

Ramsdale Seniors

Minutes of meeting held Monday 8th September 2025 15:30hrs

Present at Meeting: **Christine West** (Treasurer), **Richard Hone** (Competition Secretary), **David Dandie** (Monday Club), **David Costin** (Web-Site), **Mark Fisher**.

1. Meeting Opened

a. 15.30

2. Apologies

a. Malcolm Voce (Secretary), Theresa Plimmer.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

a. Passed a true record.

4. Matters arising

a. None

5. Correspondence

a. No correspondence.

6. Finance report

a. Passed a true record.

b. There was some discussion regarding the current monies in the Charity Fund. David Insley proposed that the amount paid for this year is now capped at £5,000 with the small extra amount carried forward to next year's charity fund along with any further charity monies raised over the last few months of his Captaincy. David will be attending the Main Club Present Evening in November where he will have the opportunity to personally hand over the money to the representatives of the charities. Christine will ask the bank if they can provide a large cheque for the presentation, as is common practice for these sorts of occasions.

7. Captains Report.

a. Since the last meeting, we have completed all but one of our twenty 2025 season of friendly matches, the remaining to take place next week at home against Ormonde Fields. Personally, I believe all has gone well regarding take up and attendance. We have been able to field full teams with little effort.

- b.** Based on my experience of being Match Captain both home and away, in hindsight, I would suggest only fielding 12-man teams for home matches as a committee discussion point, as the lag time from the first group to the last group has proven to be too long in my opinion. As many of our opponents have a split tee facility we would request a 16 man in those instances.
- c.** The second "Brunch Match" against Bulwell Forest was much improved on the first trial brunch match. The biggest and most obvious improvement was holding the breakfast upstairs, it was more orderly and felt more professional.
- d.** The seniors' Captain Away Day was a tremendous success from my view point, and I cannot thank the committee enough for the support I received leading up to and on the day itself. The positive feedback I have received from so many members has been way beyond my expectations. A significant part of that positive feedback has been related to the fabulous amount of money raised for the two club charities, circa £3,000.
- e.** Whilst the impact may not have been noticed on the day, and that is the intent, TOSS also played a significant part in that success , giving the required results within 15mins of the final group handing in their cards. It should be noted that Thonock Park offered a similar commercial service with the result within 20-30mins at a reduced cost of £200, down from their usual £300, so that money ultimately ended up in the charity total.
- f.** Again, since our last meeting, it was agreed to allow me to utilise a Monday Club competition (11th August) to hold a Captains' Charity competition and raffle. This event attracted 99 entry fees at £10 per head, combined with the charity raffle takings resulting in an additional circa £2,000.
- g.** As a result of the two events, the Seniors section should be in a position to contribute £5,000 (subject to Treasurers confirmation) to the Main Club Captains charity total at the end of October (date advised by Hans Bauder). This does not include the annual HIO Insurance contribution for the main club charity day.
- h.** At the last meeting, I mentioned I had set myself a personal target of raising £2,000 for charities. Obviously, this has been

achieved and surpassed thanks to so many people both inside and outside the seniors section. I hope both that support and the results can be repeated next year and in years to come.

- i. As mentioned, we have raised £5,000 to date and still have opportunities to raise further, most likely later in the year. However, I suggest any further monies raised are reserved for the 2026 Captain's charity pot.
- j. Despite initial difficulties, the planned Mixed Captain's Clash took place on the 22nd July. Based on matches won/lost, it was a draw. However this was considered as a potential outcome so a tie-break system was developed, resulting in a win for the Past Captains for the inaugural event. The feedback I have received would support repeating in 2026 should the new Captain agree.
- k. Still to come this year for proposed captains events-
- l. **Captains Clash** is planned for Thursday 16th October with an eligible field in excess of 40 players. Based on last year's success, I suggest we initially plan for 40 players. Food will be Members small breakfast with tear coffee. Also, as per last year, we run 2's and NTP's with a subsidised player £5 entry fee.
- m. **Iron Ladies** - Proposed fun event to take place Thursday 23rd October, open to all as per Monday Club. Irons only from Ladies tees. Tea or coffee with toast or tea cake. In terms of fun prizes, 2's, and 3 NTP's (One Par 3, Par 4 and Par 5). Entry fee £5
- n. **Captains Finale** - Proposed event to say thank you and bow out as Captain to a group of members who may not attend AGM. The initial date considered is Thursday 5th Feb as a 'mini away day at home' with food pre- and post-round with a target entry fee of £10

8. Competition Secretary Report

- a. **Seniors Presentation Day** (Monday, 13th October 2025)
 - i. 9 Hole Stableford competition followed by meal & presentation upstairs (12:30pm).
 - ii. Trophies - David Dandie sorting engraving
 - iii. Keepsake Trophies - David Hawkins to sort
 - iv. Prize Monies to be paid to Levy Card (issue pseudo voucher)

- v. Need to ascertain numbers attending in advance - as best we can.
- vi. Budget - Cost of providing 50 meals is £475 (50 X £9.50 Pie, Peas & Chips)

b. John O'Neill's Greensomes Memorial (Thursday, 18th September 2025)

- i. One off Memorial for this year (Seniors men only - as per John's format)
- ii. To consider making it an annual Monday Club competition format (in memory)
- iii. Update on numbers entered (32)
- iv. Committee agreement for subsidy.
 - 1. To pay for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Pairs
 - 2. Add NTP on all four Par 3s @ £5 each (£20)

c. Honours Boards Update

- i. All winners now known except for:-
 - 1. Aggregate Stableford
 - 2. Eclectic
 - 3. Golfer of the Year.
- ii. Committee reviewed the Honours Board Prize Money
 - 1. All 1st places £50, 2nd places £40, 3rd place £30
 - 2. Putting Competition - Winner & Runner Up in both the Aggregate and Eclectic to be awarded a prize. Putting Champion to be decided overall performance in both categories, and they will receive the Putting Championship Trophy.
- iii. Future Display of Honours Boards
 - 1. The current physical display has a limited life (4 years?)
 - 2. New TVs in corridor being considered to display information

d. Winter Handicap Review Procedure

- i. Following on from the discussion at the last meeting it is proposed that we post details on the Seniors website to explain that during the winter months any member that is seen to be playing exceptionally well (usually evident from their prize winnings) may be referred to the Club Handicap Committee for review.
- ii. In order to avoid the communication issues that were experienced with the last review process, in the early stages the Seniors Competition Secretary will liaise

directly with any member that looks like they may be heading towards the point of being referred for review.

- iii. It should be noted that this referral procedure is only in place to deal with very exceptional cases. When a member has a relatively short spell of winning this would not in itself trigger the referral process. It would need to be for a more significant period. It should also be noted that since there are several complex factors involved in reviewing a member's handicap action will only be taken by the Handicap Committee if they are in full agreement that all the evidence supports that decision.

9. Monday Club report

- a. Support for the Monday Club continues to be very positive.

10. Welfare report

- a. Welfare report was read to the meeting.

11. Any Other business

David Hawkins confirmed details for the past captains event to be held on Friday 19th September 2025.

12. Meeting closed at 17:30.

Date of next meeting

Monday 10th November 2025 13:00