



Gaudet Luce Golf Club

Exec Committee

MINUTES of a meeting held Monday 1st December 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
Club Captain Elect	John Doidge	JD	Y
Management	Luke Mound Harriett Horton	LM HH	Y Y

Meeting commenced at 5.00pm

APOLOGIES: AF

MINUTES of the meeting of 22nd September were amended by removing the word 'vice' from the change to Rule 9.1. Amended BC. Minutes agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

New handicap box has been placed in the Pro Shop

New desk in lobby – replace with 2 cupboard units with worktop fixed over. Locks to be fitted to cupboards.

Quotes for replacement Psi screen – SW completed and committee informed

Update clause 9 constitution – amended at this meeting, will be changed in the master copy and arrange for constitution to be updated on website. **JW amend**

Memorial – original removed and stored. Ladies names removed from original and a new board completed and now in the ladies locker room

Replace/refine course stakes – defer until course conditions allows for buggy use. **SW/Adam**

Appointment of CCE – defer to early 2026

FINANCE: up to date finances sent to committee. JM to send books to new auditor and donation to be sent to RNLI as payment

COMPETITIONS:

You'll be pleased to hear that there's not a great deal to report to this meeting as there has been little competition activity since the last meeting in September.

The club diary for 2026 is almost complete and once I have all the league fixtures, I will issue to the sections' Secretaries for confirmation and then can close it off. *JD – booked Captain's Awayday for 10th July at Sandwell GC.*

All section Competition Secretaries positions are up for re-election this year. JD will be taking up his role as Club Captain from the AGM on 30th January. Therefore, there is a vacancy for the Senior's role. I'm pleased to report that we have at least one nominee for the position.

The Blue tees have been introduced and apart from a few moans about handicap allowances, most players seem to have accepted them.

Worcestershire County Golf meeting 6th November 2025

As Richard Moran was unavailable to attend the above meeting Steve Lewis and I agreed to go in his stead. Unfortunately, Steve also had to decline at short notice but I went as Gaudet Luce's representative. The main points from the meeting:

The first team had won all 5 of their 2025 season matches. This is the first time since 1997.

Unification between the Gents Union and Ladies Association was discussed. Both Ladies and Gents sections of 30 clubs were contacted and asked whether they were in favour of unification. Only 8 submitted replies from both sections. Therefore at the moment, this is off the table.

England Golf are changing the preferred lies rule. This will come into place from April 2026. Course-wide preferred lies should only be introduced as a "last resort". Other rules such as localised adverse conditions and ground under repair should be used as a first approach.

Ireland golf is currently trialling a "flexible percentage" application to competition play. This means that clubs can choose what percentage to apply in an individual competition rather than the fixed 95% for individual play (for example). It looks likely that this rule will be taken up by England Golf next year.

The use of Irgolf was discussed as it was thought to be taking away traditional golf club membership. Irgolf currently have over 72,000 subscribers.

More than 20,000 of these are also club members

Irgolf currently contribute approximately £300,000 to clubs for training/Academies etc.

The conclusion was that it was being used mainly by itinerant golfers and not taking membership away from clubs.

England Golf are currently conducting Audits of affiliated clubs – they give 4 weeks' notice of any visit.

We were given an update on the new England Golf Headquarters building complex at Woodhall Spa. This has now commenced construction at a cost of £14 Million.

Affiliation fees will remain unchanged for next season although England Golf will increase by 7% to cover the compulsory insurance premium (additional £0.75 per member).

County are keen to invite volunteers to get involved with activities. This could involve working with the teams, refereeing at matches or events, helping with communication to clubs/members etc. Anyone who is interested should make contact with Ian Griffiths (County Secretary)

Gent's League updates

The Scratch league fixtures have not been arranged due to poor attendance at their AGM.

The Handicap League AGM is tonight (1st December), Low Handicap League AGM is 2nd December and 17-24 League AGM is 3rd December.

Mike Wilde is taking over as Captain of the Scratch League, Steve Lewis and Mike will share the duties for the Low Handicap League, Steve will continue as Captain of the Handicap League and I will continue to Captain the 17-24 League.

HANDICAPS:

We have been going through all members' playing records and various reports for the annual review. Although the main report did not flag any player needing an adjustment, looking at reports such as 'last time played to handicap', this does give a larger and clearer picture for some players who may need help. I have 20 gents and 9 ladies who I will be contacting shortly.

Blue course is up and running, members are still entering general play cards, which is good. One thing which has not yet been finished is the Eagle app; this needs the blue course added so that members can find their playing handicaps.

I have amended most competitions up to March with the blue course tees. Team events unfortunately will need to be done again if they are to be qualifying, as these cannot be amended once there are entries.

COMMUNICATIONS:

To confirm: Chairs for individual section meetings – Gents NN, Ladies BC, Seniors NN & Juniors JM. All confirmed.

Seniors representatives have one nominee added for Competition Rep and updated following meeting, one nominee as Treasurer Rep for the Ladies.

Club AGM 30th January. After discussion meeting will be upstairs with top table and seating theatre style. HH confirmed. **Action JW/HH**

CLUB CAPTAIN: No report

MANAGEMENT:

No reports – HH requested that all bookings be made via email so that a trail is available – this protects both the members and the club should any queries arise.

SW – LM can you update the Eagle app for both ladies and gents pls. **Action LM**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

TB – at the request of many of the members, TB requested that items such as bacon/sausage baps or sandwiches or sausage rolls be brought back onto the menu please – HH there is unfortunately no chance this will be done. The previously offered ham or cheese rolls will not return to the menu either. TB will report back accordingly.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 23rd February 2026 at 5.00pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 5.45pm

Who	Action	When
JW	Amend Clause 9 Constitution	Done
JW/HH	Confirm booking for set up Club AGM 30 th January 2026	Done JW
LM	Update Eagle App for both ladies and Gents	ASAP
SW/Adam	Replace/refine course stakes	As course conditions improve for buggy use