



SENIOR SECTION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - 26 Feb 2025

Cttee members present:

Mick Hempstock – Captain (<i>Chair</i>)	(MH)
Will Polland – Vice-Captain	(WP)
Barry Baker – Past Captain & Ext Fixtures Sec	(BB)
Ron Austen – Internal Fixtures Sec	(RA)
Stephen Garmston – Men’s Captain & Liaison Officer	(SG)
David Stiff – Secretary	(DS)

Co-opted cttee members present:

Lawrie Burt	(LB)
John Frost	(JF)

Section members present: 26

Apologies:

Alan Coulbeck, Tim Hartley, Rob Nadin, James Newsom (Treasurer), Brian Parker, Steve Patterson, Francesco Pecora, Barry Richardson and Ken Stiff

Item No	Subject	Discussion	Actionee	Action By
1	Welcome & 6 th Winter Stableford & Bob Chapman Trophy	MH welcomed the members and thanked them for their support. The prizes for the 6 th Winter Stableford and the Bob Chapman Trophy were presented prior to the meeting. Peter Grimes won the Bob Chapman Trophy. RA issued a full report on the same under separate cover.		
2	Last Minutes	All actions were complete from the last AGM.		
3	Vote to accept Minutes	The minutes, having been distributed before the meeting, were accepted as a true record of events (Prop - Jim Kirman, 2 nd - Bob Dasey).		
4	Captain’s report	MH thanked the members and his committee for their outstanding support during his tenure as Captain, especially the attendance at matches. He wished we had a won more but was glad that everyone had enjoyed the experience! He thoroughly enjoyed the awayday and again thanked everyone for attending. MH was humbled by the outstanding amount raised for his charity £1745.50p. He thanked WP and CP and everyone that made the Christmas		

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		Lunch such a huge success. MH asked for the good will in all corners of the seniors section to continue and wished everyone, especially the incoming Captain, well for the 25/26 season.		
5	Internal Fixtures Secretary Report	<p>Headlines of RA's final report were:</p> <p>Thanks offered to the Section for its tremendous support without which the programme could not have been such a success. A wide spread of trophy winners throughout the season. 25/26 programme is set and under control of LB. LB wished everyone a good season and complimented RA on the diary for the same and stated he was open to ideas for future competitions and formats.</p>		
6	External Fixtures Secretary Report	<p>Headlines of BB's final report were:</p> <p>The team statistics (W5, D2, L12) were viewed as secondary to getting as many players as possible having a great time and sharing good company with good friends. It is apparent that some elements in the section are still not showing good will to all and this must stop going forward. The cttee and section were thanked for their continued support during BB's tenure and he wished his successor JF good luck for the 25/26 season.</p>		
7	Treasurer's Report	<p>JN apologies accepted, DS read out the treasurer's report on his behalf. Headlines were:</p> <p>EoY surplus was £600 greater than last season. In the absence of spend proposals from the membership, a proposal to donate £500 to the Club de-fib project will be put to the AGM (see item 12) which if carried will still leave us with a balance of £600. Pete Rushby was thanked for auditing the accounts. A proposal to align the subscription window to the AGM dates was accepted (Prop - Ian Carr, 2nd - Steve Paterson). HDID will continue to be open for payment in wk1 of Jan.</p>	JN	Ongoing
8	Vote to accept Treasurer's Report	The accounts, having been distributed before the meeting, were accepted as a true record of the section's financial activity and		

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		position (Prop - Will Polland, 2 nd - Ross McFarlane).		
9	Election of Captain	Will Polland was voted in as the Captain for the 25/26 season.		
10	Election of Vice-Captain	Ross MacFarlane was voted in as the Vice-Captain for the 25/26 season.		
11	Election of Cttee Officers	<p>The following officers were elected into post by WP for the 25/26 season:</p> <p>Treasurer - James Newsom Internal Fixtures Sec - Laurie Burt External Fixtures Sec - John Frost Section Secretary - Dave Stiff</p> <p>DS mentioned that this was to be the last season in office for the treasurer.</p>		
12	Proposals & AOB – (Items submitted in writing by 5 th Feb only)	<p>4 written proposals submitted by the deadline (see Enclosure 1) were circulated prior to the meeting and were carried:</p> <p>A minor amdt to Proposal 3 to reflect a trial 25/26 season was accepted. Future format for the Summer Stableford Series and Eclectic will be considered by LB.</p> <p>There were no written AOB received.</p>	LB	Ongoing
13	Captain's Address/Meeting Close	WP thanked everyone for attending and for electing him as their Captain. He thanked MH for his leadership and the cttee for their support. He declared his chosen charity as the 'Cystic Fibrosis Trust' and asked for the section's support over the season. He also welcomed RM as his vice-captain and the other elected officers of the cttee. Meeting closed at 1545hrs.		
14	Date of Next Meeting	The next AGM will be on Wed 25 th Feb 2026.	All	25 Feb 26
15	Open Forum	<p>WP announced the floor was open:</p> <p>IC expressed concern over missives being issued without the vote of the members. WP stated if it is felt that this is happening, he should be contacted directly.</p> <p>A detailed discussion around numbers of qualifying cards and opportunities took place. It was eventually agreed that</p>		

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		<p>club/section procedures offered members sufficient opportunity to meet Club and section guidelines for competition eligibility.</p> <p>MH emphasised the need to self-police and therefore avoid slow play by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilising ready golf and playing as soon as it is safe to do so • Picking up when a score cannot be registered on the hole • Correct placement of buggies and bags • Allowing the group behind you to play through at the earliest opportunity (you must stay within a hole of the group in front). 	All	Ongoing

Original signed

D STIFF

Secretary

Enclosures:

1. 2025 Proposals.

Enclosure 1 – 2025 AGM Proposals

Ser No	Proposed By	Seconded By	Proposal	Remarks
1	D Stiff	R Austen	To accept the draft senior section constitution.	A new document which consolidates multiple governance notes found in different places on the web page. Document also reflects new club and section competition guidelines.
2	B Baker	R Austen	To agree to support to the club's defibrillator project to the sum of £500.	The project is further offset by club raised funds and the Women's section.
3	R Austen	L Burt	To agree the continuation of the Summer Stableford and concurrent Eclectic Competitions.	Last year's summer series and eclectic comps were put in place as a trial following the members' request in open forum at the 2024 AGM.
4	R Austen	L Burt	If proposal 3 is carried, to agree that for the 25/26 season the Summer Stableford (BB Cup) and concurrent Eclectic Challenge (KS Cup) competitions will be based on the best scores from the: President's Prize, Captain's Summer Charity and Seniors Championship.	Future format of the Summer Series and concurrent Eclectic will be reviewed by LB and the cttee as a proposal for the next AGM