

MINUTES OF THE 32nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 3rd FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7:30PM



Chairman Mr. Mark Northern

Mark Northern opened the meeting by welcoming all who have attended at 7:30pm.

Apologies

Martin McDonald, Luke McDonald, Lee Bettison, Ian Riddell, John Hilton, Tom Wilson, Jerry Goodwin, Mick Greenwood, Dene Parsons, Phil Abbott, James Abbott and Ian Saunders who wrote congratulating the outgoing Captain on a successful year and wishing the incoming Captain all the best for the coming year.

Minutes of 31st AGM

Proposed: Danny Harkin

Seconded: Mick Bancroft

Matters Arising

Not matters were raised at this point in reference to the 31st AGM minutes.

Treasurers Report – Hans Bauder

Hans Bauder reported as follows.

Good evening, everyone, I hope you've all had a few minutes to glance over the financial reports for 2025 ratified after audit by our independent accountant. There are a lot of numbers to look at, and in some cases, quite big numbers.

The main summary sheet shows our income and expenditure for the year, itemized and detailed by month as shown. There is also a comparison sheet showing differences from 2024, and a list of the main extra costs and subsidized events covered in the year.

All the items in receipts and payments are pretty straight forward so I don't really need to go through every one line by line but would just mention the main sources of income and expenditure.

Competition revenue increased last year by just under 10% to just over 39K, reflecting increased member participation, which is good, and also a fantastic year for the Captains Charity which raised just over 32K split between two charities, which I'll leave for Darryl to give a bit more information on.

On the expense side, we started the year installing a new computer touch screen and upgrading various bits of hardware, a bit more of which we still have to pay for, but that won't be a problem. This, and with the re- introduction of the Invitation Day and slight increases in subsidizing the food related events and comps, we spent about 2K more on these categories than last year.

This was covered by the increase gained in competition revenue.

For the year then, our bank balance ended up at £18,758.48, of which £526.07 is the excess from the charity raised, and will go into start the new Captains charity for 2026.

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Which leaves our actual balance for the year at £18232.41, an increase of £564.33 from last year.

Overall, I think it's been a solid year, and we've controlled our spending to maintain a comfortable balance which we did target last year. Last year's results were achieved with great help, understanding and co-operation of the center and Theresa in particular.

We are all aware of impending increases in food and hospitality costs, but I'm confident that we can have another successful year in 2026 by continuing this great relationship we have with the center.

Thank you for your attention and support, if anyone has any questions, I'll do my best to answer them now, but I'm happy to talk to any member any time if they need any explanation in the future.

RPGC Subsidised/Sponsored Events & Competitions 2025

And New Equipment

COMPUTER TOUCH SCREEN & HARDWARE	£843.00
AGM Members Drinks 2025	£371.40
DANNY HARKIN DAY (Meal Subsidy)	£350.00
CAPTAINS DAY (Food)	£400.00
TEAM SHIRTS (Members Representing Club)	£90.00
TEAM SHIRTS & JUMPERS (Scratch Team)	£44.99
INVITATION DAY	£500.00
GEDLING CHALLENGE	£240.00
CARD READER CHARGES	£137.68
PRESIDENTS DAY MEAL & Prizes	£761.00
ECELECTICS, AGG'S, OM'S (inc. Ladies)	£965.00
PRESENTATION EVENING	£1269.00
TURKEY TROT	£520.00
TOTAL	= £6492.07

