

## MINUTES OF THE 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – $12^{th}$ NOVEMBER 2025, WITNEY LAKES GOLF CLUB, 6:30 PM

Present	Chris Spearing - Chair	
	Keith Watt – Secretary	
	Phil Harries – Treasurer	
	Terry Killick - Independent Member	
Captains or Nominated	29	
Club Representatives		
Meeting Opened at 18:55		

	Agenda Item	Record of Actions/Decision
1.	Acceptance of previous AGM minutes held on 8 Nov 24	Accepted and no actions to carry forward
2.	Apologies for Absence:	
	Steve Sperrin, Bicester 1 Andy Gardiner, Bicester 2	
3.	Season 2026 Leagues: Withdrawal:	The Secretary had provided the League construct, in that 31 teams will make up the League for the forthcoming season.
	North Oxford (due to club closure)	Divisions 1 – 4 will consist of 6 teams and Division 5 consisting of 7 teams, bearing in mind Hennerton application to join the
	Applications to Join:	League from Season 2026. A vote was therefore sought in consideration of their
	Hennerton Golf Club	application to join which was unanimously agreed. Welcome therefore to Hennerton Golf Club who will enter the League in Division 5.
4.	Knockout Cup Competition and 1st Round Draw.	The Secretary confirmed that the Knockout Cup would take place again during Season 2026. The draw was made during the meeting, the fixtures were announced, with the 1 <sup>st</sup> round to be played by 10 May 26.



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		Sec Note: The full draw is now available on the website.			
5.	Chairman's Report.	The Chair welcomed Mapledurham to their first AGM and hoped they had enjoyed their first season. He also mentioned the sad loss of North Oxford GC from the league due to club closure. Chris then went on to congratulate Keith Fisher for his excellent leadership of the League over many years as the Chair, and hoped that he could carry on in the same vein. He also said that he thought the 2025 season was hugely successful, with many Divisional winners being decided during the last days of the season. He stated that he and the committee will strive to continue to foster the friendly competitive ethos of the league instigated by Keith and the previous committee members whilst he is Chairman. He was pleased to see that the incidences of player ineligibility (due to a lack of qualifying rounds) had reduced significantly over the previous season. He went on to mention that the use of the IG App will be discussed at AOB. Lastly, he praised both Keith Watt (Secretary) and Phil Harries (Treasurer) for the huge amount of hard work that they had put into the running of the League over the 2025 season.			
6.	Treasurer's Report.	The Treasurer read a precis of the 2025 Treasurer's report which had been made available to all attendees prior to the start of the AGM. As the current balance has			



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		increased by approx. £1K since the last AGM he confirmed that there would be no increase to the £200 league registration fee for each team for the forthcoming 2025 season.			
		League registration fees are to be paid by BACs payment by 31 Jan 26. Bank Details are:			
		HSBC 40-35-34 72256010			
		Reference to be Team Name Example: Feldon Valley 1 Clubs with 2 teams in the league can make 1 payment of £400 referencing both team names in the transaction.			
		He went on to confirm that there are no plans for updates to the League website, and should there be no significant or unexpected levels of expenditure, the Committee may consider a larger contribution from funds for the Presentation Day in April 26.			
		A copy of the Treasurer report will be posted as part of these minutes.			
7.	2026 Season Presentation Day.	The Treasurer confirmed that the 2026 Presentation Day would take place on Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> April 26 at Witney Lakes Golf Club (1 <sup>st</sup> Tee Time is 1pm) and the lead for this event will be the League Treasurer. (Phil Harries)			
		The Treasurer thanked Sean Moore, the Witney Golf Club Operations Manager and Tony Thorpe-Morris, the 2026 Club Captain, for agreeing to host the event. More detail to follow in due course from Phil who			



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8.	Election of Officials for 2026.	The Secretary confirmed that he had not received any proposals from the floor from anyone to be considered for a Committee position. The current Committee were content to carry on in their roles. This was unanimously agreed. Chris Spearing was re-confirmed as Chair, Keith Watt as Secretary, Phil Harries as Treasurer and Terry Killick once again the Independent Member for the 2026 season.		
9.	Any Other Business.	One item for discussion at AOB had been received prior to the AGM.		
		AOB 1.  The Chairman initiated the conversation in that there had been occasions when players had entered club comps via the IG App and because the results do not flow to the EG app their scores have not been registered, his view was that the WHS handicap process via England Golf should be the singular method of evidencing qualifying criteria for the League.  The Captain of Witney Lakes Fairways (Justin Timms) proposed that this should be the case and that all qualifying rounds be entered via the EG App.  This proposal was carried unanimously. The Secretary and the Chairman will develop new language to be published in the League Rules and this will be shared with Captains for comments in due course.		



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	That being the end of committee business
	the meeting was closed at 7:40pm.

Keith Watt

Secretary, Central Sevens League

15 Nov 25

Chris Spearing

Chairman, Central Sevens League

15 Nov 25



## CENTRAL SEVENS LEAGUE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 12th NOV 25 - TREASURER REPORT

## Income and Expenditure 8 Nov 24 – 10 Nov 25 Opening Balance Central 7s HSBC Business Account as at 8 Nov 24

£10,198.60

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	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	
Website Upgrade, License renewal and monthly fees.	£324.00 £70.00 £2,088.08 £757.82		
HSBC Business Account Bank Charges Nov 23 – Nov 24.			
Cross Embroidery (3 invoices) shirt costs, Order of Merit prizes .			
League presentation day Apr 25, Trophy base repair (new silver plate			
fully re-engraved and all other trophy engraving costs)			
Payment to Chiltern Forest GC for presentation day catering			
and day Competition prizes	£1,569.40		
Tadmarton Heath GC (catering for 2024 AGM)	£480.00		
Total Payments	£5289.30		
League Registration/Subscription Fees Received		£5,800.00	
Individual Contributions for Presentation Day		£513.00	

**Closing Balance 10 Nov 25** 

£11,222.30



## Season Budget 2025

As you can see from the abridged incoming and expenditure sheet I have provided for tonight's meeting the league financial transactions are fairly narrow with costs incurred for the AGM, Presentation Day, Order of Merit and League Winners prizes, Engraving, Embroidery and Website upkeep costs.

Given that our closing balance is up by over £1K from this time last year I see no reason to increase the league registration fees once again this year, thereby remaining at £200 per team.

There are no foreseen additional costs such as a website upgrades or enhancements therefore the committee can withhold the additional costs of more modern Under Armour team shirts for league winners at c£30 per shirt. I plan to continue with providing club player discounts to maximise attendance at next year's presentation day on Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April 26 which is being held here at Witney Lakes GC.

The league financial situation therefore is in good shape and could withhold any significant unseen costs that may occur during the 2026 league season.

Best regards

Phil Harries Central 7s League Treasurer