



Gaudet Luce Golf Club

Exec Committee

MINUTES of a meeting held 22nd September 2025

Name	Office	Initials	In Attendance
Club President	David Worsfold	DW	N
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
Club Captain Elect	John Doidge	JD	Y

Meeting commenced 7.00pm

APOLOGIES: None received. DW absent

MINUTES: Minutes of meeting held 7th July 2025 were agreed and signed

MATTERS ARISING:

Amend wording clause 9 Constitution – defer to Communications

FINANCE:

All section finances up to date with available funds

SW – request order a further handicap box for the Pro Shop – agreed. **Action SW**

SW - Request replacement desk for lobby computer – agreed. SW/JW to investigate replacement. **SW/JW**

SW – Psi screen should be replaced – obtain quotes. **Action SW**

COMPETITIONS:

Captain's Day 2026

I have been asked by the Junior section whether the Captain's Day for 2026, which is diarised for 2nd August, could move as it clashes with a course booking for the Midlands South Girls Championship.

I have explained that Captain's Day has always been the first Sunday in August for as long as I can recall. Subject to any external bookings, the event could be moved forwards to July 26th but may be difficult to move backwards in the calendar as the greens renovation occurs in mid-August.

This diary conflict will potentially affect only a couple of our junior girls although one is likely to be Lily who will be the Junior's Captain next year.

Action – NN to check availability of 9th August and discuss with Head Greenkeeper, Adam Throssel (AT).

Greenkeeper's Revenge This year's Greenkeeper's Revenge was held on Friday 5th September and was very well attended, with some fiendish obstacles and interventions. I have thanked the Greenstaff personally but would like to formally acknowledge the work they put into this event.

Unfortunately, the sky wasn't clear and the final group had to come home in the dark.

Discussing this with AT afterwards, we propose to run next year's event on a Saturday in June, but on the Hadzor course. This would be less disruptive for the club and won't mean the Greenstaff have to stay after hours.

Action – NN to discuss with AT running the event on a Sunday to minimise disruption on the Hadzor. AF agreed to offer courtesy for 5 day members to participate.

Gent's League updates

The 17-24 Team managed to get through to the Semi-Final knockout stage but unfortunately lost out to Dudley.

The Handicap League played their Semi-Final match yesterday and unfortunately also were knocked out.

Low Handicap League lost in their Quarter-Final match having made the final in the previous 2 years.

Scratch League lost their final match on Saturday and will be relegated to Division 7 for next season.

I have 2 volunteers who have offered to captain the LHL and Scratch teams next year to replace the current Captain whose position will be reviewed at the Gent's Annual Meeting.

Gent's Club Championship

I have spoken both Darren Williams and Dean Pointon and have jointly formulated a questionnaire to be submitted to the Gents and Seniors membership. The questionnaire lists 6 alternative formats to the competition. Angelyque has agreed to prepare the survey form and submit it via her media account. I will have it sent out shortly.

Action - NN to report back to Exec following conclusion of survey.

Conduct allegations

The Gent's Competition Secretary recently received an emailed accusation of "rules infringement" by one of our members during a recent competition. I discussed this with the Secretary and decided that as it was one player's word against another, that a "quiet chat" might be appropriate, warning that any future allegations would be taken further.

I spoke to the member concerned on Saturday 20th September. At this time, this is all I can report but the member was very upset and felt his character and reputation has been damaged by the allegation.

I have re-read both our code of conduct and the disciplinary process and feel both are currently adequate to cover this issue if it progresses further. Although it is difficult when an accusation is made to find any supporting evidence after the round.

Action – NN to communicate to the Exec any further developments in this matter

Changing Room Notice Boards

I would like to thank the Course Management for moving the Gent's notice board (although the originating wall now needs re-painting). I have written to both Gents and Seniors about the proposed use and have had acknowledgement from both.

Notice board headings are now out of date and if continued, they should have the new email addresses on them.

I have created examples of completed competition cards and positioned them above the PSI terminal. Not one person so far, has commented upon them and several said they hadn't noticed until I mentioned them.

HANDICAPS:

Held weekly chats with Handicap Reps no problems flagged

SW – John Whitehead to visit to measure the new Blue Course once teeing areas completed. Action SW

COMMUNICATIONS:

JW requested the rewording of Clause 9 of the Constitution to reflect the change from Club Vice Captain to Club Captain Elect as agreed during the major Exec changes in 2023.

Existing Clause

9 Club Captain

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Suggested Constitution changes September 2025

9 Club Captain

9.1 The Club Captain is an automatic progression from Club Captain Elect. The Club Captain Elect is appointed by a panel including The Proprietor, Director of Golf, 5 Executive Committee members, plus invited club members. The Vice Captain Elect will serve on the Executive Committee from the time of his/her appointment until taking up their post as Club Captain.

Appointed members along with the proprietor agreed to change. Action JW

See Clause 8 'The Executive Committee' below to clarify

Agree date of 2026 AGM. With all the Representatives coming up for election JW will post the nominations forms early and will also send electronically to whole membership. Agreed Friday 30th January. Action JW

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Both NN and JW raised the item 'Memorial' which remains in place. JW/SW requested they remove the plaques for the Ladies Section and SW to order a new board for the Ladies locker room which can be amended whenever required – agreed. Action: AF request removal memorial from waiting area/SW order new board for ladies locker room. Since meeting board obtained, names applied.

MANAGEMENT:

AF reported the office remains extremely busy. Solar panels will be placed on both the roof of the clubhouse and gym/therapy salon roof. Greenkeepers at last able to cut grass after the long spell of hot/dry weather and will continue erecting new Blue course teeing area. They will work on the present teeing areas during the winter whilst not being used.

CLUB CAPTAIN: Nothing to report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

New 'tee cups' – a great success with teeing areas staying much tidier.

SW – agree with the Course Manager and NN to walk the course and replace/redefine the course stakes. Action SW

JM – trim the lower branches of the conifers at bottom of 6th. **Action Greenkeepers**

NN – requested early posting of nomination forms. Following a query to NN from a lady member how and when payouts made from this section, JM/SW/JW all confirmed these payouts were made annually. The section had requested and received agreement to this method many years ago with payouts made at the annual presentation evening.

JW – as previously suggested Exec committee should discuss the appointment of the Club Captain Elect during the winter months.

BC – queried when an announcement would be made re Club Captain Elect. **Action AF newsletter**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 1st December 2025. 5pm in the Clubhouse. AF may be unavailable

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Who	Action	Next meeting
SW	New Handicap box for Pro Shop	1 st December 2025
SW/JW	Investigate new desk in Lobby	
SW	Obtain quotes for replacement Psi screen	
JW	Replace clause 9 Constitution	
AF/SW	Remove existing memorial. Order new board for Ladies locker room	
SW/NN/AT	Replace/refine course stakes	
All	Discuss manner and time of appointment of CCE during winter	

Clarification Clause 8 of the Constitution

The Executive Committee

8.1 The Executive Committee of the Gaudet Luce Golf Club is the sole business forum for members and responsible for all general matters concerning the club.

8.2 The Executive Committee will comprise:

- a) Executive Chair, Competition Chair, Handicaps Chair, Finance Chair, Communications Chair, all of whom will be appointed by the Proprietor and who will normally serve 3-year terms but may be re-appointed at the discretion of the Proprietor. Any club member may offer to serve in one of the roles and will be considered by the Proprietor.
- b) Director of Golf and Proprietor Representative
- c) The Club Captain and President will be honorary, non voting, members of the Executive Committee