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RAMSDALE PARK GOLF CLUB													
MONTHLY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE													
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
INCOME													
Competitions	1,315.00	2,385.00	4,110.00	3,220.00	2,880.00	5,700.00	3,285.00	3,275.00	2,655.00	3,285.00	2,805.00	4,370.00	39,285.00
Functions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	700.00	-	-	1,815.00	-	2,515.00
Captain's Functions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Captain's Charity	-	195.00	80.00	80.00	1,261.00	1,317.00	18,154.00	250.00	6,305.00	5,984.40	3,247.00	55.98	36,929.38
Club Fines	-	90.00	70.00	30.00	45.00	30.00	75.00	15.00	80.00	35.00	-	-	470.00
Match Meals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contributions to Club Juniors	-	-	-	-	250.00	276.00	-	-	-	208.00	-	-	734.00
	1,315.00	2,670.00	4,260.00	3,330.00	4,436.00	7,323.00	21,514.00	4,240.00	9,040.00	9,512.40	7,867.00	4,425.98	79,933.38
EXPENDITURE													
Functions	-	-	-	-	700.00	2,070.00	-	700.00	-	1,767.00	2,494.00	2,940.00	10,671.00
Trophies and Prizes	-	-	-	-	-	620.00	-	-	-	419.00	233.00	550.00	1,822.00
Charity Day Prizes & Green Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,859.96	-	-	-	-	-	3,859.96
Competition Vouchers	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	435.00	20,435.00
Clothing Purchases	-	-	106.80	-	375.00	-	74.99	-	-	-	-	-	556.79
Match and Entry Fees	-	60.00	-	-	-	-	-	125.00	-	-	-	-	185.00
Printing, Stationery & Postages	469.00	-	-	-	68.99	-	-	-	-	-	50.99	-	588.98
Computer Expenses	1,277.13	59.53	134.32	59.53	700.56	178.56	-	-	35.94	-	315.89	35.94	2,797.40
Match Meals	-	-	-	-	150.00	125.00	240.00	300.00	-	-	-	-	815.00
Juniors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NGC Past Captain's	-	-	-	60.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60.00
Captain's Functions	-	-	-	-	-	400.00	-	-	50.00	-	-	-	450.00
Accountancy	150.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150.00
Miscellaneous	480.00	371.40	-	-	-	765.00	-	-	902.00	-	590.00	330.10	3,438.50
Club Fines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Captain's Charity	-	-	280.00	-	-	-	733.35	-	-	-	32,000.00	-	33,013.35
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure	4,876.13	490.93	3,021.12	2,619.53	4,494.55	4,158.56	7,408.30	3,625.00	3,487.94	4,686.00	35,683.88	4,291.04	78,842.98
Excess Income Over Expenditure	- 3,561.13	2,179.07	1,238.88	710.47	- 58.55	3,164.44	14,105.70	615.00	5,552.06	4,826.40	-27,816.88	134.94	1,090.40
Lloyds TSB Current Account	14,106.95	16,286.02	17,524.90	18,235.37	18,176.82	21,341.26	35,446.96	36,061.96	41,614.02	46,440.42	18,623.54	18,758.48	
Open Figure £17,668.08													

Centre Managers Report – Theresa Plimmer

Good evening, everyone, and thank you for being here tonight.

As General Manager of Ramsdale Park, it's a real privilege to welcome you to this year's AGM, and I'd like to begin by thanking you — our members — for your continued support, loyalty, and commitment to the club.

When I took over in 2019, Ramsdale was in a very different position. It was a club that, if I'm honest, was underperforming and often dismissed externally. There was huge potential here, but we needed to rebuild confidence, standards, and reputation.

Since then, what we have achieved together has been a genuine transformation.

Today, Ramsdale is widely regarded as one of the best clubs in the group — not only for the quality of the course, but for the experience, atmosphere, and community that surrounds it. That progress hasn't happened by accident. It has taken hard work, clear direction, and continued investment.

Course Investment and Improvements in 2025

A major priority for us has been protecting and enhancing the golf course — because the course is at the heart of Ramsdale.

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In 2025, we completed a number of important course projects, including:

- A new irrigation tank liner –
- A new irrigation pump –
- A new pump house roof –
- Path improvement works around the 16th and 17th holes –
- A new practice net –
- Completion of a professionally designed bunker improvement plan –
- Fairway overseeding to improve coverage and playing quality – Totalling **£58,000**

Machinery and Operational Investment

Alongside these projects, we also made significant investment in new course machinery during 2025, ensuring our greenkeeping team has the right equipment to maintain the standards expected of a leading club.

