HALESWORTH GOLF: SENIORS COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY 8th AUGUST 2025 3pm : WENHASTON ROOM

Present: DT. JMG. RF. TF. MS. LG. BD. PS. JM

Apologies : SB

- Paul Smith attended the meeting as Vice Captain -elect. The Committee unanimously approved the nomination and PS accepted. The appointment therefore of PS as Captain for 2026 would be ratified at the next AGM this coming November.
- 2. Minutes of the previous meeting of 6th May 2025 were approved.
- 3. There were no matters arising other than points that may already be included on the Agenda below.
- 4. The Senior Captain's Report as submitted to the meeting was approved.
- 5. The Treasurer's Report as submitted was also approved.

## 6. Items for discussion:

- a) The new Rules Document drafted by JMg et alia was nearing completion. JMg explained that some further clarification was needed concerning withdrawals, disqualifications and the winter and summer accumulators. Prizes would be set at a £30 voucher per division for both accumulators. This would be reviewed by next year's Seniors Captain. Action: JMg to produce the final document for discussion at the next meeting in November.
- b) 2026 Friendly Club matches. JM informed the meeting that all the dates had been fixed apart from two clubs. These should be agreed shortly and as Action JM agreed to provide all the proposed dates for 2026 to TF so that they could be fitted into the whole Seniors calendar for next year and put on IG. The Committee was informed that one new fixture Bawburgh Golf Club had been added for 2026 and that should be the maximum number of matches for the present.
- c) Review of the ongoing system of prize money in Seniors competitions. Overall the feedback from members has been positive so the current allocations will continue with of course regular review.
- d) Review of the policy on all individual competitions being qualifiers. Generally this was also well received. One point that was raised however was that two qualifiers in a week was sometimes a bit 'heavy' and perhaps some different types of competition could be incorporated to avoid this happening too often. The Committee agreed to look at this.
- e) Review of County competition funding. There had been some difference of interpretation of the provision of the infrastructure accompanying such competitions this year which had an impact on the Seniors surplus over the course of the year. The details were explained and responsibilities accepted. Part of the aim of such a surplus is to cover aspects of competitions such as food, drinks, practice rounds and Captains needs on the day. Rather than Captains making individual decisions there has to be a clear policy in future. Action- next year there will be new Captains appointed for both the Parks and the Beaumont teams. The following parameters should therefore apply and we should at least match the refreshments etc of the opposition. DT proposed that only coffee would

be ordered for match days but not bacon rolls or full English breakfasts. There will be some funds available from the 100 Club as well as the Seniors surplus. MS confirmed that the Seniors balance had taken a hit this year but agreed that no one person should be held responsible for this. The new Seniors Captain will appoint the Parks and Beaumont Captains for next year and the final policy details, when drawn up, must be adhered to for each match. MS confirmed that the buffer/surplus would be down from £2000 to £1000 this year. A suggestion to claw back some revenue was to decrease the % of entry fees from competitions from 80 to 75 for next year. Another was to raise funds for County matches via a raffle based club competition. These ideas would be reviewed for the next meeting. Revenue from club competitions has increased by 16% this year which also helps.

## 7. AOB

DT expressed his willingness to take on the Beaumont team. BD will join the match Captains next year and would be willing to look at different types of competition as mentioned in point 6d. Lesley King has very kindly agreed to do the engraving next year. No trophy supplier has yet been found . RF is still looking. Club competition organisers for rest of this year to be agreed. DT raised a suggestion from the Club Captain that the Seniors should introduce an annual Past Senior Captains event, consisting of golf and a meal, to which all past Senior Captains would be invited. This was discussed and a unanimous decision was taken not to introduce such an event at this time. The Seniors schedule, including matches, is already packed and it was felt unnecessary as most former Senior Captains continue to play regularly in Seniors competitions.

The date of the next meeting was set at 3pm Tuesday Nov 4th The date of the next Seniors AGM is Friday November 28th at 1pm There being no other business the meeting closed at 4.35pm JM /9/25