-In distance competition raised £97.50, which is a fantastic start. I would like to make special mention of Lawrence Joel for organising this. I am planning to arrange further fundraising events throughout the year and yesterday I had a meeting with Dave Longman at St. Wilfrid's to explore how they can support our efforts.

Since the Captain's Drive-in, I have now arranged my Captain's Away Day. This is planned for Friday the 7th of August at East Brighton. The day will cost £75. And includes bacon roll, tea and coffee on arrival, golf and a 1-course meal. I will put a sheet up on the Notice Board outside the Pro-shop to understand numbers. With this date now diarised, I am now focussing on the preparations for my Captain's Prize weekend at the end of May.

As mentioned at last month's Committee meeting, I have created a Captain's email address, which I will use to communicate more regularly with members in the coming weeks and months. In addition, I will be introducing a digital suggestion box, "Ask Mark", where members can raise questions, share suggestions, or request items to be discussed at our monthly committee meetings.

It was agreed that there was the need to remind members to show their membership cards to ensure they receive their discount on food and beverages. A communication has been produced and this will be displayed on the Notice Boards throughout the club and at the bar.

Paul Jones has been working hard over the past few weeks to set up the new 2026 Order of Merit, which is now ready to go. The first qualifier will be the Seaford Challenge Cup on 26th April.

Members of the Scratch Team had a get together which included entering 3 teams into the Texas Scramble (Robertson Jigger) on 22nd March. They put up a good fight but could only manage 3rd place.

This is a big week for the team, as they compete against Blatchington for the inaugural Seaford Trophy on 11th and 12th April. This Ryder Cup-style event will feature 36 holes at Blatchington on the first day 'foursomes' in the morning followed by 'better ball' in the afternoon. On 12th April, the singles matches will take place at Seaford Head.

The players representing Seaford Head are:

- Paul Jones (Captain)
- Matt Smith
- Russell Cronin
- Lee Parris
- Andy Hutchings
- Stephen Kingcome
- Jack Mason
- Kevin Bray
- Andrew Gay
- Matthew Mitchell
- Connor Beck
- Rene Douchosoy

The team will be proudly wearing their new kit and it would be fantastic to see as much support as possible, particularly on Sunday 12th April at Seaford Head. It promises to be a challenging match, and your support would be greatly appreciated.

I have had a meeting with Nicola to see how we can build the relationship with The View and I am hoping to meet with Fraser and Simon in the next couple of weeks.

Lady Representative Report:

Tracie reported the ladies are have welcomed some new ladies to the club. Tracie and the whole ladies' section were saddened by the news that one of their ladies Maz Oconnell passed away this week, she will be sadly missed by them all.

Treasures report:

Andy was unable to make the meeting but reported that all was in good order.

Secretary Update:

Shaun said that the club website has been updated with all the latest news and fixtures. Thank fully the flag had been fixed earlier in the week and was currently up. Shaun then reported that he had an email from Fraser and followed this up with a call. The whole email was read out to committee with the crux of it being that Fraser was unhappy with a situation regarding the team shirts. Shaun has apologised to Fraser from himself and the club with regards to the situation.

Handicap Committee Update:

Steve reported that the changes previously discussed had been agreed at the AGM that minimum number of 10 cards should be submitted each year to keep a handicap current. The minimum number of competitions to be entered to be allowed entry into the Major competitions of the year is 6 for existing members and 4 for members that had joined that calendar year.

AOB:

Steve said that the senior team were very happy with the kit provided for the coming season, they need a couple of other shirts and Steve had been in contact with Paul who sourced them originally.

Steve said that the new website for the course was an improvement (Shaun will put a link on the club site)

Rob thanked all for the support over the last year, he really enjoyed his year and was happy to have raised the money he did for the charity. A cheque was handed over earlier in the week.

Andy said that he is getting close to finalising the team for the county handicap competition, it had been selected from a long list based on handicap close to the upper limits to maximise the amount of shots the team would receive. The first game is away on the 25th at Sedlescombe.

Nicola and Abie from the View had joined us and said how they had had productive meetings with Mark where they discussed important club dates. This did throw up a couple of clashes but a solution had been found. The main one was club championship weekend where there is a wedding late on the Saturday which shouldn't cause an issue but there is also a private party on the Sunday. We will still have a bbq and music but the golfers will be based on the view side of the room rather than the function side. Nicola reminded all that golfers get a discount but Membership cards **MUST** be shown for people to take advantage of this. Going forward the Masters will be on the screens this weekend and they are planning events around big sporting events such as the FA cup final and the Open. Finally, they reminded the club that they close the gates around 6pm so all golfers playing evening rounds should park in the lower car park to avoid being locked in.

Mark reported that a meeting had taken place before the AGM with regards to the Saturday tee times, there was a poor turn out from the society captains but new times were agreed and they are on display in the club shop.

Shaun said there was room in the diary to dedicate a competition to Tony Lowles and it was decided that one of the Captains charity weekends would be used, with Saturday 11th July being the chosen day. Money raised would still go to Charity but it would be an open competition as Tony was liked by many people who play their golf elsewhere.

Meeting closed at 7.20pm

The next meeting will be May 7th 6pm at the View.