This year's machinery purchases included:

- Ventrac all-purpose rotary mower – £55,000
- Range ball collector – £3,500
- Weather station – £2,500
- Deep rough flail/scarifier collector – £30,000
- Sprayer utility vehicle – £38,000
- Utility vehicle – £9,000

Total Machinery Expenditure - £138,000

Overall, our total golf course investments in 2025 are nearing the £200K mark,

This, on top of £450K spent on course wages, material, fuel sand etc – makes all the difference to our course. We have invested more into the course than we have been able to in previous years.

Course Conditions and Weather Challenges in 2025

In 2025, total annual rainfall was 721mm, but what's most significant is how uneven that rainfall was throughout the year.

- Wettest month: November – 166mm
- Driest month: April – 14mm

The prolonged dry weather in spring and summer slowed recovery from the previous winter's damage. Irrigation system issues also placed extra pressure on the team at peak time.

Plans for 2026

Our key course priorities for 2026 include:

- Drainage work on Seely 11th
- Path along the 11th
- Commencement of the bunker project

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- Tee levelling, woodland and scrub management alongside bunker work
- Winter tee/mat for Seely 1st tee

Johnny will be giving you an update on the bunker project. It's exciting and will be at least a 5-year project.

Capital priorities include irrigation upgrades, new tee signage, and a security fence along the driving range.

Clubhouse and Infrastructure

The building is ageing, and areas such as water pipework and heating infrastructure are becoming increasingly challenging. These will require significant investment in the future, and we are already considering the best way to approach them responsibly.

Rising Costs and Protecting Value

Costs across the industry continue to rise at an alarming pace. Some increases are inevitable, but we will always work extremely hard to keep them as low as possible without stretching quality or standards.

Since 2020 – minimum wage has risen by a staggering 45.8%. With extra NI cost for employers. There is no sugar coating – this has hurt all hospitality businesses, and we are all trying to minimize the consequences of this.

Membership – I have operated a one in one system for 7-day memberships for a number of years now. This doesn't appear to be slowing down. In terms of price increases – it is inevitable. I haven't set anything in stone just yet, but we are looking around the 5%ish. Meaning a minimal increase of £65 over a year for 7 day and £50 increase for a day. Again – these figures are not confirmed!

Driving Range

The new booking system is in now in place. There are the obvious teething problems, but the booking system is much better than the previous one. You will no longer need to top up levy – your discount of 10% as a member will be applied and be booked online. You need to download the Trackman App and use the same email as we have in our system for your membership.

I have (albeit somewhat sneakily) popped in a member only discount on a 'warm up' bucket. This is the equivalent of the old small basket and will cost you £2.50.

Anyone who has existing range credit will have the opportunity to use that. I am just working out the best way for you to do this. I have a list of your card numbers – but no names! So, it is taking me a minute to figure this out for you.

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Closing Thanks and Recognition

Once again, this year, Ramsdale members and supporters helped us raise an incredible £32,000 for our chosen charities.

Danny has been instrumental throughout the year, and Captain Daryl Wooley has done an outstanding job in his leadership and support.

I'd also like to thank Mark Northern and John White for their unwavering support, which has played a massive part in my own journey and the wider success of Ramsdale.

Finally, thank you to my team. They have been incredible this year. A few Head of Department changes but it has been a very smooth hand over. The overwhelming majority of comments we get on the surveys is regarding the team. Thank you for being kind to them!

On that note – we have won the best member club in the group again for the 5th year on the bounce from the surveys we send. Thank you for getting us there! A few weeks ago, we closed the course due to the rain. One of the members scored us a 9 out of 10 – but in the comments put we should consider giving free range use to members when we close the course. I thought this was a fantastic idea – and the following week – we did just that. So don't be afraid to suggest improvements, it's where I get the improvements form!

Ramsdale has come a long way since 2019, and I genuinely believe the best is still ahead of us.

Thank you, and I hope you all enjoy the rest of the evening.

