

HALESWORTH GOLF :SENIORS COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 11th 2026. WENHASTON ROOM 1.00pm

Present:PAUL SMITH (Chair) BRIAN DENNIS DAVE TOWER
MIKE SLATER TOM FLETCHER LARRY GAZZARD JOHN MORLEY
Apologies: RICHARD FERNLEY. JOHN MEGGISON. STEVE BACON

James Sayer was invited to the Committee meeting as the potential Vice Captain for the coming year (to be confirmed at the next AGM in November.

1.Minutes of previous meeting of Tuesday May 12th approved.

2.Matters arising: Club manager agreed to look into question of bigger tee mats in winter, the path alongside the 7th green and the state of the 4th tee.

3.Captains Report (read out by PS)

There is increasing pressure on tee times resulting from every growing competition entry lists. We need to be proactive in trying to get some earlier tee times(between 6-7.30 for example). Currently difficult to get 80+ entries out by 10.30).

Need to keep team availability for Friendly fixtures up to date so that team captains have plenty of time to make any adjustments.

Need to look at a breakfast option for friendly matches in order to avoid the day being very long . JM to circulate to other clubs in order to get feedback.

Possible look at the yearly calendar to minimise clashes between Friendly fixtures and Senior team competitions.

Need for a register to identify players without fully formed handicaps re- competition entry and prize winning.

4.Treasurer's Report (supplied by MS) . Accounts for the current year reported as being healthy. Proposal to increase payout for competitions from 70-80%. The Committee was in favour of this by a vote of 7-1.

5. Secretary's Report (supplied by JM). Highlighted the points above relating to breakfasts and date clashes. Also formally reduce the Fynn Valley fixture from 8-6 pairs. Continue to look at any other changes in numbers with possible regard to shortening the day. Linked with this and after a discussion with Mark Coby it was confirmed that due to early work by the Greens staff in the mornings it would no longer be possible to start a match consisting of 8 pairs on the 16th tee.

6.Feedback from Club Committee (attended by PS and BD), the Seniors were asked for any assistance in running the following two events: Pear Tree Charity day on 28th August and the new Suffolk Juniors Open on September 19th.

7.Feedback from [members](#). [TF](#) reported that there was still a degree of perceived unfairness amongst low handicap players that they found it difficult to compete and win competitions. Possibly there are seasonal variations in this anyway but possibly there could be more divisions which may include lower handicaps having a better chance at the prize money. The Committee rejected the idea of more [divisions](#).[MS](#) showed from records that in fact Division 1 players had done well as in recent competitions filling 8/15 of the top,places. MS agreed to put together more statistics to provide a bigger overall picture.

After a number of recent Competition results (involving some new members) it was agreed that a register should be produced and set in the rules ,relating to the number of rounds that qualified for handicap prior to competition entry. This felt to be especially important for Trophy/Board competitions and any competition that involves qualification based on white tees. The capping for particular competitions must also be very clear and follow the requirements of England Golf. TF volunteered to check all handicaps for competitions.

8.Adverse weather decisions. Any change in the running of a particular Seniors competition may involve Greenkeeper/Club Manager/Professional/Competition Administrator- depending on the weather forecast for that day.

9.All minutes to be sent to BT for publishing on Club website.

10. Golfers should be encouraged to check their scorecards more carefully before putting them in the box.

11.For Friendly matches it is the Captain for the day who is in charge of the eating arrangements, especially for home matches via liaison with Catering.

[12.In](#) the matrix used for the Friendly team selection, in order to make the document more concise , availability should be removed so it simply becomes a record of who did play.

[13.JM](#) requested a list of upcoming Captains for this years remaining Friendly matches in order to provide the most efficient liaison. This was done as follows:

Diss BD. Bungay. TF. Woodbridge. DT. Hintlesham. PS
Thorpeness. DT. Eaton. PS. Hintlesham. PS Seckford. DT
Felixstowe. DT. Caister x2. JMg

14. On October 1st it was agreed to try a fourball start in the Club competition on the same day as the Caister home friendly. BD would run this experiment.

In the absence of any other business the meeting closed at 2.50pm

Date of next Committee meeting yet to be fixed .Possibly Tuesday Nov 10th.

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