



# Gaudet Luce Golf Club

## Exec Committee

### MINUTES of a meeting held Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Name	Office	Initials	In Attendance
Club President	David Worsfold	DW	N
Club Chair	Bill Clifford	BC	Y
Finance	John Miles	JM	N
Communications	Joan Woodhams	JW	Y
Handicaps	Sam Waters	SW	N
Competitions	Nigel Nash	NN	N
Club Captain	Trevor Bassett	RM	Y
Management	Alec Fernihough	AF	Y

The meeting opened at 7.00pm

**APOLOGIES:** John Miles (JM) and Sam Waters (SW)

**MINUTES** of the meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 were agreed and signed

#### **MATTERS ARISING:**

Minutes and financial statements to be emailed to membership via Angelyque: **completed JW**

Relocate boards Gents locker room: in hand

Memorial replacement ideas: next meeting

Enable yellow course: **completed**

Move bell 13<sup>th</sup> fairway: in hand

Club Captain's support monies: TB reported some allocated to Par 3 April comp

#### **FINANCE:**

JM has circulated up to date financial. No queries

#### **COMPETITIONS:**

Whilst the vast majority of the membership appear to understand and abide by both the rules and the general course etiquette, there are always a few notable exceptions.

Due to a couple of issues recently, I have sent out an email to all members highlighting the access to the latest Member's Handbook and Competition terms of reference.

I have also made it clear that ignorance will not be a defence against penalties if competitors infringe any of the rules.

I've had a recent complaint relayed by Management concerning slow play. This is an on-going concern to all. On this occasion, it referred to the Senior's charity scramble.

Scrambles can be conducted quite quickly when played in the correct way. However, several groups of seniors appeared to struggle with the format, holding protracted meetings in middle of the fairway before deciding whose ball to play. Then waiting for everyone to collect their balls and return to the spot before proceeding.

As I was playing in the competition, I saw this happen on a few occasions. Our group was in the middle of the competition and we took around 4:20 hours to play. It was reported that the later groups were approaching 5 hours.

I referred the matter to both Mike Clark (Seniors Match Captain) and John Doidge (Seniors Comps sec). Mike has since issued an email to the seniors and published a notice to enforce the speed of play.

In turn, before confirming next year's calendar, I will look at the competition formats and see if we can choose better.

The President's cup was arranged for May Day Bank Holiday Monday (5<sup>th</sup> May) following the positive response from last year.

Having sent out various prompts and reminders I had, in general, a very poor level of response.

- Seniors responded to say that they were able to fully support the event.
- Ladies responded that they had posted a notice in their changing room but had only 6 respondents (one of which would have had to later withdraw due to health issues).
- Juniors offered to support but couldn't guarantee the full 12 players requested and some would be "Rookies" with little or no competition experience.
- Gents did not respond.

Therefore, on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April, with only just over 2 weeks prior to the event, I emailed all sections confirming that I have cancelled the 2025 President's Cup.

In the next month or so, I will pull together a small group of representatives (from each section) to discuss how we can move forward with an event for 2026 or if there is actually any appetite to continue.

Having welcomed Adam to his expanded role, I have offered support with both organisation and some physical help from some willing volunteers in the membership.

#### **HANDICAPS:**

No report. AF requested on behalf of all the Exec Committee that SW should be congratulated and thanked for the tremendous job she has done following the influx of new members over the last couple of months.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

All the members of the various committees have been given a password to enable them to open the new Outlook account. All the previous lists on the notice boards have been removed and new lists of all the committee members with their name, job description and email address have been posted using the address - @gaudet-committee.co.uk which should be used for any Gaudet Luce communications.

Information received from the County Secretaries of Worcestershire County Golf Ltd (WCGL) and Worcestershire and Herefordshire Ladies County Golf Ltd (WHLCGL) regarding the proposed Unification of the two boards with an initial period of planning for 1 year followed by a vote by the County Representatives and, depending on the outcome of that vote, will result in a final vote in around 12 months by the County Representatives. All information to be sent to all members via a Club Newsletter.

**Circulated via whole membership JW**

#### **MANAGEMENT:**

Preferred lies possible from the end of May. Greens staff informed.

#### **CLUB CAPTAIN:**

No report. Par 3 pairs competition continues during April and a Quiz Night booked 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025. 7.00pm in the Clubhouse

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

**ACTIONS:**

Boards in Gents locker room

Bell on 13<sup>th</sup> fairway

Memorial replacement