

Ramsdale Seniors

Minutes Annual General Meeting held Monday 9th February 2026

Present at Meeting

Christine West (Treasurer) Dave Insley (Captain) Richard Hone (Competition Secretary) Malcolm Voce (Secretary) David Costin, David Dandie (Monday Club) Mark Fisher (Vice Captain) Stuart Murry (Welfare) Danny Harkin (Club President) Mark Northern (Club Chairman) Theresa Plimmer (Centre Manager) Jonny Evans (Head Greenkeeper) - 43 members present

Meeting Opened. 12:45

1. Apologies

David Hawkins (past captain), Steve Blake, Steve Hicking, Patrick McDonough (past captain), Marco Kefer, Chris Starr.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Passed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

No matters arising.

4. Centre Manager's Report

Theresa reflected on the club's transformation since 2019, noting that Ramsdale Park is now regarded as one of the leading clubs within the group. This progress was attributed to a culture of hard work, clear direction, and sustained investment.

A primary focus for 2025 was the enhancement and protection of the golf course. Total investment in the course and machinery for the year neared £200,000, in addition to £450,000 spent on operational costs such as wages and materials.

Infrastructure Projects (£58,000): Key completions included a new irrigation tank liner, pump house roof, path improvements on the 16th and 17th holes, and a professionally designed bunker improvement plan.

Machinery & Equipment (£138,000): Major purchases included a Ventrac rotary mower (£55,000), a sprayer utility vehicle (£38,000), and a deep rough scarifier collector (£30,000).

2025 presented significant weather volatility, with total rainfall of 721mm. Rainfall peaked in November (166mm) while April was the driest month (14mm).

The dry spring and summer periods delayed recovery from previous winter damage, while irrigation system issues added further operational pressure during peak times.

The upcoming year (2026) will see the commencement of a **five-year bunker project**. Other priorities include: Drainage and path work on the Seely 11th, tee leveling, and woodland management.

Capital Infrastructure: Upgrades to the irrigation system, new tee signage, and a security fence for the driving range.

Clubhouse: Management noted that the ageing building requires future investment in heating and water pipework infrastructure.

Rising Costs: Industry-wide inflation, particularly a **45.8% increase in minimum wage** since 2020 and rising NI costs, continues to impact the business.

Membership Fees: While not yet finalized, a fee increase of approximately **5%** is anticipated to maintain standards. This would equate to roughly

£65/year for 7-day members and £50/year for 5-day members. **Driving Range:** A new Trackman-integrated booking system is now live. Members receive a 10% discount online and a new "warm-up" bucket option for £2.50.

Charity: Members raised a total of **£32,000** for our charities over the past year.

Member Satisfaction: For the fifth consecutive year, Ramsdale Park was voted the best member club in the group based on survey feedback.

5. Treasurer's Report

Chris West presented the annual finance report.

Board competition entry fees will now be £4.

6. Outgoing Captain's Report

When thinking about this moment, I thought about what are the most important things that I wanted to say, but also to keep it short and concise and allow this meeting to move onto focusing on the coming year.

First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to the committee. Your time, expertise, and unwavering support have been invaluable. I truly believe that without your backing and encouragement, I would not have enjoyed my captaincy as much as I have.

Secondly, to extend my appreciation to Theresa and her team for consistently providing an excellent course for our club and our visitors, and also the significant support you have given to me has been beyond my expectations.

Thirdly, I want to thank my Vice Captain, Neil, for his seamless match fee collection service and in particular his support of our charity initiatives, which I hope he will continue into his captaincy.

Lastly, I want to emphasise the crucial role of the Seniors membership itself in the success of our section. Without the active participation and willingness of members to attend week in and week out, embracing new ideas and challenges, our section would be less than it is today. And just to reflect on that, I would like to thank and applaud the Seniors section membership for the tremendous support given this year in support of the clubs charities, I

think I can confidently say that our total contribution to date is approaching over £6,000, something we should all be proud of.

And so on to the coming season, I am pleased to now introduce and confirm your new Seniors Captain for the 2026-2027 season.

