

Ramsdale Seniors

Minutes of meeting held Monday 10th March 2025 13:00hrs

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

1. Meeting Opened

a. 13.01

2. Apologies

a. David Hawkins, Terry Crofts

3. Minutes of the last meeting

a. Passed a true record.

4. Matters arising

a. No matters arising.

5. Correspondence

a. None.

6. Finance report

a. Passed a true record.

7. Captains Report.

- a. Firstly thank you to you all for your support and assistance both at the AGM and through my first month as Captain which seems to have flown by even though not a lot has really happened other than preparing for the upcoming match season.
- b. In respect to matches I am still familiarising myself with the processes involved with the support of David and Richard. Currently I would say the match sign up is down on last year at 40 however I believe we have more than enough to cover our usual commitment of at least 12 players up to 16 players. I have provisionally picked players for the first 4 matches with a view to have given every player at least one match by then. Thereafter I intend to review and identify a core team based on performance and availability, with the remaining match places also available for rotation. My overall aim is for the team to be both competitive but also inclusive to all who have signed up. Having already provisionally picked the first four match places I already understand this is going to be an ongoing difficult and frustrating aspect of the captain's role.

- c. The support for Winter Warmers has had a good start, the first event attracted 32 players on what turned out to be an unexpectedly dry day, with a very good opening meal which I think will be difficult to exceed for the remaining two events. The second event taking place on Thursday initially had 42 entries requiring an extra tee booking, unfortunately this has since reduced to 38 due a number of unfortunate withdrawals, however still an increase.
- d. My away day has now been promoted and opened up for registration on the website, in addition to advertising on both the WhatsApp group and the notice board. You may have noticed the current club Captain has recently offered the same away day venue/event for the end of May, uncomfortably close to our event, hopefully it will not adversely affect our numbers. Currently we have 50 confirmed entrants (verbal and registered) of the 80 available spaces.
- e. Finally a note regarding the late John O'Neil's funeral, it was well attended by both main club and seniors section representatives, showing respect to a long standing member and significant contributor to the club.

8. Competition Secretary Report

- a. We are just coming up to our Summer Season and we have a very busy schedule ahead with our Summer Series.
- b. The committee discussed a long standing issue regarding the relevance of splitting our Championship into Seniors & Veterans. This tradition has its roots far back in the early days and the applicable age for Veterans has been reviewed and changed on many occasions previously. The committee fully agreed that the Veterans category no longer holds the meaning that it may have done when it was originally set up. It was therefore agreed to merge the Seniors and Veterans category into one overall Seniors category, commencing from this year.
- c. With the sad passing of John O'Neill recently a proposal was put forward to make this year's scheduled annual John O'Neill's Greensome a once off Memorial event. This was agreed and a budget of up to £200 was agreed to support the event. There will be further discussion regarding whether or not the Greensomes will be repeated each year in one form or another.
- d. The new competition fee of £5 will be introduced from April this year, as announced at the Seniors AGM.
- e. Special team games that have been tried recently were well received by members. These formats are not available on the club system, so to help with ther admin a **Team Online Scorecard System (TOSS)** is under development and early trials have been positive. Thank you to all members that have

greatly helped by using their mobile phones using this system in recent competitions.

9. Monday Club report

- a. Support for the Monday Club is very good and for the summer season another slot has been added making a total of 20 tee times (80 players) this will be the maximum.

10. Welfare report

- a. Welfare report read to meeting.

11. Any Other business

It was decided that we would change the arrangements for our monthly meetings, instead of the meetings being held **EVERY** month they would be held on the following dates:

Monday March 10th.3*

Monday June 9th, 15:30.

Monday September 8th, 15:30.

Monday November 10th 13:00.

Monday January 12th 2026, 13:00.

Any matters that would require immediate attention a meeting would be called at the earliest date possible.

12. Meeting closed 14:40

Date of next meeting

Monday 9th June 2025 15:30