

## **MINUTES OF THE SENIORS GOLF SECTION COMMITTEE HELD MONDAY 30 JUNE 2025**

Present:

Captain	Keith Chapman (KC)
Vice-Captain	Phil Beech (PB)
Past Captain	Paul Jarvis (PJ)
Honorary Secretary	Jim Johnston (JJ)
Treasurer	Mike Vine (MV)
Competition Secretary	Rob Smith (RS)

### **Item 1 – Minutes of Last Meeting dated 3 Mar 25**

The minutes were accepted as a true record. Proposed: Rob Smith; Seconded: Mike Vine

### **Item 2 – Matters arising from last meeting and AGM**

2.1 Competition Terms and Conditions of Play document was issued to all members. As stated, when issued, this document is liable to change and will be amended as required. Following the first issue a number of changes have been made and, therefore, was reissued 30 Jun. To ensure all members are fully aware that this document exists it will be sent to all new joiners to the Section along with their welcome letter by the Secretary.

2.2 Honours Board now updated, thanks to Ben for ordering the required lettering and Dave Callaghan for updating the boards.

### **Item 3 – Captain's Report**

3.1 The weather continues to be very kind to us since we started playing our friendly matches. We have been able to play all our matches to date, with a bit of a mixed bag of results. We have won 5, drawn 3 and lost 3. Last week we managed to beat Bigbury at home which meant we did the double on them. On Monday 7th July Rob is leading our team down to St Enodoc to play the away leg after the home match finished 4-4 so all to play for, no pressure Rob.

3.2 The first Trophy of the year was won by Philip Beech with a great second round and a hole in one on the 15th hole. Great play Phil! The Harry Champion competition didn't go so well but at least we were in the final. It was good to see Bowood coming second to the Point on count back but I'm not sure about some of the seniors' handicaps, I'm not bitter!

3.3 Phil and myself are playing in the inaugural Battle of the Ports match against Southwick Park golf club. The day will start with a 9-hole Texas scramble and after lunch a 4 ball better ball. In 3 weeks' time we have the Rick Evans Trophy. I have made contact with Chris Evans, his son and they are bringing down 4 players. Chris' mum will present the Trophy as last year.

3.4 July is a very busy month. 5 matches to play and the Seniors' Open is on Wednesday 16th. The Ladies are going to help out with the raffle and hopefully I will be able to set it up before going down to Tehidy for a couple of days for our birthday bash.

### **Item 4 -Secretary's Report**

4.1 Membership now stands at 135, a substantial increase since the last meeting. New joiners since the last meeting were Chris de Beaufort, Kev Cotton, Phil Jones, George Broadey, Tony Cusack, Steve Wildman, Lee van Crugten, Tony Perkins, Chris Pierce-Jones, Jerry Josee (re-join), Robert Raw, John Pollard, Simon Mynes, Malcolm Bond, John Sanders, David Spuffard, Russ Crombie, Mark Friend and Brett Woodward. Leaving the Section are Andy Pearce, Bill Francis, Mike Hughes, Vaughan Thompson and Barry Palfrey.

4.2 2026 Fixtures. Some will be aware that there has been an issue with playing Bowood in friendly matches, not so much the timing which is early in the season when the weather and course conditions are not at their best, but with their 'winter enhanced' handicaps which make the matches uncompetitive and frustrating to play. The Committee have therefore unanimously agreed to remove Bowood from our fixture list from 2026. Discussions are in place to find a replacement.

#### **Item 5 – Competition Secretary's Report**

5.1 Thanks to all who contributed proposed changes to the Competition T&C document which will be reissued shortly.

5.2 All knockout competitions are running on schedule and the plate is now on HowDidiDo.

5.3 Harry Champion. Good to get to the final this year and well done to Paul Jarvis and Raj Patel our only winners on the day. It was agreed by the Committee that due to the high costs of subsidising this event we will only submit 1 team next year as well.

5.4 There was some debate over the format of the Peter Gill Trophy and the issue of retaining handicaps between rounds. The Committee agreed unanimously to retain the 2 stableford rounds and that handicap changes will be adjusted between rounds in accordance with EGU rules.

5.5 RS proposed that next year we have a minimum of 2 qualifying rounds per month, if possible, this was supported in principle by the Committee and the Secretary will note this when preparing next year's fixture list.

#### **Item 6 – Treasurer's Report**

6.1 After deductions for monies held in the wallet, charity account, anticipated prize funds and purchase of trophies/engraving we have a balance of approx. £2400. As ever, we will consider – sensible - suggestions from the members on spending proposals and continue to pay out slightly more in prizes each week than received via entry fees. For the benefit of new members, your £4 entry fee consists of £2 for competition prizes, £1 2s sweep, £0.50p for Captain's Charity (Cornwall Air Ambulance) and £0.50p for Section admin costs.

#### **Item 7 – Any Other Business**

7.1 Following a request from Graham Clatworthy to consider the 14<sup>th</sup> tee position for those who struggle to get over the water RS stated that for Trophy Competitions, in order to preserve the integrity of the event, he asks the green staff to push back the tee, if a medal it will be moved nearer the front of the box and for routine events move it to the front. The course has to be set up for everyone and not for the minority and if it means taking 3 off the drop zone it is still possible to score.

#### **Item 8 – Date of next Meeting**

8.1 Due September.

**Jim Johnston**

Honorary Secretary

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