



# SEAFORD HEAD GOLF CLUB

## Minutes of Committee meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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

Alan started the meeting at 6pm

**Apologies:** P. Ray, R. Coombs, A. Hutchings

### **Minutes of the previous meeting:**

Minutes of the previous committee meeting on April 12th were agreed as an accurate record.

**Matters arising: None**

### **Captain Report:**

Now into month two of my tenure, I am pleased to report that nothing of note has been brought to my attention regarding the club or the course.

The captain's email is now in situ, and the 'Ask Mark' forum has been shared with everyone. This provides our members with a clear route to raise questions, suggestions, or items they would like brought forward for committee consideration.

The Captain's Away Day has now been confirmed for Friday 7th August 2026. There are currently 40 places available at a cost of £75, which includes tea and coffee on arrival, 18 holes of golf, and a one-course dinner. General uptake so far has been promising. Sign-up sheets are available in the competition folder and on the noticeboards.

Communications have also been sent out regarding the showing of membership cards and the new handicap requirements.

Since the last Committee meeting, the Scratch Team competed against Blatchington in the inaugural Seaford Trophy. Despite some very tough conditions, there was some excellent golf played with our Scratch Team coming out winners 10.5 to 9.5. Congratulations to all involved.

Unfortunately, our Handicap Team did not fare quite as well, succumbing to defeat at Seddlescombe Golf Club in the County competition. A challenging course certainly did not help, but for a successive year, the Plate is now all to play for.

The Seniors have had a fantastic start to their season, friendly victories against East Brighton and Cooden Beach, were followed by an impressive 5-0 victory against Ashdown Forest in the first round of the Cyril Blake. A great achievement and congratulations to all involved.

With the Away Day now confirmed, focus has moved to the Captain's Prize Weekend, which is already gaining momentum. Hole sponsorship is progressing well, and we have already had a number of prizes kindly donated, including a couple of complimentary four-balls and a golfing holiday. If anyone has anything they would like to donate as a prize, no matter how large or small, please contact myself or Andy Holden.

The Captain's Charity hole and advertising for the 10th has now been done. I will put it on the tee tomorrow and I would urge you all to hold each other to account to help raise money supporting what is a great cause.

### **Lady Representative Report:**

On Wednesday 29th April we had the funeral and celebration of life for our friend and club member, Maz O'Connell. Many people donated to a worthwhile charity, St Wilfrid's. A total of £1300 was raised.

Paul O'Connell has kindly donated a crystal vase to the ladies' section to be presented as a trophy, which will be called the Maz O'Connell Trophy, to be played on the 28th July.

Unfortunately, Sally Lovett and myself were knocked out of the Daily Mail competition at home by East Brighton on the 17th hole. We will try again next year.

There was a good turnout for the Clarke Cup, which was won by Ian and Andrea Keith.

It was lovely to see new members joining in.

### **Treasures report:**

Andy was unable to make the meeting but reported that all was in good order and we would be asking the council to pay the collected funds to us shortly.

### **Secretary Update:**

Shaun had nothing to report.

### **AOB:**

Steve said that the senior team had been successful in their opening 3 matches, winning 2 friendlies and the first round of the Cyril Blake County competition.

Andy said that the handicap team lost the first game away on the 25<sup>th</sup> at Sedlescombe. The course was in very poor condition making putting a lottery, the game only went ahead following discussions with county.

Kevin said that a few members are asking for definition of the 3<sup>rd</sup> fairway, looking back at pictures when there was more grass on the fairway it starts level with the bunker on the left of hole 2. Shaun will ask Simon if we can find a way of defining the fairway better for the benefit of pick and place.

Meeting closed at 6.45pm

The next meeting will be Wednesday June 3rd 6pm at the View.