

# **HALESWORTH GOLF CLUB – SENIORS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday 26 January 2026**

**Present:** Paul Smith (Seniors Captain & Chair), Dave Tower, John Meggison, Tom Fletcher, Larry Gazzard, Mike Slater

**Apologies:** Richard Fernley, Steve Bacon, Brian Dennis, John Morley

## **1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Friday 7 November 2025 were read and unanimously approved.

## **2. Matters Arising**

- PS reported that Ben Townsend had agreed to switch from lunch to breakfast for the Seniors Friendly matches at Woodbridge and Diss, on the condition that a full breakfast is provided.
- PS will obtain 2026 meal prices.

## **3. Seniors Captain's Report**

The Seniors Captain's report was read and noted. Additional points raised by PS included:

- Planning for the Captain's Drive-In on 8 March is complete.
- The venue for the 2026 Captain's Away Day remains undecided; PS expressed concern about rising course and meal costs at many clubs.
- Due to the poor weather forecast, PS proposed cancelling tomorrow's Multiplier competition and will inform SB.
- The funeral service for Trevor Adcock will take place at Waveney Memorial Park & Crematorium, Beccles, on 4 February at 1pm.

## **4. Secretary's Report**

- JM summarised the Seniors Friendly fixtures for 2025, noting two new clubs: Barnham Broom and Fynn Valley.
- A further new fixture at Bawburgh is scheduled for 2026.
- JM requested that each Match Captain provide an appraisal of their fixture next year to support planning.
- The committee agreed that reports should be provided only where significant issues arise.

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

- MS presented the financial report.
- Income and expenditure are both below last year's figures.

- Reduced income is largely due to recent competition cancellations caused by adverse weather.

## **6. Feedback from the General Committee**

- PS reported on discussions regarding a proposed new procedure for marking scorecards.
- The Seniors Committee felt the proposal did not reflect the Seniors' established approach.
- PS will report this view back to the General Committee.

## **7. Knockout Competitions**

- The committee discussed ongoing issues with matches being played after the cut-off date, leading to delays and some withdrawals.
- This winter has seen additional disruption due to illness and bad weather.
- PS will consider introducing nominated days for knockout matches on Seniors competition days and report back at the next committee meeting.
- The committee agreed not to change knockout competition handicap caps.

## **8. Slow Play**

- Options for addressing slow play were discussed.
- It was agreed to remind players more frequently of their responsibilities, particularly regarding allowing faster groups to play through.
- A general statement on slow play will be prepared for inclusion in competition correspondence.

## **9. Alternative Competitions**

- Member suggestions for new competitions were discussed, but no decisions were made. It was agreed to go back to the proposers to seek clarification on implications for IG and team scoring
- Scoring difficulties with the recent "High and Low" competition (both on scorecards and IG) were noted.
- The committee agreed to continue with the competition but ensure clearer scoring guidance is provided beforehand.

## **10. Seniors' Club Colours**

- The committee considered changing Seniors' colours from white shirts and dark shorts to dark blue shirts and dark shorts, aligning with the Gents teams.
- It was agreed that any change should be phased in over two years.
- PS will consult with the Club Captain and Ben Townsend on the change of club colours.

## 11. Competition Management

- Responsibilities for managing Seniors competitions in the second quarter were allocated to committee members. PS agreed to send out confirmation of dates and management responsibilities.

## 12. Competition Results Analysis

- MS presented his analysis of competition results.
- Although some trends were identified, the committee agreed that no changes to playing handicaps are required at present.
- The committee expressed its appreciation for MS's work and looked forward to further assessment over a longer period.

## 13. Checking of 2026 Competition Settings

Systematic checking of 2026 settings is largely complete. Assignments remain as follows:

### **Period Checker**

Dec/Jan RF

Feb/Mar PS

Apr/May SB

Jun/Jul TF

Aug/Sep BD

Oct/Nov DT

- JM confirmed he is continuing to check settings for consistency with the latest Seniors competition rules.

## 14. Any Other Business

- The next meeting will take place after the Seniors competition on **12 May**. Attendees should book tee times around **08:30** to allow return to the clubhouse for a **1:30pm** meeting.
- PS reported that Jeremy Jenkins is keen to organise this year's Juniors vs Seniors match.
- PS informed the committee that he would attend Trevor Adcock's funeral as a representative of the Seniors

**Meeting closed: 2:00pm Minutes prepared by: TF – 26/01/2026**