Mark Northern thanked Theresa and the whole team for all of their hard work and support for the golf club and gave a special mention to Johnny Evans and the green keeping staff who have managed to keep the course in such great condition through some extreme weather.

Captain's Closing Statement – Daryl Woolley

Daryl stood and gave the following speech.

Good evening, everyone,

Past Captains, incoming Captain, committee members, guests, and fellow members of **Ramsdale Park** —

Well... I made it again this year 😊 What a year both on and off the course.

When I started this year, people told me, "It'll fly by."

They were right. One minute you're putting the jacket on for the first time, the next you're wondering how you played this much golf and your handicap still hasn't improved.

It's been an absolute privilege to be Captain of a club like ours. We're lucky — Ramsdale isn't one of those places where you have to whisper in the clubhouse or pretend you enjoyed a four-putt. We're a relaxed, friendly, slightly noisy bunch... and that's exactly what makes this place special. If anyone is thinking about being a future Captain, it is extremely self-rewarding witnessing everyone enjoying the events throughout the year and would highly recommend it.

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Thank You's

First, the serious bit — don't worry, it won't last long.

Mark Northern & The Committee — the amount of time you lot give up is incredible. Meetings, decisions, emails, organisation... all so the rest of us can turn up, moan about our golf, have a couple of beers and go home happy. The club simply doesn't run without you.

Theresa — many thanks for your support this year from the various events held and the smooth running of our Charity Day. Even if I did have to send you a to-do list for to do lists as reminders 😊

The Staff and Greenkeepers — you're the reason the place looks great, runs smoothly, and the bar is somehow always open at exactly the right time. We genuinely appreciate everything you do, even if we don't say it enough.

The Members

And a big thank you to all the members for your support throughout the year — at the many events we've held, in backing this year's chosen charities, and in supporting me in the role.

You've helped make it a year that's not just been busy, but genuinely enjoyable — and that makes all the difference

Highlights

There have been so many great days this year — competitions, social events, and the usual Ramsdale mix of good golf, bad golf, and stories that somehow improve with every retelling.

Our **Captain's Away Day at Thonnock Park Golf Club** was a standout — great golf, a great course, and great food... which, let's be honest, is how most of us now judge a golf day after the copious amounts of beer.

Then there was the **Captain's Away Weekend at Rockliffe Hall and Sleafy Hall** — superb company, top-class golf courses, and a weekend that proved golf trips are less about the scorecards and more about the memories... and the bits we probably shouldn't repeat in an AGM speech.

And of course, the **99 Hole Golf Challenge**... which somehow became **100 holes**, thanks to **Brian** deciding the number clearly wasn't ambitious enough. A huge thank you to **Jack** for joining me on that adventure — a long day, a lot of steps, and just enough energy left at the end to lift a drink.

It even got **me, Jack, and Theresa** an invite onto **Notts TV**, which proves either the challenge was impressive... or they were short on news that day.

Together we raised an amazing **£3,300** for our chosen charities, which made every aching step worth it.

But the thing I'm proudest of isn't a trophy, a scorecard, or even winning a board competition, it's our Charity efforts this year.

Charity

This club has raised an incredible **£30,000** for our chosen charities — **Emmanuel House Support** and **Cystic Fibrosis**.

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That is a huge achievement and none of this could have been achieved without the Charity Committee with a special thank you to Dave Insley and Stefi Hey for your support to make it a great day, and finally to all the members for your support

It shows what this place is really about. Yes, we take the golf seriously... but when it matters, we come together and do something genuinely important. The generosity, the support at events, the raffles, the donations — it's been outstanding. You should all be very proud of that.

And I want to give a **special thank you to our Club President, Danny Harkin**. Year after year, Danny is the driving force behind our charity fundraising. The energy, the effort, and the time he puts in behind the scenes is incredible, and a lot of what we've achieved simply wouldn't happen without him. Danny — what you do for the club and for these causes really does make a difference, and we all appreciate it.

In fact, if enthusiasm for charity days counted towards your handicap, Danny would be playing off plus figures by now.