Over the past few months, this individual has diligently prepared himself mentally and strategically for his new role. He has meticulously organised his personal affairs, loaded his levy card, cleared his diary of unnecessary holidays, and attended his training course with Richard. It is now time for him to assume the mantle of Seniors Captain.

Therefore, I now invite Neil to join me and put on his Seniors Captain's jacket.

7. Incoming Captain's Report for 2025

Firstly, I'd like to give some thanks to you all for attending today, it certainly means a lot to have you here. Thanks to the Committee for trusting me with this jacket, even if I did nearly get the colour wrong, and all their help and support in preparing me for today. A massive thanks to Dave Insley for his help, guidance and encouragement throughout his year as Captain. And of course, I can't mention David without making mention of his massive achievements throughout his year as Captain, from his superb away day and excellent match organisation, to his quirky but fun competitions, it seems he was constantly thinking of new ways to add a twist to our golf.

Not only that but he managed to raise an outstanding amount of money for the Club's chosen charities. Very well-done David. So, if anyone else wants to tell me I've got big boots to fill, I know.

But I'm not phased or over awed by this, as I've already said, the encouragement and guidance I've received leaves me feeling excited and very much looking forward to the coming year.

When I was first asked to take on the role of Seniors Captain my immediate reaction was yes, but then I thought hang on I'd better ask the wife and fortunately she gave me her full support, which I think is quite important and I'm sure Dave will agree.

Somebody asked me last week why did you want to do it and the answer was that I had little hesitation in accepting since I never saw myself as Section Captain and therefore it was an absolute honour to be asked, and I can assure you all that I will do the best possible job I can. So, all that said, what am I focussing on for next year?

Events - Firstly, I'd like to continue where Dave left off with his Finale and include some fun competition, starting with the Spring into the Season event on the 12 March, and then hopefully continuing.

Matches - Obviously, we have the inter club matches, of which there will be 24 this year, including two new opponents this year in Bondhay and Newark. And on the subject of matches, a big thanks to all that have already registered to play but if you haven't then please have a look at the Seniors Website and register for those you might fancy. Of course, I can't guarantee

that everybody will get everything they registered for, but I will do my best to ensure an even spread.

Away Day - My away day will be at Sitwell Park Golf Course on the 8th of June. Conveniently situated on the outskirts of Rotherham (about a 40-minute drive) this is a lovely Mackenzie designed course that I believe is a real golfers treat. Certainly not what you'd expect a stones throw from the M1, Steelworks and Meadowhall. Details for this will be on the Seniors website very soon.

Seniors Charity Open - I believe that this will be a first for the section and I'd like to thank the Committee for their immense support in getting this off the ground. I really believe that this will be a great opportunity to showcase Ramsdale, as well as raising significant funds for the club's chosen charity. Members can book via the Seniors Website and Visitors can access through Golf Empire.

Charity - My intention will focus on raising as much as possible for the club's 2026 chosen charity (Emmanuel House) and whilst I might not reach the level of David, it's certainly a good target to aim at. I do have a few more ideas floating around but these will need rubber stamping before I can proceed.

Integration - To that end I can assure both the Main Club and Ladies Section Captains that they will have my full support in their endeavours.

Vice Captain - This is not his first time being introduced as Vice Captain, as he sat in the same position 12 months ago as VC for 2025. Unfortunately, injury forced him to take some time out and took the difficult decision to postpone his Vice Captaincy to this year. But I think all's good now and I look forward to working with him this year. Ladies and Gentlemen - Mark Fisher.

8. Committee members for 2026

All current Committee members have agreed to continue on the committee for 2026.

9. Proposals for 2026

The Secretary informed the meeting that no proposals were received.

10. Any Other business

Danny Harkin (Club President) thanked the seniors for the tremendous effort they had made towards the Emmanuel House Charity, Danny wished to inform all members that their contributions had made a huge difference to the help given to the homeless people in Nottingham, as an example, Danny said, the contributions from Ramsdale Park GC members, had taken 60 homeless people off the streets, a huge thanks to all.

11. Meeting closed. 13:34 hrs

Date of next AGM Monday 15th February 2027

Malcolm Voce
Seniors Secretary