

# FootGolf Association of England CIC



## *FGAoE 2026 – Annual General Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026*

FGAoE:

*Paul Boulton, Steven Groombridge, Sarah Boulton, Chris Hopton & Sean Rontree*

### **Members:**

T Spink, R Mucklow, J Brice, T Wood, T Williams, J Yeates, D Carrick, M Hill, P Francis, L Phillips, R Philp, B Fisher, D Shaw, C See, M Eaglestone.

Steven Groombridge welcomed everyone to the FootGolf Association of England's annual general meeting for 2026.

### Approval of 2025 AGM Minutes and Review:

Sean Rontree presented the minutes from the 2025 AGM, detailing attendance, board appointments, competition results, financial outcomes, and team selections, with Robert Mucklow and Sarah Boulton formally approving the minutes.

- Attendance and Apologies: Sean Rontree listed the board members and members present at the 2025 AGM, noting that there were no recorded apologies for absence.
- Competition and Event Highlights: Sean Rontree summarised the 2025 season, including club league participation, event numbers, international competition results, and the hosting of the FIFG Masters, as well as England's victory in the Four Nations Cup and participation in the FIFG Major.
- Financial Report and Strategy: Sean Rontree reported a financial loss of £7,370 for 2025, attributed to increased costs, and outlined the board's strategy to minimise participation costs and secure external sponsorship for sustainability.
- Board Appointments and Team Selections: Sean Rontree detailed the appointment and reappointment of board members, the election of Karl Baker-May as England National Team Captain, the appointment of Ant Broliya as Development Team Captain, and the selection criteria for national teams.
- Approval of Minutes: Robert Mucklow and Sarah Boulton formally approved the 2025 AGM minutes, confirming their accuracy and completeness.

### President's Report and Strategic Direction:

Paul Boulton delivered the President's report, reflecting on the association's growth, achievements, governance improvements, club support, and future plans for competitions, development, and inclusion.

- Growth and Achievements: Paul Boulton highlighted increased participation, professionalism, and standards, including the club league's stability, the success of the national tour, and international achievements such as Ben Clarke's world number one ranking.
- Governance and Integrity: Paul Boulton described ongoing efforts to strengthen governance, refine competition structures, and improve transparency, with a focus on sustainability, accountability, and long-term growth.
- Club Support and Development: Paul Boulton emphasised the importance of clubs, outlined financial support through green fees, and announced the forthcoming appointment of a new head of development to enhance club pathways and support networks.



- Future Plans and International Events: Paul Boulton outlined plans for 2026, including supporting national teams in the Four Nations Cup, World Cup, and Junior World Cup, and expanding grassroots participation and commercial partnerships.

## Treasurer's Report and Financial Overview:

Steven Groombridge presented the Treasurer's report, covering the association's financial position, cost management, loss for the year, and strategies for sustainability and growth, with oversight from independent accountants.

- Financial Position and Oversight: Steven Groombridge reported a loss of £3,787.27 for 2025, with a closing balance of £5,553.58, and explained that all spending is closely monitored by two independent accountants to ensure compliance and transparency.
- Cost Increases and Mitigation: Steven Groombridge discussed rising costs, particularly course fees exceeding £150,000, and described efforts to offset increases through discounts and loyalty rewards, while maintaining event quality.
- Investment in Events and Clubs: Steven Groombridge detailed investments in the England team, trophies, prize money, and club league venues, including £12,000 paid out in course fees to clubs and plans for a nationwide winter series.
- Sponsorship and Partnerships: Steven Groombridge highlighted the ongoing challenge of securing sponsors and partners and called for members' support to strengthen relationships with clubs and external stakeholders for future sustainability.

## Board Membership and Vacancies:

Steven Groombridge announced that current board members are serving their terms, but a resignation in the player representative position has created a vacancy, with details to be posted on the website and social media.

- Vacancy Announcement and Recruitment: Steven Groombridge explained that the resignation of the player representative has opened a vacancy, which will be advertised on the association's website and social media, and encouraged members to volunteer for roles or suggest new board positions.

## Questions, Answers, and Member Engagement:

Steven Groombridge addressed common member questions on topics such as mental health, season ticket discounts, membership fees, club league, and event eligibility, with plans to publish detailed answers and hold an open evening for further discussion.

- Mental Health and Member Support: Steven Groombridge acknowledged the importance of mental health within the association and referenced ongoing discussions about appointing a mental health officer.
- Season Ticket and Membership Fees: Steven Groombridge explained the current 8.5% season ticket saving, plans to increase this to at least 10% by 2027, and the impact of FIG's increased fees on membership costs, including the discontinuation of the rebate scheme.
- Club League and Event Structure: Steven Groombridge discussed the role of club league venues, the distinction between club and national tour courses, and the need for closer collaboration with clubs to promote events and grow participation.
- Publication of Answers and Future Engagement: Steven Groombridge stated that all questions and answers, along with AGM minutes and financials, will be published on the website, and announced plans for an open evening to gather further feedback and engage with members.

