

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES REPORT



Meeting Date: 11th May 2026 7.00 pm.

In Attendance

Peter Furnival (PF) – President / David Dudley (DD) – Captain / Neal Walters ((NW) – Vice Captain / John Burnett (JB) Handicap Secretary / Rob Ashfield (RA) / Craig Andrews (CA) / Paul Davis – Outgoing Captain (PD) / Lee Coney (LC) / S Thornton (ST) – Seniors Captain / Colin Yardley (CY) / Ian Cooke (IC) / Terry German (TG) – Treasurer

Apologies

Neil Beech (NB)

Minutes of last meeting

These were accepted.

Correspondence

Received communication from Lee Coney who due to time commitments has resigned from the committee.
Alan Ratcliffe has decided not to attend the meeting although the co-opt offer is still open to him.

Suggestion Box

None.

Matters Arising

Matters still outstanding; - all actions from previous meeting reviewed or closed out.

Captains Report

Well, it's good to see the Sun has finally come out to play & hopefully we will see more of it for months to come.

The course is looking in great condition & hopefully this will continue.

On Sunday May 3rd we did another live draw for the J. Witzak which was a success again with plenty of members in attendance.

Majors Report

The Stewards Bowl was played on 12th April & well done to the winning team which consisted of Matty Highway, Mark Hull, Tom Fernihough & Neil Beech with a very good score of a 55 nett.

The Wooster Cup was played on 26th April, the winning pairing was George Reed & Denis Colvine with a nett score of 65 well done to both players.

The J. Witzak was played yesterday with the winning team consisting of Colin Yardley, Malcolm Lake, Mark Hull & Paul Feerick well done to all the team.

I will leave John Burnett to report on the Monthly Medals/Stablefords as I don't want to steal his Thunder again.

The knockout draws have now been put out so good luck to all.

The two's Comp has taken off & well-done to 3 winners so far in Tom Fernihough & Paul Crawford & Paull Watton.

I would like to say a big thanks to everyone helping to raise Money in all forms & especially Neil Beech on doing & pushing the Football cards which is mounting up very nicely indeed.

On a final note, I hope we can all help Neal Plum Walters in getting the course ready for his Invitation Day.

See you all out on the course.

David Dudley Club Captain.

Income & Expenditure report

Reviewed income and outgoings, section balance is still healthy, the additional income from the football cards and par 3 in 2 comps as been good. It was discussed on why these additional income streams were in place, answer was for helping towards the benefits such as the end of season bash, subsidised drinks and tickets for the bash and Presentation night, also for the football cards go toward the 17\24 & alliance fees and entry into the Race to Woodhall Spa.

Terry German

Handicap / Competitions report.

I am chasing Adrian about the introduction of the new till system, currently due at the end of May but meantime fees for competitions are not being taken giving the concern that a large amount of cash off members cards will be requested at the same for outstanding entry fees. JB and TG to arrange meeting with Adrian on the new system and integration with competition / booking system.

Following the issues with late withdrawals form the 4-man team (J Witzak) and scrabbling around for replacements we need to find a suitable alternative when there are only 3-man teams. Following discussions, it was felt the use of a "ghost" player for this team based on a random draw from the division of the missing player, RA to write out a procedure for review.

JB asked about a date for the Captains Breakfast as this needed to be decided, following discussions DD agreed to go with the 21st June, clashes with Father's Day but the committee felt shouldn't have a negative effect on attendance as the comp is usually finished by just after mid-day. DD to talk with Adrian on costs and preparation for the day

I also would like to thank on behalf of the committee Graham Jackson for making the draw pots for our random draw, as well as taking time to come in and take photos of the draw, this is very much appreciated.

John Burnett

Handicap secretary.

Handicap sub-committee to assist John will be Alan Ratcliffe, Rob Ashfield and Ian Cooke.

Greens Report

Greens report 11/05/26

- 1) Fertilised last week following saturation (1239 Absolute 35 gram per square foot). Recent 2 mm verticut. Keeping greens 5 mm for now.
- 2) Green keeper keeping sand off greens. Sand does dry the greens out.
- 3) Coring done on 18th and 9th. Some thatch however core holding roots of grass. Most of the core also holding water which is an improvement from last year.



4) Seed heads present on greens however this does not hold any issues relating to the quality of the greens.

Craig Andrews – Committee Leader, Colin Yardley

A.O.B.

Arranged in subject sections.

Handicap / Competition questions

See question raised by JB in Handicap report.

Course – to be actioned by Greens and reported back to committee.

CY - 9th to 10th bushes overhanging, can these be trimmed back.

2nd hole, when using the White Tee, the tree to the right is overhanging quite a lot and forcing tee shots down the left is it possible to trim this back?

7th tee is in poor shape, sloping and not level.

DD - there is an increase in bird damage on greens, this was raised previously, CA replied Wayne is looking into this and how to remove the source of the problem (Leatherjackets), he felt Bird statues would not help.

Greens were cut this morning, Monday, why at the weekend not prior to the Major, reviewed and felt this would probably be down to manpower at weekends.

RA - Are we bringing back seed bags, CA – Wayne and Ade are looking into this as they want to move away from the current seed / sand formulation. Date to be confirmed.

Grass Island on the 6th fairway bunker still needs mowing and tidying up.

JB – Bunkers need tidying up, edges are extremely untidy, it was noted that NB's son has been employed at weekends to rake bunkers and help keep them tidy. Members should always be aware of when the greens team are working and not play their shots until safe to do so.

NW- 1st tee, poor condition of the ground as you walk onto the teeing area.

General – to be brought up at next Management Meeting by President / Captain and reported back to committee.

IC – Following on from the mention of prompt signs for divot and pitch mark repair at the first tee, it would be better than rather have one sign with too much information on but to have smaller individual signs placed at intervals along the path from 1st tee to the bridge, allowing more time for players to notice and read the signs.

General – for committee review.

PD – Will be happy to help with any actions required as out-going Captain.

PF- Message from Adrian, trophies in cabinets are not covered by the Clubs insurance and the committee should arrange their own insurance. Committee could not understand why this has suddenly become an issue, have the club removed this from their insurance expecting the committee to cover the costs, PF to ask at the next management meeting, meantime he will look at the implications /costs and present at next months meeting.

Updates /News.

Invitational Update.

NW raised questions regarding cards and brochures for the day; how many are required and if additional ones needed printing. PF will arrange this with Excel Printing and as usual the committee will sponsor a hole on behalf of Excel for doing the printing for us.

Tee times on the list are from 7.00am which is impractical when players need to register, have a bacon bap and coffee prior to teeing off. Start time will be moved forward to 8.00am and those players booked in prior to this will be contacted and moved forward.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Next meeting

June 1st, 2026. – 7.00pm