Personal Thanks

I couldn't have done this without support.

And a very special thank you to my now wife, **Ramune** — for the patience, the support, and for accepting that being married to the Club Captain means occasionally losing conversations to debates about what to do at the various events throughout the year and constantly requesting advertisement posters.

To my Vice-Captain — thank you for stepping into the role last minute. You've been a massive help, and I'm very happy it's officially your turn now.

To the Immediate Past Captain, **Dene Parsons** — thank you for your guidance and support, and for stepping back into the Vice-Captain role at one or two events during the year when needed. It's been hugely appreciated.

And to the Past Captains — thank you for the advice, the guidance, and the reassuring "don't worry, we've all messed that up before."

The Incoming Captain

Now it's time to hand over to our new Captain.

I know you'll do a fantastic job, and I hope everyone gives you the same support they have given me. It makes the role so much easier — and a lot more fun.

I'm looking forward to next year... when my biggest responsibility is deciding what to order at the bar.

I would like to welcome your new Captain for 2026 - **Tony Wright**....

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Closing

Being Captain of Ramsdale Park has been a real honour and something I'll always be proud of. Thank you for the laughs, the support, the generosity, and the memories.

It's been a brilliant year.

Right — that's enough from me.

Let's enjoy the evening... and I'll see you all back on the first tee when the weather improves and I some time away from enjoying my dad duties

Thank you.

Incoming Captains Statement – Tony Wright

Tony stood and gave the following speech.

Good evening, ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy lives to attend the 32nd Annual AGM, it is great to see so many faces I recognise and know, it makes this speech a little easier as I am incredibly nervous as this is one of the things I dread most.....Public Speaking, a friend told me to imagine everybody who is watching you is naked.....I wish I hadn't have done that, I may have to bleach my eyes when I get home.

All joking aside, I would like to take this opportunity to say how much of an honour and privilege it is to become the Captain of this fantastic club, I am looking forward to whatever the next year brings and if can be as successful as the previous captains have been, it will be a great year!

A short introduction about myself, I'm Tony Wright, and I live in Hucknall with my wife, 2 kids, a cat and a dog.....not sure who argues the most in my house, me and the wife, the kids between themselves or the dog & cat! I have been a member here for around 6 years, and if you believe my wife Golf is my first love, she is wrong but the amount of time I spend up here, you could be inclined to believe her!

First things first I would like to have a round of applause for our outgoing captain Daryl and I want to thank you for the help and support you have given me, even if you rolled your eyes and hid whenever you saw me approaching! and what a tremendous year you have had, being captain, getting married and becoming a Dad, wherever did you find the time?? I wish you all the best for the future and I have a small token of appreciation for having me as your Vice this last year.

I would also like to thank all the members of the committee for all your hard work you all do tirelessly and without thanks most of the time. and without you it wouldn't be possible. Thanks also go to everyone who do the work behind the scenes, everyone in the pro shop, the greenkeepers, the bar staff, the kitchen staff and the office staff.

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A few more thanks I have to give,

Theresa - Queen T, T-Dog, The Duchess of Ramsdale thank you for being the BEST centre manager we could have and being the bridge between the members and BGL.

Brian - This place wouldn't be the same without you sitting/standing at your hut, rightly insulting the poor shots and giving praise when good ones are hit. Personally, I want to thank you for all your advice and help over the last 6 years

Final thanks go to Danny, our President, thank you for everything you do for raising money for all charities each and every year, you really have a heart of gold! and I look forward to working closely with you this year on the Charity committee.

Speaking of Charity, myself and the Incoming Ladies captain have agreed to continue supporting Emmanuel House, a cause close to my heart, so all monies raised this year will be going to them and it is well deserved for everything they do for the homeless in this great city, we can make a real difference, and I can't wait to see how much we can raise this year.

