

## FEDERATION OF CROQUET CLUBS SOUTH WEST

Minutes of Committee Meeting Saturday, 13 March 2010

Present:	Chairman	Roger Buckley
	Treasurer	Derek Beard
	League Secretary	John Grimshaw
	Coaching Officer	Cliff Jones
	Publicity Officer	Sue Mackay
	Development Officer	Robert Moss (North)
	Youth Officer	Marcus Evans
	Golf Croquet Adviser	Ros Key-Pugh
	Secretary	Julie Horsley

### 1. Apologies

Tony Backhouse

### 2. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 November 2009 were approved and signed.

### 3. Matters Arising

The January Committee Meeting was cancelled due to the weather.

Re DHW changes to Association League Rules – a few minor changes have been implemented; the other changes will need approval at the next AGM.

### 4. Correspondence

New Secretary at Bath CC.

New Officials at Lansdown CC.

Llandaff (Insole Court) CC re coaching which has been passed to the Coaching Officer.

Chairman has received a letter from Richard Nash re handicapping. Cliff Jones to draft a reply.

### 5. Chairman's Report

There was a discussion over a possible successor to the Chairman after the next AGM.

The Chairman thanked the Committee for all their work.

### 6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that 4 clubs were in arrears with their subscriptions.

He reported that there is £4148 in the bank.

There was a discussion as to whether fees should be increased next year. It was decided that there should be no increase.

It was decided that we may be able to offer some financial help to clubs if they genuinely needed help.

### 7. Coaching Officer's Report

The Coaching Officer reported that all coaching courses were in place.

29/30 March - Cornwall CC - Bronze course

1/2 April - Lym Valley - Coaching

6/7 April - Sidmouth CC - Coaches Preparation Course

10/11 April - EastDorset - Bronze Course

13/14 April - Swindon - Coaching for coaches

5/6 June - Sidmouth - Introduction to Advanced play

He said that the Coaches preparation course at Sidmouth was originally arranged for the Sidmouth club but he had been asked to open it up. It was agreed that after expenses, the club should receive the rest of the money.

Bridget Marsh at Kingston Maurward CC who has been a Grade 1 coach since 1998, is not on the list of coaches. Her name to be added.

There is a possibility of 2 new clubs being started at Montecute House and Barrington Court.  
The Secretary reported that only 6 clubs had replied over the Coaching conference. The date of the Coaching conference was arranged for 23/24 October, 2010 at the Weston CC.

#### **8. Publicity Officer's Report**

The Publicity Officer reported that SWAN was out. There are 4 pages less than last year.

Distribution has been arranged.

She reported that she had inadvertently omitted Ivor Meredith (Budleigh Salterton) from the list of CA Diploma recipients. She had sent an apology to Ivor and also placed one on the website.

The website has been updated.

The Chairman thanked Sue for all her work on SWAN.

#### **9. League Secretary's Report**

The League Secretary reported that all fixtures have been arranged.

The venues for all play-offs have been arranged.

There are 102 teams in the Leagues this year.

The Golf Croquet Level Play League has been abandoned this year due to lack of support.

The Short Croquet Team Event has 8 entries this year, there are 2 places left.

The Chairman thanked John for all his work with the leagues.

#### **10. Youth Officer's Report**

The Youth Officer reported that the National Juniors' and National Schools' Championships will take place 3-4 July.

Encouragement was continuing for Juniors with contact points for coaching.

Juniors could be encouraged to take up Croquet for a Duke of Edinburgh award.

#### **11. Development Officer's Report**

The Development Officer for the North reported that he was still pursuing the idea of a video for YouTube. He had approached the University of Gloucestershire Media Studies Department over the possibility of them making a short video, but it may prove to be too costly.

There was a discussion as to what was available on the web and various sites were suggested.

A first draft of an information pack for Development Officers was circulated.

It was reported that Budleigh Salterton CC had applied for a grant of £3000 to relay 2 courts. More information has been requested by the Development Committee.

Dowlish Wake had applied for a grant of £650 to help with lawn improvement and replacement of machinery. This has been granted but for machinery only, lawn improvement has to come out of income.

Interest has been shown in developing a croquet court at Princetown. A meeting was scheduled but the prime mover did not turn up.

#### **12. Golf Croquet Adviser's Report**

The Golf Croquet Adviser reported that there had been no response for an Improvers course.

Coaching has been arranged for Grange, South Bristol and Dowlish Wake CC's.

A Golf Croquet referee's course has been arranged at South Bristol.

The Golf Croquet Adviser said that she had been asked why it was that there were no professional coaches for croquet as there is professional coaching available in most other sports. The Coaching Officer said that there was a need for professional coaches.

#### **13. Date of the AGM**

Sunday, 21 November at Batch Country House Hotel. The Secretary will arrange.

#### **14. Any Other Business**

Sue MacKay said that we should arrange officers to attend the league finals;

Federation at East Dorset on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Cliff Jones

Intermediate at Nailsea on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> September - John Grimshaw

B League at Budleigh Salterton on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Julie Horsley

Golf Croquet at Taunton on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> September - Derek Beard

Ros Key-Pugh said that the Lansdown Club were having problems with highways for their proposed new site. The cost had risen considerably but they were unable to apply for grants until planning permission was granted.

#### **15. Date of Next Meeting**

**Wednesday, 22 September 11a.m. at the WESTON CROQUET CLUB, Bleadon**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.25 p.m.