



Halesworth Golf - Club Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 13th January 2026

1. Attendance

- Ben Townsend – Managing Director
- Gerry Jackson – Club Captain
- Rowan Naismith-Robertson – Club Vice Captain
- Paul Smith – Senior Captain
- Brian Dennis – Senior Vice Captain
- Viv Leech – Ladies Captain
- Julie Cooper – Ladies Vice Captain

Apologies: None

2. Welcome

GJ thanked all attendees for coming.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Aldeburgh Golf Club Invitation

Aldeburgh GC extended a generous invitation for two Halesworth representatives to play in a fourball competition followed by lunch on Monday 22nd June 2026. The Captains agreed to circulate the invitation to members and run a ballot. Two names will be drawn at random.

4.2 Marking of Scorecards

GJ raised the ongoing issue of players marking their own cards in competitions. Rowan reviewed the R&A rules and confirmed that:

- Rule 3.3b(2) and Committee Procedures Section 5a(1) allow a club to implement a procedure enabling team players to mark their own cards (excluding individual competitions). Rowan will draft a formal procedure for committee approval.

4.3 Block Booking of Tee Times

Concerns were raised about unused block-booked tee times in competitions, particularly later slots that prevent general-play members from teeing off earlier. This will be monitored, and unused times will be released as soon as possible.

4.4 IG Platform Replacement

PS asked about IG being replaced by HowDidIDo, noting negative feedback. BT clarified that although the platform shares the same name, it is a completely new system.

4.5 Ladies Captain's Report

VL reported that the early part of her captaincy is going well.

5. Club Update (BT)

- Bereavement:

BT reported the sad passing of long-serving and well-respected member Trevor Adcock on Monday 12th January. The committee extends its condolences to Trevor's family.

- Gym Development:

Contractors are being appointed and we hope work will start in the next few weeks, Their vehicles and machinery will require access via the car park. A revised car park layout will be implemented to minimise disruption.

- New Shoe Cleaner:

Installation will take place within the next couple of weeks. The unit will include a grated well and two air hoses.

- 1st Tee Hut Clock:

The clock will be replaced.

- Pro Shop:

A new line of golf attire is planned. Ben Jewell is in discussions with Under Armour. Members now receive a 10% discount on purchases when using their membership card.

- Stroke Indexes:

The new stroke indexes have been finalised and will be implemented once the updated scorecard design is complete.

6. Matters for Discussion

6.1 New Captains' Drive-In

All section Captains confirmed that preparations for the event on Sunday 8th March are progressing well.

6.2 Alignment of Sunday Competitions

A discussion took place regarding better alignment of Ladies' and Gents' competitions on Sundays to allow mixed participation and earlier tee times. GJ will arrange a meeting with both fixture secretaries and the Captains to progress this.

7. Health & Safety

No issues raised.

8. Any Other Business

None.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 18:30

Gerry Jackson

Club Captain