

FEDERATION OF CROQUET CLUBS SOUTH WEST

Minutes of Committee Meeting Wednesday, 14 September, 2011

Present: Chairman Bob Whitaker
Treasurer Derek Beard
League Secretary John Grimshaw
Coaching Officer Assistant Roger Buckley
Publicity Officer Sue Mackay
Development Officers: Robert Moss (North)
Adam Wimshurst (South)
Golf Croquet Adviser Ros Key-Pugh
Secretary Julie Horsley
Federation Representative Brian Shorney

1. **Apologies**

Marcus Evans and Cliff Jones.

2. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 March, 2011 were approved and signed.

3. **Matters Arising**

None

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

This report was taken out of sequence as the Golf Croquet Advisor had to leave early. The Golf Croquet Advisor reported that the coaching at Kington Langley CC had been a great success.

A request had been received from Sidmouth CC for a reminder be given at the AGM about the handicap starting point for Golf Croquet and the procedure for giving handicaps after initial training.

There was a need for a CA Coaches course. The Chairman suggested that Roger Buckley and Ros Key-Pugh together with 2 other qualified coaches run a course. He suggested that they came back with some dates.

Ros Key-Pugh said that the new club at Camerton and Peasedown was progressing well and that they were very grateful for the cheque they received from the CA. They have about 40 members already and are hoping that some will play Association croquet. Camerton and Peasedown would be joining the Federation.

4. **Correspondence**

The Secretary reported that she had received notification of several new clubs secretaries. Montacute CC had joined the Federation.

Lym Valley CC had requested some help over lawns which had been passed to the Chairman.

5. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that due to lack of support the coaching conference had been cancelled.

He said that he had been very pleased to read Barry Keens' article in the September issue of the Gazette about the strong and important role that Federations had to play in conjunction with the CA. There is a lot of support within the Federations with league events, tournaments and competitions.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported that the balance at the bank was approx. £4700.

Fees were in line with last year but travelling costs had risen.

It was felt that subscriptions should remain the same for the coming year, as there is a healthy balance at the bank.

The League Secretary asked if the Honorarium for hosting Federation finals could be raised to £40 per final. This was seconded by Roger Buckley and all agreed.

7. **Coaching Officer's Report**

No report as Coaching Officer not present.

8. **Publicity Officer's Report**

The Publicity Officer reported that SWAN was likely to be the same price as last year.

She had received some queries about printing off files from the website - files need to be saved before printing.

The website will need an update from Club Secretaries for referees and coaches.

She asked all representatives at League Finals to write a report for SWAN.

Adam Wimshurst said that he had been unable to find information about fees for joining the Federation.

It was agreed that they would be put on the website.

9. League Secretary's Report

The League Secretary reported that all League fixtures were coming to an end.

The Parkstone Trophy has still to be decided as all games have not been played.

The Parkstone Qualifier has been won by Nailsea CC.

In the Federation League, the winner of the semi-final between Bear of Rodborough CC and Plymouth CC will play Nailsea CC at Taunton on Sunday, 2 September. Bob Whitaker was asked if he would attend to referee, which he agreed.

In the Intermediate League, Worcester Norton CC had a walkover as Broadwas CC were unable to give a date to play, this gave Bear of Rodborough the block at Broadwas' expense. The Final is between Bear of Rodborough CC and Abbey CC at Nailsea on Sunday, 18 September, Peter Dyke will referee.

In the B League, Llandaff CC (who won the block) had 2 home matches conceded, one by Worcester CC who, had they beaten Llandaff, would have won the block themselves. Worcester tried to resurrect the fixture when they realised this, but it was so late that a suitable date could not be found. The Final is between Bath CC and Cornwall CC on Monday, 26 September, Bob Whitaker will attend.

In the Golf Croquet League out of 104 fixtures there was only walkover. The semi-finalists are Nailsea CC and Dyffryn CC and Budleigh Salterton CC and East Dorset CC.

The final will be played at Sidmouth on Saturday 1 October Adam Wimshurst will attend.

The League Secretary said that Cliff Jones on his website CroquetQuest was detailing all the Golf Croquet matches played. He said that he thought it was excellent although slow to download. He proposed to make clubs aware of this site at the AGM.

10. Youth Officer's Report

No report as Youth Officer not present.

11. Development Officers Report

Report Attached – this had been circulated to the Committee beforehand.

Robert Moss reported that Camerton and Peasedown had been successful with their grant from the CA.

He had received requests for mallets by new clubs and wondered if clubs with any spare mallets would be willing to donate to help new clubs.

The visit to Westonbirt School has sparked some interest there.

Adam Wimshurst said that he had purchased a small exhibiting tent for £250 out of his own pocket for use at Coombe Trenchard. He wondered if the Federation would like to buy it from him, so that it could be used by the Federation for displays and/or to lend out. It was agreed that the Federation would buy it from Adam and keep it.

13. Proposals for AGM

Proposals have been received from Bear of Rodborough, Sidmouth, East Dorset and Nailsea CC's.

There are two proposals from the Committee.

To insert in Amendments Rule 16 Association, Rule 15 Golf Croquet "...and eligible to vote"

To insert in Association League Rules Rule 4b a clarification when there are two teams in the same league. The League Secretary will finalise the wording.

14. AGM

The Secretary reported that it was all booked at Batch House at the same price as last year.

15. Any Other Business

The Federation Officer reported that he had attended a meeting of the CA.

Adam Wimshurst informed the Committee that Budleigh Salterton CC were looking at creating a facility for coaching at the Budleigh club.

The Secretary reported that she had received an e-mail from an American student looking to put together a Watson Fellowship, and asking for some help. The Committee said that they felt this was matter for the CA and suggested the Secretary forward it to the CA Secretary, Ian Vincent.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.50p.m.