

Halesworth Golf Club

Gents Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 27th January 2026

1. Attendance

Present:

Ben Townsend (MD), Gerry Jackson (CC), Rowan Naismith-Robertson (VC), Rob Sherington (CFS), Chris Haslam (T), Jeremy Jenkins (T), Ben Brown (CM), Paul Coby (CM)

Apologies:

Colin Hillier (HS), Danny Milne (CM)

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from the meeting held on 10th December were approved and finalised.

3. Club Updates (BT)

- New quieter compressor for the shoe cleaner has arrived; installation due within two weeks.
- Gym extension site setup to begin shortly, including relocation of containers and buggies and a separate construction entrance. CGI sketches to follow in coming months.
- New slope ratings completed. Working group (CH, GJ, BB, CH, RS) produced new stroke indexes. Ladies' indexes also complete. New scorecard in design; tee box signs ready within weeks.
- New shop stock arriving soon. Membership card gives 10% discount. Price-match promise continues.
- IG issue allows tee bookings before sunrise; this is being addressed.
- Restaurant Night on 13th February is almost sold out. BT thanked members for their support.

4. Treasurer's Report (CH & JJ)

- Junior funds moved into a separate account; Gents and Juniors now fully separated.
- Gents account opening balance: £5,056.39, including £425.80 from the 100 Club.
 - £375 returned to members.
 - £53.80 remaining to be donated to charity.
 - Additional £300 already in charity fund; total now £353.80.

- Full ledger of expenditure produced and up to date.
- Current balances:
 - Gents: £3,231.16
 - Juniors: £5,216.15
- Sunday competition retention increased to 20%, reviewed monthly.
- JJ to discuss with Neil and Steve how best to use Junior funds.
- GJ thanked CH and JJ for their work.

5. Fixture Secretary's Report (RS)

- Front of House Shield raised £1,520.
 - Majority allocated to Front of House staff; Pro Shop and kitchen staff also received shares.
- Summary of competitions to date provided (attached).

6. Handicap Secretary's Report

- CH absent; written report submitted.
- GJ provided a brief overview (full report attached).

7. Captain's Report (GJ)

- Start of year has been smooth.
- Focus on organising competitions and preparing for the Captain's Drive-In.

8. Matters Arising & Discussion

8.1 Fixture List Timing

- PC raised concerns about clashes with county competitions.
- RS confirmed issues can be resolved if raised early.
- Improved communication at the first meeting after fixture release should prevent clashes.

8.2 Junior Participation in Competitions

- Juniors may play with parental consent.
- Club policy: under-14s must be supervised by an adult.
- Suggestion: adult members accompany juniors to support etiquette, rules, and scoring.
- JJ to discuss with Junior Section.

8.3 Committee Duties During Absence

- Members asked to arrange cover when away.
- Agreed.

8.4 Signing Your Own Card Procedure

- Procedure drafted by RNR accepted.
- To be displayed in Pro Shop and online.
- Issue raised regarding two members who play outside competition times: to be reviewed.

9. Health & Safety

- Bridge railing between 1st and 10th fairways is loose.
- BT to inform ground staff.

10. Any Other Business

- CH suggested reviewing prizes for Stablefords and Medals (e.g., engraved pitch repairer and ball marker).
- Sponsorship for Tolly tops ongoing with interest from 2–3 companies.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 24th February **or** Tuesday 4th March (TBC).

Meeting Closed