



Gaudet Luce Golf Club

Exec Committee

MINUTES of a meeting held 7th July 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	N
Competitions	Nigel Nash	NN	Y
Club Captain	Trevor Bassett	TB	Y
Management	Alec Fernihough	AF	Y

Meeting commenced 6.50pm

APOLOGIES: Sam Waters (SW)

MINUTES of the meeting held Monday 17th April 2025 were agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

Boards in Gents locker room: AF confirmed ordered a new board for the Gents

Bell on 13th fairway: work will be completed when possible due to ground conditions. The bell on the 5th fairway does not ring, could it be it repaired.

Memorial: will be removed asap. For the Ladies Section JW reported that the section would prefer to keep some sort of board and replace the badly weathered plaques. Discuss further once memorial removed. **Action: remove memorial to safe place**

FINANCE:

All members received updated accounts. All in a healthy state. The England Blind Golfers Association have given a £1,000 donation to the Junior Section.

COMPETITIONS:

I chaired a brief meeting of the Competitions Sub-Committee on Thursday 26th June. The main purpose of this meeting was to review the competition diary for 2026. Minutes of the meeting have been circulated.

Captain's Charity Day

Following a good response from the membership and a request from the Captain, I have added a further 16 tees to the competition. This was after consulting with Course Management. Unfortunately, it wasn't possible to add tees to the booking on Club V1 because there were entries active. To do this would have been a quite involved process. Therefore, I created a separate competition instance for the additional tees. This to date has only 2 tees remaining taking the number of participants up to 98.

Captain's Away Day – Fulford Heath

Although I was not present at the Captain's Away Day, I have had a few reports of an issue with one of our members. Whilst I know that the captain dealt with the issue on the day, I feel that this cannot recur. To this end, I intend to amend the competition terms of reference to include a section on behaviour at away functions and matches. I feel that this issue needs addressing as our members are our ambassadors when representing this club outside. This additional clause will clearly state that anyone not maintaining adequate standards of behaviour at home or away will be subject to the conduct and disciplinary process.

If there are any other amendments to the TOR and/or the Member's Handbook, could they be forwarded to myself or JW for inclusion in the 2026 edition.

Gents Club Championship

I have already apologised for not acting appropriately and terminating my first round of the Club Championship after 90 minutes having only played 5 holes due to slow play from the groups ahead.

This however, did give me the opportunity to review the timings of this competition and previous competitions. The analysis, whilst not conclusive, did reveal some interesting trends. Where possible, I intend to repeat the analysis for upcoming competitions to see if certain formats (or individuals) show the need for further investigation.

I hope to report further at the next meeting.

England Golf Rules Ambassadors

As nominated by the Exec, both Sam and I attended the all-day seminar at Gaudet Luce on 7th May. By attending and completing the R&A part 1 examination (both with a greater than 90% pass level) we are now Rules Ambassadors for Gaudet Luce G.C.

AF: With more Gents under 55 years old becoming 5 day members should the Gents section consider running a few mid-week competitions?

I'll be discussing with Gents Comps Sec and look at putting these in place for 2026 season.

Junior Competitions – timing. Are these preferred to be played in late AM – i.e. say 11:00, or is it preferred to retain the afternoon starts? AF: His response was that it was preferable to retain them as afternoon starts.

With more players and clubs favouring wooden tees the teeing areas are becoming littered with broken discarded tees. JM asked previously for recommendations of any items which we could spend the accumulated funds on. I would like to suggest that we purchase cups for the teeing areas to hold broken tees. I have found several online at a cost of around £15 each. I'm sure with a bulk purchase, this cost would reduce.

HANDICAPS:

My apologies, I cannot make tonight's meeting, I shall still be coming round from the anaesthetic, so about as useful as a chocolate teapot!

Handicaps are running along nicely, as always. We are having a few problems with juniors thinking it is ok to go out alone and fill out their cards with forged markers' names!

Howdidido is currently adding new features, which are causing problems elsewhere on the system for some members.

Alec asked me to meet with Adam last week regarding the new winter course. He took me round to show me where the new markers would be placed, and there were a few that he had changed slightly for me after taking into account the playability for ladies and juniors. The course will be around 300 yards shorter than the current red tees, but I believe they will work well for both social and competitive golf during the winter season. Adam is currently arranging delivery of the materials, and once they arrive, they will start building the tee boxes. Once they are in place, I will speak to John Whitehead again, who is part of the England Golf ratings team, and he will pop along and remeasure and issue a certificate. Once we have this, I can apply for the course ratings, and the winter course will be ready later this year. This will mean during the wet winter months, all markers will be turned off on the England Golf platform and the white/yellow and red tees removed from the course, leaving the new (blue) tees only for play. These will also be beneficial to the young academy members to play from and gain their handicaps, moving back a tee set as they improve. Once I have more info on this, I will let you know.

COMMUNICATIONS:

JW requested amending the wording of clause 9 of Constitution to reflect changes to Club Captain Elect (previously Club Vice Captain) post. **Action JW/AF**

MANAGEMENT: Nothing to report

CLUB CAPTAIN:

TB reported played a match -v- Somerset captains who all reported the excellent state of the course with possibly the exception of the mess from broken and discarded tees on the teeing areas.

AF: possibility of acquiring some tee caddies, although in his view they would not get used and would also become another job for the greenkeepers – but did not dismiss the idea.

Captain's Charity Day – all holes now sponsored and plans well ahead. JM requested a reminder to players to pay for their food, many outstanding. **Action TB**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

JW requested from Cybersharpit change of personnel from Robin Jones to Richard Moran. *Completed following day.*

We need to monitor the usage of the new email addresses to see whether being used or possibly some addresses not required.

AF: Swing Into Golf has been set up with great success, with 65 signed up for 'paid for' sessions following their free taster sessions. 16 players have now moved on to memberships.

AF: with all the roles on the Exec committee coming up for re-election at the Club AGM in 2027 members of the Exec need to think about succession going forward.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 22nd September 2025 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed 8.36pm

ACTIONS

Removal of memorial to safe place

Amend wording clause 9 of Constitution

Reminder for payment of food orders