



FOUNDERS COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES AUGUST 26th 2025

Sandra Stronghill, Allan Stronghill, Peter Box, David Elsworthy, Susan Martin,
Simon Davey

Apologies Chris Cameron Gudge.

The Chair Sandra opened the meeting 1715 and welcomed everyone.

Apologies were received from Chris Cameron Gudge.

Sandra advised that there was a balance of €492.52 in Society funds and that a sum of €109 had so far been collected for the Society Charity SBAH which would be donated at the end of season dinner in Sao Bras de Alportel.

The Committee agreed that membership fees would continue at €50 for full members and €25 for seasonal members i.e. those who spend less than 6 months a year in Portugal.

Whilst the society has 35 registered members this year, it was thought that this number would reduce slightly due to player inactivity in 2026, and as such the society could accommodate a few more members.

New Trophies had been bought for the 3 Club Challenge, 2 Day Winner and the Player of the Year winners.

€147 had been spent to maintain the website host and €27 had been paid to secure the domain for another 2 years.

The website www.phantomsgolf.eu is up to date with regard to news and results however it was noted that the date of the next competition had not been changed. Fixtures for 2025-26 had been agreed with Benamor and published on the website. The society has secured 6 tee times allowing for up to 24 members/guests for each competition.

A short discussion was held over awaydays. It was suggested that members had the opportunity to play in the GITS which held a competition at different courses once a month and as such it was not necessary to arrange separate games away from Benamor as this was sufficient.

However, discussions were in hand regarding a possible tournament involving a number of local golfing groups. An update on this would be provided in due course.

Members had been asked whether they would like to assist the committee going forward and whether they had any thoughts regarding how to improve the society. With no replies being received it was thought that all must therefore be well and going forward the committee will remain the same for the 2025-26 season.

HANDICAPS

The Society uses the WHS registered handicaps for members. It is the members responsibility to update the WHS with the scores they attain at Phantoms competitions. The Phantoms handicap secretary already does and is happy to update any other member's scores but will need the members password to do so.

For Non WHS registered players the Phantoms Society has devised a simulator. This simulator will provide members with a close approximation to the WHS system. The more scores that are recorded the more accurate will be the handicap. A list of members current handicaps will be made available on the website. Guests will now have their scores recorded in case they later become members.

Any WHS registered member entering a Phantoms competition whose handicap has very recently changed from that stated on their card, **must** advise the HC Secretary or a Committee member before commencement of play and have the change initialled, otherwise the stated original HC on the card will apply.

New members without a WHS handicap will be allocated a maximum 28 for men and 36 for women.

The committee agreed to adopt and promote the following rules with immediate effect.

1. Players can win multiple prizes in Phantoms competitions
2. Guests. Will be charged an additional €5 to the green fee. This fee will pay for entry to the 2s competition the charity element and entry to the nearest the pin and longest drive prizes. Guests cannot win any of the main competition prizes which will be reserved solely for members only.

The end of season dinner and prize giving has been arranged for the evening of the 23rd September 1900 at the Forneria Sao Bras De Alportel.

There not being any further business the Chair closed the meeting at 1815

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ADDENDUM

Following the meeting the committee agreed that whenever there was an odd number of players compared to buggies, the shortfall would be shared by all those players requiring a buggy. Phantoms members receive a discount from the normal buggy rate.

