



Gaudet Luce Golf Club

Exec Committee

MINUTES of a meeting held Monday 10th March 2025

Name	Office	Initials	In Attendance
Club President	David Worsfold	DW	Y
Club Chair	Bill Clifford	BC	Y
Finance	John Miles	JM	Y
Communications	Joan Woodhams	JW	Y
Handicaps	Sam Waters	SW	Y
Competitions	Nigel Nash	NN	Y
Club Captain	Trevor Bassett	TB	Y
Management	Alec Fernihough	AF	Y
Course & Estates Manager	Andy Laing	AL	Y

Meeting commenced 7.00pm

APOLOGIES: None

MINUTES of the meeting held 14th October 2024 were agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING: Secure email addresses – defer item to later in meeting
Members Handbook: completed
E Banking: JM/JW to organise
Conversion Charts: copies in Pro Shop
Exec Minutes & Financials: Agreed to email to members after Minutes agreed.
Action JW/JM
Meeting held re Junior Section between JH/AF/RA good result. New newsletter to go out to parents/juniors
Buggy policy: updated & complete

FINANCE:

Little to report at present time, all monies paid out and Roy Everett has taken on the Gents Treasurer role.

Need to agree the Exec accounts and proposed budget requires agreement.

JM/JW met with Richard from Cybersharptit and agreed to purchase a new domain name to ensure we have secure emails for the future – gaudet-committee.co.uk. We understood from our meeting that it is preferable to use names rather than job titles. Explanation: if the user leaves either their position or club then the IT company can immediately turn this address off.

The one off set up cost is £800 and then ongoing charge of £5 per address, per month, these monies to come from capitation.

We discussed several options of who should have addresses and JW/JM to identify users from the representatives of committees and open organisers. Need to ensure these addresses are not wasted and the IT company will monitor monthly and remove those not being used.

COMPETITIONS:

This is generally the quiet period for competitions.

So far this year, the competition entry level looks to have improved dramatically. The Gent's Stableford on 23rd March was full within 2 days of opening (66 entries).

In the early season, we start weekend competitions with the 8:04 tee time and finish with 10:52. Later this becomes a 7:32 start, finishing at 10:36. I have provisionally changed the 7:32 starts to now finish at 10:52. If attendance drops off, this will be reviewed.

Following on from Darron Henn's resignation as Captain for the Scratch League, John Skelton has now decided to stand down as Captain of the 17-24 League team. I've asked several members if they would be willing to take over but so far, no takers. I've been Vice Captain for several years so therefore asked the League to amend the Gaudet Luce contact information to myself and I'll be stepping-in until a willing volunteer comes forward.

I have had contact with several new members who may be interested in joining the league teams. Unfortunately, some of these do not have the required number of qualifying rounds on their records. I have advised them of this and will include them when they are eligible.

The Seniors have had to revise a few team matches due to the demise of Little Lakes and Upper Sapey. The Home/Away fixture against Upper Sapey has been replaced with a fixture against Bransford Golf Club and the Greensomes competition which is usually played at Little Lakes will now be played here on the day planned.

All the home league fixtures, matches and competitions are now arranged and entered onto the Pro shop system.

The President's cup is arranged for May Day Bank Holiday Monday following the positive response from last year.

I have sent out an email to all sections asking them to canvass support and advise if they have any concerns about fielding a team of 12 players. I have also booked an additional tee so that they can bring a reserve player if available. The reserves can then play a round but their score will not count towards the result.

Following on from the Annual Meetings, I have spoken to JM and agreed that the All Sections competitions which are held in the off-season, would change from the full payout to a percentage payout, as the section competitions currently do. The income from these changes will be passed to the Junior section funds to support entry to National competitions.

