

Studley Wood Seniors Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st July 2025

In attendance: Jonathan Perks (Chair), Gerry Prickett, Tim Mustill, Paul Smith, David Hughes, Russel Matthews, and Richard Ilett.

Action

1. **Apologies** - Chris Fill and Chris Perks
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting.**

The minutes of the SCM held on 2nd June 2025 were accepted in full.

Matters Arising

All matters arising were either completed or are addressed later in the meeting.

3. Feedback from General Committee meetings

Two items to report:

3.1 Over the Open weekend at Royal Portrush the club will be running a Saturday competition pairing each person entering with a ghost score from the Open, and thereby run both a singles competition and a pairs competition

3.2 Concern was expressed regarding the discarding of cigarette butts on and around the tees. This sets a bad example generally and is not something that we want the junior members to be exposed to.

4. Treasurer's Report (Agenda items 4 and 5)

4.1 Handover to the new Treasurer is complete – PS is awaiting the debit card, following the application to Lloyds made in early June.

4.2 The latest accounts to 30th June 2025 show the bank balance currently stands at £2,316.97 and the Income & Expenditure account £289 in surplus.

4.3 Treasurer's report is attached and was discussed.

4.4 The Kings Norton away Day deficit is due to an overpayment to the vice-captain who purchased prizes but claimed the incorrect amount (£144 as opposed to £67.50). This will be rectified and will resolve the deficit. **Action GP**

4.5 Discussion regarding the unwon twos moneys from May amounting to £85.50 resulted in agreement that 50% would be allocated to the Captain's Charity Fund and 50% to the Charity Day Prizes Pot. **Action PS & JP**

- 4.6 A surplus of £24.50 for Wychwood is a result of Richard Ilett's withdrawal from the match after he had paid. Agreed he will be refunded. **Action PS**
- 4.7 Alan Booth, with the assistance of the office (Alan Boswell) has paid his £5 entry fee in cash onto the seniors gold card. To avoid a complicated refund this amount will be credited to the SKO prize fund but remain on our gold card until the Christmas dinner payment. **Action PS**
- 4.8 31 individuals have paid entry moneys for the summer eclectic. Additionally, £15 has been received from one senior, the treasurer and other committee members are unsure whether this is an overpayment for the summer eclectic, or has been paid into the account in error. **Action JP to speak with senior concerned.**

5. Fixture Secretary's Report

Richard Ilett reported:

- 5.1 We are playing friendly fixtures against 11 clubs in 2025 and this will increase to 12 in 2026 with the excellent addition of Oxford City to our list. Away fixture against them will probably be in October.
- 5.2 Of the 24 fixtures for 2026 16 already have confirmed dates. Richard is trying to have no more than one match per week. There are currently five weeks without a fixture. **Action: RI**

6. Awaydays / Tour Update

6.1 Spare places for the Autumn Tour to Bournemouth from 7 to 9 August are still available. We have 12 confirmed, 2 probable and 1 possible. One person has had to withdraw for medical reasons. Studley Ladies Section haven't taken up our offer of places. Final numbers will need to be settled by 13 July when the final payment to Your Golf Travel is due. It would be good to have 16 participants in total as this would then generate a discount on the total price. **Action CP to chase for balance payments and press the probable's and the possible for final decisions.**

CP

6.2 Kings Norton away day was a great success, despite the crusty sandwiches that were provided by their caterers.

6.3 The Autumn Awayday, at Calcot Park Golf Club. has had an underwhelming response thus far with only 4 takers. CP

7. Proposed roll-up programme for August

7.1 The proposed playing programme for August was discussed and agreed. **Action TM to post on website**

7.2 A pairs multiplier is scheduled for 29th July and there was discussion as to whether this should be changed to a pairs aggregate and thereby enable Club V1 to generate the results. It was agreed to leave this as a multiplier and manually calculate the results.

7.3 Gerry advised that following discussions with Alan Boswell he could report that there was no spare club trophy for the Seniors Masters, which is scheduled for 5th and 7th August. We will purchase a trophy and a suitable medal for the winners.
Action GP to research

7.4 Tuesday 26th August is the seniors/ladies mixed pairs competition. **Action: GP to liaise with Katrina re their likely numbers.** (post meeting note: Katrina expecting to field at least 16 players and maybe more.

8. Roll-up & Results Rota

The rota was discussed, and a few amendments are needed due to holiday commitments. **Action JP to revise and re-issue rota to all committee members soonest.**

9. Competitions Update (Agenda items 10 and 11)

9.1 The Seniors Singles competition is well into round 2. Gerry is receiving the results, updating the table and posting it on the notice board. **Actions: GP to send updated pdf to all those still competing & TM to post to the seniors website.**

9.2 Significant feedback and thinking re the Pairs Knock Out has taken place with a view to attracting many more entrants next year. One idea fed back to the committee that seniors should be able to choose their partner was unanimously rejected. However, the proposal of allocating dates in the roll up diary for Pairs KO fixtures was agreed for the early rounds (at least rounds 1 and 2). Probably 2 dates per month for these early rounds. Starting the competition earlier in the year is also an important piece of feedback as well as having lists of e mail addresses and phone numbers of those participating to assist communications between competing pairs.
Action GP to take these points when organising 2026 comp.

9.3 DH issued an update a couple of weeks ago regarding results thus far for the Eclectic competition. This has elicited a comment from a senior that the method of results calculation (best gross on each hole minus player handicap) differs from the competition rules (best net on each hole). DH had sought advice from Alan Boswell and received a response that there was no other option in Club V1. There was lengthy discussion regarding this issue and the consensus was that although the method selected on Club V1 is an entirely valid way of running the competition it does differ from the rules issued and may give marginally differing results. Two options were then debated, either issue revised rules or change the method of calculation. From his experience of running the competition in 2024 TM was able to advise that the information from Alan was incorrect and that there are a few alternatives. He then ran a test live on the Club V1 options and one of them appeared to deliver the result. **Action: JP to write to the senior who raised the matter thanking him and advising that it has now been resolved**

9.4 Order of Merit rolling results is being updated monthly and posted on the Seniors website and noticeboard.

10. Competitions Update

JP will be issuing his quarterly newsletter in the next couple of days with a full results summary.

11. Any Other Business

11.1 Captain's Charity Day

A separate discussion was held after the meeting with JP, TM, RM and GP

11.2 **Seniors e-mail circulation lists.** DH has done a very useful analysis of the seniors e-mail distribution list set up on gmail, comparing against a list of Studley Golf Club members and identified those that are receiving the regular Captain's emails who are either deceased or no longer members. It was agreed that some who have retired from golfing activity may still want to know how we are doing, so the **action agreed** is: JP to remove deceased from the circulation list and write to each of the "retired", non-members, asking them to advise if they wish to continue receiving our communications. A positive response is required to remain on our list.

11.3 RI raised the issue of the forthcoming pairs roll up on Thursday 3rd July and pairs comps in general. His view is that a committee member might be willing to drop out, if needs be, to ensure all other seniors were in a pair and able to compete in the competition. A few strong feelings around the table and the consensus that committee members should take their own positions on this. **No Action needed**

The date of the next meeting is Friday 1st August.

Gerry Prickett

15 July 2025