

FEDERATION OF CROQUET CLUBS SOUTH WEST

Minutes of Committee Meeting Saturday, 22 January, 2011

Present:	Chairman	Bob Whitaker
	League Secretary	John Grimshaw
	Coaching Officer	Cliff Jones
		Roger Buckley
	Publicity Officer	Sue Mackay
	Development Officers	Robert Moss (North)
		Adam Wimshurst (South)
	Golf Croquet Adviser	Ros Key-Pugh
	Secretary	Julie Horsley

1. Apologies

Derek Beard and Marcus Evans.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 November, 2010 were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising

Cliff Jones told the Committee why he had resigned from the CA.

4. Correspondence

E-mail from Patricia Duke-Cox, which had been circulated to all members re CA survey. It was said that the original timetable was too tight and that more time should have been allowed for it. The Secretary said that nearly 2/3rd had replied. The Chairman said that he felt that all requests for help with surveys etc. should first go to the Secretary, who would then pass it on to the most appropriate member/s of the Committee.

Chastleton House - National Trust had written re seeking volunteers to show visitors how to play croquet next summer. The Committee felt that it was too onerous to expect croquet members to give up one or two afternoons a week throughout the season. We would be happy to arrange for someone to show existing volunteers how to play so that they in turn could show their visitors, or alternatively why did they not recruit from Chastleton House CC.

Wareham CC are going to join as associate members this year and will decide by September whether they will enter the Golf Croquet League next year in which case they will change membership.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman said that Cliff Jones' resignation from the CA raised a number of issues.

We need to appoint a new Federation Representative to the CA. The Chairman had approached Brian Shorney who had indicated that he would be willing to accept. The Committee unanimously agreed this. The Secretary was asked to write to Brian Shorney and invite him to become the Federation Representative to the CA until the next AGM.

The Chairman said that the resignation did not make any difference to Cliff running coaching/laws courses, but he would not be able to appoint coaches or appoint referees.

As Federation Coaching Officer he was still entitled to stay on the CA Coaching Committee.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer had reported to the Secretary that about half of the subscriptions were in and that the balance at the bank was £3950.

7. Coaching Officer's Report

The Coaching Officer reported that all courses for the coming season were in place. He was holding a Laws refresher course at Sidmouth in the coming week. He reported that he had completed two-thirds of the assessment forms for coaches. Ros Key-Pugh asked if the courses at Dowlish Wake were open to anyone. The Coaching Officer said that this was unlikely as the club had requested the coaching/laws courses and a large number from the club had signed up.

There was a discussion on Coaching Qualification Courses for both Association and Golf Croquet.

Coaching Conference. It was agreed that the Coaching Conference would take place the weekend of the 22/23 October, 2011 at the Weston Club. The course would be in preparation for coaching in 2012. All coaches and Club secretaries would be contacted.

8. Publicity Officer's Report

The Publicity Officer said that she had updated the website. SWAN had been circulated to members before the meeting. There were a few minor corrections. The cost of SWAN this year will be £460.

9. League Secretary's Report

The League Secretary reported there were 104 entries to date. There was only one entry so far for the Golf Croquet Level Play League. It was wondered whether the high cost of entry – due to the high cost of lawn hire from Budleigh Salterton – was a deterrent.

There were 6 entries at present for the Short Croquet at Nailsea on 3 April.

Since the last meeting the Committee have studied DHW's document on the Golf Croquet League Rules. The Committee decided that they would bring the Golf Croquet League Rules in line with the Association League Rules and have amended them accordingly. No rules have been changed.

Rule 14 Golf Croquet, Rule 15 Association Croquet League Rules - "disputes over the interpretation of anything contained within these rules" the Committee agreed that it was for the League Secretary to make the decision. The new rules will be posted on the website.

10. Youth Officer's Report

Nothing to report as Youth Officer not present.

11. Development Officers Report

The Development Officer (North) reported that Cheltenham had been awarded a grant towards up-grading some of their lawns.

Lansdown CC's plans have fallen through. They are investigating further sites but will most likely lose one lawn from their present site at the end of the year.

There is a possibility of a new club being formed at Apperley nr Tewkesbury. The cricket club are developing a wider community interest in sport and leisure.

Still waiting for an up-date on Nailsea's grant application.

The Development Officer South reported that Wooten Courteney nr Minehead have submitted an application for a complete starter pack.

Coombe Trenchard which is being run as an Edwardian Arts and Crafts Centre is being restored. They are holding a Garden Festival in June and among activities suggested is croquet. Adam Wimshurst is visiting on the 29 January to discuss matters.

12. Golf Croquet Adviser's Report

The Golf Croquet advisor said that she had nothing further to report.

13. Any Other Business

The Chairman thanked Roger Buckley for arranging lunch.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Saturday, 19 March 2011 at 11.00a.m. at the Weston Croquet Club, Bleadon

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