

# HALESWORTH GOLF: SENIORS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

## TUESDAY MAY 21st 2024: CLUBHOUSE: 3pm

1. Present: J. C. Meggison (Captain), D. Tower (Vice-Captain), T. Fletcher, R. Fernley, A. Jennings, L. Gazzard, S. Bacon, J. Morley (Secretary)

2. Apologies: J. Ashton, M. Slater (Treasurer)

3. Minutes of the previous meeting on March 12th were accepted as an accurate record of the proceedings.

#### 4. Captains Report from Club Committee meeting

JCM outlined the following points arising from the most recent Club Committee meeting chaired by Ellie Andrews:

A match between the Seniors and Juniors is proposed for July 13th. Match arrangements to be finalised by Jeremy Jenkins.

Volunteers still required for Winter League Captain 2024-5.

Senior Captains Drive-In for the British Heart Foundation raised £1051. A member of BHF has offered to come and talk about their work at a date yet to be arranged. The Foundation's sincere thanks were passed on to the Club for the monies raised.

Since 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 five new members have joined the Seniors. SB is looking after their introduction to the Club.

5. Secretary's Report. Full report is available on file but the Committee discussed some issues raised.

Everyone was happy with the current 32 Seniors friendly matches (home and away). There was no wish to drop any as yet and we might be open to offers from certain other clubs in the future. Barnham Broom has been added to the calendar for next year.

The Matrix is working well for the respective match Captains as regards team selection, although JCM said he had made one last attempt to get more Seniors to sign up regarding their availability for the remaining matches. TF stressed the importance of committing to the home matches as they would automatically form the basis of the away team too.

6. Treasurer's Report. Full report is available on file. Two key targets were highlighted as being met: the buffer of £2000 and the 80% payout in competitions.

#### 7. Matters for discussion.

The proposal to cap the maximum playing handicap for all competitions at 36 was discussed and a motion was put forward to change with immediate effect. The motion was carried by 8-0 and would become active on May 28<sup>th</sup> 2024. The matter would be reviewed in two months time. The Seniors still on high handicaps will be encouraged to put as many cards in as possible to help them reach a more appropriate level. **ACTION**

The proposal to reduce the Roll-up score qualification for handicap entry was discussed in line with WHS Handicap changes from 38-37-36. A vote was taken on this 6-2 in favour of retaining it at 38.

Start times for competitions were discussed. JCM to reword the criteria for start times so it does not become a free for all as players simply slot in without the necessary discussion or negotiation with the competition organiser. **ACTION**

All withdrawals from competitions must take place through IG, not via a message on WhatsApp, otherwise there will be no refund. This motion was carried by 8-0. JCM to inform all Seniors. **ACTION**

A previous item relating to 'extra prize allocation' was revisited. It was agreed by 8-0 that the awarding of prizes in Singles competitions will be limited to the first three in each division. Any other awards were considered too arbitrary. In Pairs competitions however the prize money may be spread out more at the discretion of the competition organiser.

It was agreed that Seniors may enter a competition even if they do not have the correct number of qualifying rounds in place. The Committee voted 8-0 in favour of them being able to pay the entry fee on the understanding they cannot win. Being in the competition would in fact help them gain qualification for future events. JCM to formally affirm Seniors of this decision. **ACTION**

JM raised a point about a sentence used in the description/rules of each Seniors competition which was both verbose (unnecessary to state the opening for every single event since 55 years plus is the definition of a Senior anyway) and ambiguous as it suggests one must have an official handicap at 55 (not necessarily the case depending when golf was taken up). RF to reword the appropriate document for greater clarity. **ACTION**

#### 8. AOB:

A suggestion was put forward for a 9 hole/3 club competition. It was agreed this would be reviewed.

Information on some Board Trophy competitions is still incomplete. JM undertook to gather the information and verify recent winners of both the Summer and Winter Pairs in particular as far back as possible given the available records. **ACTION**

The date for the next Seniors Committee meeting was set as 3pm Tuesday August 13th 2024.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 4pm.

JM Seniors Secretary 6/24