

Studley Wood Seniors Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2026

The meeting opened at 1342 hrs

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

1. Apologies - None

2. Minutes of the previous meeting.

It was noted that the minutes of the SCM held on 4 December 2025 were correct, and acceptable.

2.1 Matters Arising

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

3. Feedback from General and Men's Committee meetings

From the General and Men's Committee:

3.1 Following the lead from the Seniors Section, fairway mats are being made optional for other club non-qualifying competitions. As soon as sufficient "rental" mats can be obtained, the club will make their use compulsory and they can then be used in qualifying competitions. For non-qualifying competitions only, it was agreed that mats could be used on the tees.

3.2 The club has procured suitable matting to make temporary tees. Installation of these will be done as soon as the greenkeepers have time.

3.3 Transfer to the new BRS/Golf Genius system is progressing. For most members the processes will be very similar to the previous system. A significant enhancement will be the possibility to display live scores on the screen in the reception area.

3.4 There has been no further progress on setting up the Trust.

3.5 The driving range improvement project is progressing and preparation of the full planning application is active. Significant expenditure (for Trackman and the netting) will start as soon as the club is comfortable that there are no significant objections to granting planning permission.

3.6 The Men's committee have been considering whether the eligibility criteria for major trophy competitions is appropriate, fair and clear. They have

agreed to publish a document setting out clear criteria for competitions which may include principles on the number of WHS qualifying rounds (General Play and competitions) and in some cases, handicap limits. This is broadly in line with practises at other clubs. Seniors competitions, organised by the Seniors committee, are not included in this. However, the only restriction placed on Seniors is that players need a valid WHS Handicap. The Club Seniors Championship competition (in July) will have a handicap limit of 36, compared to 28 for other competitions.

3.7 The greenkeepers have identified some drainage issues concerning the path on the 18th. These need to be addressed before the path is re-laid. We noted the condition of the sleepers on the ponds in front of the 3rd and 8th greens. This is not an easy problem to solve but solutions are being sought.

3.8 We agreed that, as last year, the AGM would precede the Captains' Drive Out/In on Sunday 3rd May.

4. Treasurer's Report

PS highlighted that December was a busy month with several movements through the Income & Expenditure account.

4.1 The key points are:

- At the Christmas lunch £972.00 was generated by the raffle, games and golf entry fees. The surplus of £897.15, was transferred to the Captain's Charity.
- A surplus of £75.00 from the Bournemouth Tour was also transferred to the Captain's Charity.
- The total raised to date for the Charity is £4,515.35.
- £315 was paid out as cash gratuities to twenty-one members of staff.
- Other expenses paid in the month include the M4 Winter League entry fee of £40 and the website domain name annual renewal of £15.40.

4.2 At 31st December the Lloyds bank cash balance was £5,173.07 and the Seniors Gold Card credit balance was £880.59.

4.3 The annual surplus at 31st December was £38.53

4.4 Despite a request the Seniors Gold Card balance has not made available by the club. PS agreed to talk with KH to get the matter resolved. **Action: PS**

5. Fixture Secretary's Report

5.1 JP to send a list and the dates of the 2026 friendly matches to the Seniors. He will also ask them to indicate which events they would like to play. **Action: JP / GP**

6. Awaydays / Tour Update

6.1 The tour to Monmouth is full and 18 participants have paid.

6.2 The awayday to the West Midlands course has been set for the 9 June. A £5 deposit (for each of the 32 persons) is required. **Action: CP / PS**

7. Roll-up & Results Rota

Individuals responsible for the organisation of the February and March roll-ups were identified and adjustments made as necessary.

8. Proposed roll-up programme for February

8.1 The proposed programme was discussed and agreed.

8.2 Further to feedback it was agreed that from Tuesday 13 January until April the following would be used.

- Silver tees - Winter League and Club Stablefords/medals
- Cobalt tees - Singles/individual roll-up events
- Bronze tees - Team competitions

8.3 The initiative undertaken by the Seniors regarding the use of fairway mats has been well received. Their use, on fairways and areas mown to a similar height (not the rough), will be optional in Senior, non-qualifying events.

Subsequent to the meeting the General Committee agreed that for non-qualifying rounds, fairway mats may be used off the tee.

9. Competitions and Matches

9.1 JP agreed to review the rules governing the formulation and presentation of the OOM. **Action: JP**

9.2 Results: December 2025 - Roll-ups

Due to poor weather and course conditions, there were only three individual competitions and three team competitions in December, none of which were qualifiers.

4 December – Seniors Winter League - won by
Frank Olah (32pts) Div 1
Paul Peros (35pts) Div 2

11 December – Seniors Stableford – won by
David Hughes (36pts) Div 1

Ted Peycke (33pts) Div 2

16 December – Club M-W Stableford (only 4 players) – won by
Neil Firth (33pts)

Three team competitions were held.

2 December - Pairs: Aggregate - won by
Gerry Collins and Clive Read (67pts)

23 December – Texas Scramble – won by
Dave Drew, Martin Wilkinson, David Jones and Graham Brogden (net
60.3pts)

30 December - Alliance - won by
Craig Whitworth, Richard Hayward and John E Walker (88pts)

10. New Club Systems and Processes

It had been planned that Alan Boswell would attend in order to advise the committee and explain the processes associated about the BRS/Golf Genius systems and app. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend. **Action: JP**

11 M4 Winter League

TM informed the committee that he had not been able to gather the necessary feedback regarding whether we should persevere with the M4 WL. This item was rolled over to February. **Action: TM**

12. AGM – April 2026

The date for the AGM was set for Tuesday 21 April 2026.

Three members of the committee will be stepping down at the AGM. Three new members will need to be recruited.

13. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 1503 hrs.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 February 2026.

Chris Fill
14 January 2026