



GENT'S SECTION ANNUAL MEETING Sunday 11th January 2026 – 2:30pm

PRESENT:

Nigel Nash (NN):	Competition Chair
Darren Williams (DW):	Section Competition Representative
Andy Waters (AW):	Section Handicap Representative
Andy Kyte (AK):	Section Communications Representative
Ian Boswell (IB)	Gents Section Member
Richard Humpheries	Gents Section Member
Mick Wilde	Gents Section Member
John Grant	Gents Section Member

NN opened the Gents Section Annual meeting at 2:30pm and thanked everyone for coming. NN explained that he would chair the meeting, instead of Bill Clifford, due to personal reasons.

APOLOGIES:

Richard Moran (RM)
John Miles (JM)

MINUTES OF THE 2025 GENERAL MEETING :

The minutes from the last Gent's annual meeting held on the 12th January 2025 were made available to all attendees.

The meeting accepted the minutes as being correct.

CAPTAINS REPORT :

Thanks were offered to Ben Upfield for stepping in to Captain the Scratch and Low Handicap teams for 2025. Ben would not be continuing in these roles for the following season. The scratch captaincy is being taken up by Mike Wilde. No report for the Scratch League was provided.

The Low Handicap League captaincy for 2026 will be shared by MW and Steve Lewis. No report for the Low Handicap League was provided

The Handicap League was captained by Steve Lewis in 2025 and he has agreed to continue in this role for 2026

No report for the Low Handicap League was provided

The 17-24 League was captained by NN and he provided a verbal report stating that for the first time since the inaugural year of the Worcestershire 17-24 League, Gaudet Luce made it through to the Semi-Final stages of the competition, the best result in 10 years, being narrowly beaten by Dudley who were the eventual league winners.

NN agreed to continue with the captaincy of the 17-24 League for 2026 and would be open to releasing the position through 2026 to any willing volunteer.

DW provided a brief verbal roundup of the other leagues in the absence of their Captains.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS:

Team Captains

- Kidderminster Cup: Steve Lewis
- Droitwich Shield: Steve Lewis

- Presidents Cup: TBC

ALLOCATION OF SECTION RESIDUAL FUNDS:

No current balance sheets were presented so no decisions could be made, however the following points were discussed:

The Meeting agreed that the Residual Funds should continue to be used to fund the following:-

- Gents Presentation Evening
- Engraving of Trophies.
- Purchase of Replacement Trophies
- Purchase of Glassware/Other Awards for Winners of Various competitions.
- Payment of League entry fees.

The above considered the following:-

Awarding of Glassware

The Meeting discussed whether it was still appropriate to award glassware to competition winners.

NN advised that currently winners of Competitions other than Monthly Medals/Stablefords were presented with glassware. These glasses are not cheap to obtain. As can be seen from the honours boards, many winners have also won other trophies previously and second/third glasses lose their appeal. The glassware tends to be put away in a draw and forgotten. As it doesn't say on the glassware which competition it was awarded for, it's hardly a memento. NN suggested that we should investigate a keepsake which whilst useful to a golfer also says why it was awarded; such as an embroidered towel. NN to investigate the comparative cost.

Team shirts

MW asked if the current funds could be used to purchase or subsidise team polo shirts. After a lengthy discussion it was decided not to pursue this option as the captains are trying to encourage more members to get involved with the teams and a shirt could be bought, only to be worn once if the member is not selected again.

Support for team members meals

MW asked if the funds could be used to provide subsistence for the meals that the scratch league Home Clubs are obligated to provide.

NN stated that 17-24 had chosen not to offer food during matches because of cost and variety provided at different clubs. If the scratch league was offered financial support, he felt that it should be equally offered to all teams.

The attendees agreed.

MW to investigate costs involved with Hospitality.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NN discussed the new HowDidIDo app with the attendees. All present understood the changes.

No other points were raised

The Meeting closed at 3.10pm