

Cheshire Association Of Groundsman

Andrew Horsfield
(Chair), Stan Aspinall,
Paul Ferguson, Iain
Harrop, Alex
Fitzgerald, Les Hart,
Pete O'Farrell, Ian
Schora, Bren
Connolly, Pete
Kenyon, Andy Welsby
(GMA)

Apologies: Brian Horrocks, Brian Birtles, Dave Twiney (treasurer) Chris (CHLB), Mike Cook

1. Chairmans Report

AH, welcomed everyone and thanked Toft for hosting. 2025 report included – no pre-season workshops , these were replaced with early-season workshops with around 20 attendees. Next was a demonstration and a number of guest speakers at an event at Oulton Park, again 20+ members attended.

The CAG supported the Cricket Boards , “young peoples “ ground course, which had 10 attendees

CPA visited and part-funded a number of Pitch Power reports, highlighting the GPIF opportunities. AW commented that he wasn't aware that any Cheshire Clubs had progressed the GPIF recommendations. This was discussed and maybe the reason for not progressing any GPIF is the understanding of the “how to apply” in the process?

1. Treasurer Report (AH stoon in for DT)

Current Balance = £8456.39 vs 2024 £8844.33

Toft Meeting costs = £400

Membership fees had been reduced in 2025 to £15 from £20 generating £1300 vs £1800 in

2024. The reduction was to achieve the aim of not profiting but breaking even throughout a season.

Membership Fees to remain at £15 for 2026

1. Discussion

AH opened the meeting to discuss the current finances and how they could be used

Factory visits – Dennis

Purchase CAG mowers to supply clubs when theirs has broken down, issues here included transportation and storage.

Training – upgrade members from Level 1 to 2, however, we would need to understand what training groundsman currently have and how to develop their skills upwards?

Action Point – DT communicate with the CCCL & CCL secretaries and before the 2026 have a letter sent out to the clubs requesting the Skill Level of their groundsman? It shouldn't be anymore than , Name, Club, Contact details and qualifications. With this information a DATA base can be built and the appropriate training be offered.

Communications and promoting the CAG : It was discussed on how to reach a bigger audience on Social Media going forward, this has been deferred to another meeting with good ideas coming from the floor.

With only 2 committee members and a low number of attendees , no voting for committee positions in 2026 were done, the current committee will continue and members asked to vote in the New Year.

The meeting was closed at 20.42