

FEDERATION OF CROQUET CLUBS SOUTH WEST

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on
Friday, 4 April 2014

Present:	Chairman	Roger Hayes
	Treasurer	Norman Connor
	League Secretary	John Grimshaw
	Publicity Officer	Sue MacKay
	Coaching Liaison Officer	Roger Buckley
	Development Officer	Robert Moss (North)
	Federation Representative	Brian Shorney
	Secretary	Julie Horsley

1. Apologies

Marcus Evans, Adam Wimshurst and Ros Key-Pugh

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 January 2014 were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Correspondence

The Secretary had received up-dates on coaches, handicappers and referees from a number of clubs. These were passed to the Publicity Officer to up-date the website.

The up-dates had shown that there were many clubs without a club handicapper. It was stated that the CA had recommended that Federations strengthen the link between clubs and Federations by appointing Federation handicappers to assist and advise club handicappers.

Cliff Jones is the Federation's appointed handicapper.

Klim Seabright had offered to help in assessing Golf Croquet handicaps in clubs without a club handicapper.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman read his proposed reply to the CA re the Federation Working Party Report. The Committee agreed his reply, which he would send to Jeff Dawson.

The Secretary would send to all Club Secretaries.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer had circulated his report and statement of accounts to the Committee beforehand.

Four clubs had not renewed. Charlton and Plymouth CC's had not responded to e-mails.

Adam Wimshurst would be asked to look into this.

7. League Secretary's Report

The League Secretary reported that there were 20 entries for the short croquet at Nailsea.

League Finals:

Federation Final at Cheltenham CC - 21 September - Robert Moss will attend

Intermediate Final at Budleigh Salterton CC - 28 September - Julie Horsley will attend

"B" League Final at Nailsea - 21 September - John Grimshaw will attend

Level Play Golf Croquet League Final at East Dorset - 13 September - William Ormerod will be asked to attend

Golf Croquet Handicap League Final at Taunton CC - 5 October - Roger Buckley will attend

The League Secretary said he had been asked to clarify the position for handicap cards of the number of points gained or lost in "B" league games. 26 point games played on small lawns players gained or lost 10 points, should however 14 point games played on full-sized lawns be 10 points or 5 points.

It was said that 14 point games were 5 points. It was suggested that the CA Handicap Committee look at this, as to whether all games were plus or minus 10 points.

It was agreed that for this season for federation matches the status quo would stay so all 14 point games on full sized lawns would be 5 points - plus or minus.

The question was also raised as to whether the federation would adopt the CA AC handicap doubles variation.

Brian Shorney said that all doubles games this should be encouraged, however the Committee decided that that status quo would remain for all AC doubles games played in federation matches. The Golf Croquet wrong ball trial will not continue. The new GC rule book is now available.

8. Publicity Officer's Report

The Publicity Officer reported that SWAN was out, most had been distributed at the Golf Croquet Handicap conference. The Chairman thanked the Publicity officer for all her hard work with SWAN. The website would be updated with the information as to coaches, handicappers and referees. The report of the Golf Croquet handicap conference was on the website.

9. Coaching Liaison Officer's Report

The Coaching Liaison Officer distributed to the committee details of his breakdown of coaches within the federation. He had divided the area into 4 and listed the coaches available in each area. The Coaching Officer was thanked for this breakdown.

10. Youth Officer's Report

No report as Youth Officer not present.

11. Development Officers' Report

A report from the Development Officer's had been circulated prior to the meeting.

South Bristol CC had folded due to lack of members.

Cheltenham CC - the re-seed lawns were growing well and it was anticipated they would be playable in June.

Worcester Norton are able to stay on their present site for this season but will be looking for a new site for the long term.

Llandovery CC is now up and running.

Dyfryn CC have reached an agreement with the National Trust for the coming season.

Barnstaple CC are still waiting to hear about their grant from Sport England

Montacute CC are hanging on with just a few members.

Lytes Cary CC are negotiating with the National Trust.

Robert Moss was congratulated for his excellent work on the FDO pack.

It was stated that it was felt that a meeting of the CA and the National trust would be beneficial to all the ongoing problems.

12. Golf Croquet Adviser's Report

The Golf Croquet Adviser had circulated her report beforehand as she was not present.

The beginners course and the improvers course had been well attended.

The handicap conference was a great success and well attended with approx. 14 clubs represented.

Thanks were expressed to Cliff Jones, Kevin Ham and Brian Shorney for running the day and to Roger for chairing it.

13. Federation Representative's Report

The Federation Representative reported that there was a recommendation that all doubles in fixture book events should be played using the AC Handicap Doubles Variation as trialled last year.

Managers of CA tournaments had been asked to give the CA a list of players who had received merit awards last season, as some had not been received.

It is now mandatory for players to take their handicap cards to all tournaments.

14. Date of A.G.M.

It was agreed that the A.G.M. be held at Batch House again on Sunday, 23 November, 2014.

The Secretary to arrange. It was decided to have a buffet lunch.

15. Any Other Business

None

16. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 1 October 2014 at the Weston Club, Bleadon at 10.30 a.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.40 p.m.

