

FEDERATION OF CROQUET CLUBS SOUTH WEST

Minutes of Committee Meeting Wednesday, 22 September 2010

Present: Chairman Roger Buckley
Treasurer Derek Beard
League Secretary John Grimshaw
Publicity Officer Sue Mackay
Development Officer Robert Moss (North)
Tony Backhouse (South)
Secretary Julie Horsley
By Invitation Bob Whitaker

1. Apologies

Cliff Jones, Marcus Evans and Ros Key-Pugh.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 March 2010 were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Correspondence

New Secretaries at Kingston Maurward CC, Chastleton House CC, Charlton CC and Lytes Cary CC.

Notification from Plymouth CC and Chastleton House CC that they will not be attending the AGM.

Letter from Brian Heath, Kington Langley CC asking for guidance re Child Protection, this had been passed to the Chairman.

From Abbey CC they would like 10 copies of SWAN.

Wareham CC has been in touch over joining the Federation.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman welcomed Bob Whitaker to the meeting.

At the AGM the Committee will propose Bob Whitaker for Chairman.

The Chairman thanked the Committee for all their work.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that there is £3677 in the bank.

All clubs had paid up.

7. Coaching Officer's Report

As the Coaching Officer was unable to attend the meeting, he had sent a report to all members.

He had reported that 2010 had been a very busy year of coaching within the Federation.

Requests had already been made for coaching for 2011.

The following arrangements have been made:

13 April	East Dorset CC	Golf Croquet Laws/Referees Course
14/15 April	East Dorset CC	Graded Coaches Qualification Course
16/17 April	East Dorset CC	Silver Coaching Course
26/27 April	Budleigh Salterton CC	Bronze Coaching Course
19/20 June	Budleigh Salterton CC	Silver Coaching Course

Also request from Sidmouth CC for a One Day Golf Croquet Course on Tactics and use of free turns - date to be arranged.

He said that he was putting together an agenda and topics for syndicate and workshop discussion for the Coaching Conference.

There was a discussion over the conference, in which the following points were made:

Was the lack of numbers due to the fact that many croquet players may be on holiday in October? Would the spring be a better time to hold it? It was suggested that perhaps if the aims of the conference together with an Agenda were sent out when notification was given it might attract more response. The conclusion was that as there were so few delegates for the conference, it should be postponed.

The Chairman would notify the Coaching Officer of this decision.

8. Publicity Officer's Report

The Publicity Officer reported that the website was being kept up-to-date.

SWAN will be produced as usual. She requested that those attending league finals write a report for SWAN.

She said that the list of accredited referees and coaches in the SW was now out of date and needed to be updated.

9. League Secretary's Report

The League Secretary reported that it had been a fair season until recently. There had been problems with teams not agreeing to play at the venues fixed for semi-finals and finals.

He reported that the Parkstone Trophy had been won by Nailsea.

The Federation Final is being played at East Dorset between Sidmouth and Bear of Rodborough.

The Intermediate Final is being played at Nailsea between Taunton Deane and Plymouth.

The "B" level Final is being played at Budleigh Salterton between Nailsea Central and Nailsea SE.

The Golf Croquet Final has been played. Nailsea Central was the winner.

The League Secretary said that he would like to make the following proposals for the AGM:

- a) As there had been a problem again this year over venues, he would like to propose that the semi-final play-offs are hosted by the block finalists and would rotate yearly. This was agreed.
- b) He said that he felt that teams of 3 players at one-lawn clubs should triple bank. He would like to remove the option of 1D am, 1D, 1S pm from Appendix 2. This was agreed.
- c) There had been complaints that Golf Croquet was being played on small lawns even when full-sized lawns were available. He would like to propose that home clubs give their opponents at least 7 days notification that they will be playing on small lawns. This was agreed.

The League Secretary will draft these proposals and forward to the Secretary.

The League Secretary said that he had been approached about the Golf Croquet League Structure, it had been suggested that there was a Golf Croquet Tiered League. It was agreed that we try again to get the level play league off the ground. It will be added to the list of Competition Entries with a proviso that it is dependent on a minimum of 8 teams entering. If there is not sufficient response the Tiered League will be mentioned at the AGM.

10. Youth Officer's Report

No report as Youth Officer not present.

11. Development Officer's Report

The Development Officer (South) reported that Budleigh Salterton CC are amending their grant application for improving Lawns 1 and 2 to meet the requirements of the Development Committee.

Dowlish Wake CC have been given £650 towards the cost of a new mower.

Princetown – nothing more heard.

Charlton CC seeking grants but heard nothing since March.

Wareham CC– William Ormerod attended their first meeting (saving a long trip). They have ground allocation for 2 afternoons a week for Golf Croquet on council land.

Barnstaple CC are considering moving to a new ground with a long lease from either the council or the cricket club. This could give them ultimately 4 lawns, a pavilion and parking.

The Development Officer (North) reported that Nailsea CC are preparing a bid requesting half of the £5000 cost of creating a permeable roadway across the council owned land to reach the club.

Lansdown CC were refused planning permission for their new site as the clubhouse was considered too large, they are re-applying with modified plan.

Severn Beach – nothing heard.

Stroud U3A appear to have abandoned plans to move to Stroud Leisure Centre.

Cheltenham are preparing a bid for re-laying some lawns.

12. Golf Croquet Adviser's Report

As the Golf Croquet Adviser was unable to attend the meeting, she had sent a report to all members.

The planned Golf Croquet coaching for The Grange and South Bristol clubs was cancelled as The Grange were not willing to travel to South Bristol.

She wondered whether the Federation would like to host a one day Golf Croquet event similar to the one held at Dyffryn. The League Secretary said that we used to hold one at Nailsea but there was little support after the Golf Croquet League started so was not continued

The subject of financial support for the proposed new club for Lansdown CC was discussed.

The Committee are unable to offer the kind of support being sought. It was suggested that the CA need to be approached for that kind of funding. The Federation are only able to offer clubs minimal support.

13. Proposals received for AGM

A Proposal to amend rule 3 of the Golf Croquet League rules has been received from Bath CC.

A proposal to clarify the Association League rules has been received from East Dorset CC.

The Committee were unhappy with some wording with this proposal and rather than have several amendments, which could result in the proposal being defeated , suggested that East Dorset be approached to see if they would be prepared to change the wording in question.

The Secretary to contact East Dorset.

14. AGM

The Secretary reported that Batch Country House was all booked, lunch would be £13 this year and coffee the same at £1.50.

15. Any Other Business

The League Secretary said that if the East Dorset proposal was carried, then the relevant Golf Croquet League rules should be amended. The Committee will propose this.

The Development Officer (South) is retiring.

The Chairman said he would like to thank Tony Backhouse for all his work on the Committee.

The Committee will propose Adam Wimshurst as Development Officer (South).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.45 p.m.

The next meeting will be following the AGM