HANDICAPS: No report.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A member of the Seniors Section has again agreed to take on the role for the Seniors if he has email addresses. Explained by several members of the committee that he cannot have lists of email addresses as this is GDPR issue. The Club V1 system is purely for handicaps and competitions communications, not general messages. Club V1 also only communicates specific section members, not the whole membership. A method has already been agreed with Management that items can be sent out to the whole Senior Section via Angelyque, and not just those with handicaps. With the Seniors' member still wanting to have direct contact with the members of his section, we are at an impasse, as a communications method has been arranged but he doesn't wish to take advantage of it. Exec committee believe that nothing from

communications representatives is very urgent to communicate (ie newsletters etc) and the system set up with Angelyque applies to all sections inclusive of the senior section.

The Gent's Section notice board in the Gents locker room will be moved to gain better accessibility. Action AF/AL

ITEMS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

Additional Club V1 functionality: queried at the Senior Section GM whether this could be purchased. NN explained at the time of the GM that this will require a full upgrade of the package and therefore not a possibility as very expensive and not required. SW confirmed that the expense would be significant.

Memorial, plaques and responsibility: with the memorial now degrading how can we proceed with replacement. Who takes responsibility for purchasing plaques? The Ladies Section maintain purchase of new plaques however the Gents/Seniors sections appear to only have affixed two plaques since 2020 (purchased by family members) with more than 8/10 missing.

As a committee we need to agree the future of this memorial and how to proceed and all members requested to bring their thoughts to next meeting. Action ALL

Do we remove altogether?

Replace the present memorial? Inside locker rooms or outside?

Who pays for plaques?

Do all deceased members get a plaque or what criteria applies?

What to do with 'family purchased' plaques?

Tee Markers/Yellow Tee Markers: SW requested enable the yellow course for the season. Action AL

Winter Course 2025: Would require rating if set up as a 'winter course' for qualifying competitions/acceptable score rounds with a shorter course. Possibly using mats particularly on the par 3's. Action: Sam to make contact with John Whitehead.

SW also requested possibility of moving bell on the 13th as too close. Action AL

What is a Member: this discussion follows from two 8 month members entering an All Section Stableford in February. Should an 8 month member be allowed to enter and pay a green fee – are they an 'active' member.

After discussion given that 8 month members pay full capitation fee and Union fees it was agreed that after paying a green fee they may enter and also represent the Club should they play either at home or away, again playing the green fee applicable. Also applies to 5 day membership.

Rules Ambassador: course to be held at Gaudet on 7th May and volunteer sought for this role. At present NN offered to attend if no-one else volunteered and following meeting SW agreed to look at role and maybe have two ambassadors. JM has agreed a fee cost of £50 per entrant. *Later both SW and NN agree to attend course.*

MANAGEMENT:

AF reported many new members over the last 2/3 weeks and gold membership almost full. Weekday still available. Luke swamped with paperwork.

AL early spring renovations completed

Andy then stunned the committee by announcing after many years at Gaudet he is moving on to pastures new – an end of an era. AF for the Company along with the committee thanked AL for all his hard work and friendship – he will be sorely missed.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT:

Holding a Par 3 comp during the whole of April on the Hadzor course. Six categories: ladies, gents, male/female, junior and newbies

Captain's awayday at Fulford Heath on Monday 9th June

Captain's Open Quiz Night on Saturday 3rd May

30th anniversary party night. Disco and buffet (old school style – scampi/chicken in a basket) £15 per head. Saturday 28th June from 7.00pm

Club Captain's Charity Day 3rd August.

ANY OTHERS BUSINESS:

JM – need to discuss the Club Captain's support. TB had previously made contact with the sections (gents, ladies, seniors) requesting £100 donation support per section towards the Club Captain's awayday prizes – JM felt these monies should come from capitation not from sections.

Query: what support does TB need throughout the year. Monies are available in the budget: what kind of support will he be looking for throughout the year? If outside entertainment etc as in the past this will require booking and reserving with upfront charge. **Action TB**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 14th April at 7.00pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

ACTIONS:

Minutes and financials to be emailed to membership via Angelyque – JW/JM

Relocate boards gents locker room – AF/AL

Memorial: ideas by next meeting – ALL

Enable yellow course – SW

Move bell on 15th fairway – AL

Club Captain's support monies: TB