Away from Ramsdale, I hope you'll join me for some off-site antics. The Captain's Away Day will be at Rufford Park in Ollerton on Friday, 1st May, and the Captains Away Weekend at Forest Pines near Scunthorpe is happening 7th to the 9th of August please keep an eye out for sign-up details in the next week or so. I hope to see plenty of you there!

We also have the Summer League matches where we play against teams from Springwater, Mapperley, Norwood, Southwell and Oakmere, please don't hesitate to be in touch with me if you would like to represent Ramsdale in this, in addition to this we have the prestigious honour of hosting this year's Gedling Challenge against Oakmere, Springwater and Mapperley.

Now, onto my first official duty as Captain—presenting the trophy for the 2025 Most Improved Player! This year's winner has been playing consistently throughout this past year (as I know firsthand as I was knocked out of one of the board comps by him and his playing partner) dropping his handicap from 16.5 to 9.6! that is an amazing drop I'm sure you'll all agree A huge round of applause for Oliver England. Oliver, you've had an incredible year, and I'm hopefully going to get you playing for the Summer League this year as one of our star players!

And finally, it's time to introduce the man who will be joining me as Vice-Captain for 2026. This man is the Ying to my Yang, the Hinge to my Bracket, the man with a swing so smooth, Ernie Els asks him for tips. Ladies and Gentlemen, I introduce Richard Birkett

Thank you all once again for this amazing opportunity. I can't wait to serve as your Captain and create another unforgettable year at this brilliant club.

Incoming Vice-Captains Statement – Richard Birkett.

Richard stood and gave the following speech.

Good evening. Firstly, I would like to echo the thoughts and words of Tony with regards to Daryl, the committee, staff and everyone here at Ramsdale.

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I am truly honoured and incredibly proud to be asked to take on the role of Vice Captain for Ramsdale, it is a huge honour.

I want to thank the committee and the members for affording me this opportunity and showing trust in me, I know I have big shoes to fill.

For those who do not know me I am Richard Birkett or Rich to most. I am ex-forces having retired in 2012. I have been a member for 5 years and have always considered Ramsdale a home away from home somewhere to relax and enjoy what we all love.

When I first investigated joining a club this was the first I visited to have a look and get a feel, and I did not need to look anywhere else. It is my desire to show the same welcome and embrace that I was shown to all members new and old.

I am fully committed to supporting Tony and working hard behind the scenes to ensure another successful year for the club.

I look forward to serving you all and making this a fantastic season on and off the course.
Thank you

Proposals and Nominations

There was one nomination for committee Stuart Horton who had previously been co-opted on to the committee and as there were three committee members standing down this year there would be no need for any voting to take place.

Mark Northern took time to thank the three members who were John Hilton, Sachin Kanaiya and Dene Parsons for their work over the past years they have served on committee and also made note that although they had stood down they may still be called upon on occasions by members of the committee to impart their knowledge on others such as future captains' etc.

There was one proposal from Mark Steggles and Steven Smallwood which was as follows. Would it be considered that the winners of the medal and Stableford finals would automatically qualify for the following years finals so that they were in a position to defend their win by rights. A vote took place and it was voted in unanimously.

To Appoint 3 tellers

As there were no nominations there was no need to appoint three tellers as there wouldn't be a vote required.

Election of new committee members

As above.

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A.O.B.

Stephanie Hay asked if the date was set for the Gedling Challenge yet.
Mark Northern responded that it has not but all sections will be notified once it is confirmed.

Michael Bancroft took time to thank every member of the committee for their hard work throughout the year and also went on to congratulate the greenkeeping staff for managing the course so well during difficult weather.

It was also noted at this point that only 27 members attended the AGM which although it may be disappointing it could be viewed that the club is being well managed and there is nothing really to challenge.

An alternative for the AGM date and time may be looked at for the coming year as Danny Harkin suggested holding the meeting after one of the winter competitions.

This will be discussed and a date set for next year based on the outcome.

A meeting of the new committee will take place 06:00pm on the 3rd March 2026.

Mark thanked all once again for attending and closed the meeting at 8:22pm.

Mark Northern – Chairman

Mark Northern