

FEDERATION OF CROQUET CLUBS SOUTH WEST

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on
Wednesday, 1 February 2012

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

1. Apologies

Adam Wimshurst, Marcus Evans and Roger Buckley

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 November 2011, after a spelling correction, were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Correspondence

The Chairman of the CA Coaching Committee and the Chairman of the CA Handicap Committee had requested that all clubs within the Federation be notified of the extended dates for the Coach of the Year and Most Improved Player Awards. A letter from Dave Kibble had been received – which had been sent to all the Committee.

A Sports psychology article has been received from Stanley Popovich, if anyone wishes a copy the Secretary will forward.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman asked the Secretary to reply to Dave Kibble's letter.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that there were 10 clubs in arrears with their subscription.

7. Coaching Officer's Report

The Coaching Officer reported that he had run 2 days of coaching at Exeter CC and it had been well received, and they would like another one.

4 coaching courses are being held at Budleigh Salterton CC this year:

A Guide to Successful Tournament Management - 16/17 February

A Coaches Qualification Course - 8/9 March

An Improvers Coaching Course - 15/16 March

Towards the Triple Peel - 7/8 April

The proposed laws/referees course at Nailsea has had to be cancelled. The Coaching Officer will look into the possibility of holding another laws/referees course at a later date - Ros Key-Pugh offered the use of Camerton and Peasedown CC.

8. Publicity Officer's Report

The Publicity Officer reported that SWAN will cost £20 more this year.

The proof had been circulated to all the Committee beforehand.

She stated that our Federation has more Coaches and Referees than other Federations.

Details of Coaching Courses will go on the website.

9. League Secretary's Report

The League Secretary reported that there were 3 fixtures outstanding before the list can be finalised.

Venues for Finals were as follows:

Federation League at Budleigh Salterton CC on 23 September, 2012

Intermediate League to be arranged

"B" League at Taunton Deane CC on 23 September, 2012

Golf Croquet League at Camerton and Peasedown CC on 30 September, 2012.

13 entries have been received so far for the Short Croquet.

The wording for League Rules Proposals A/B were agreed.

After much discussion over the base for the "B" League, Brian Shorney proposed a base of 11½,

This was seconded by Sue Mackay. This was passed with one abstention from John Grimshaw.

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. Swindon CC are preparing a bid for CA funding as after this year they have to take on the responsibility of lawn maintenance. The Chairman is visiting to give some advice. Several clubs are in the same position now as many local authorities are relinquishing lawn maintenance.

The Development Officer (North) said he had been in talks over a video for YouTube in the hope that it will encourage more young people to take up croquet. It was suggested that Robert Moss should talk to the CA Child's Protection Officer before going ahead with the video.

There was suggested that the best way to recruit young people would be for club members to encourage young people from their families to play.

12. Golf Croquet Adviser's Report

The Golf Croquet Adviser said that Klim Seabright was going to run a transfer course of Golf Croquet to Association at Camerton & Peasedown CC.

No date has been fixed for the Golf Croquet Coaches Qualification Course.

It was stated that there were no graded coaches for Golf Croquet, there was a need to look at where there are gaps in coaching. There was a need for coaching with new clubs starting up.

13. Federation Representative's Report

The Federation Representative reported that the CA Handicap Committee is looking at the issue of handicappers. There needs to be some terms of reference for all handicappers. It was noted that the list of handicappers on the CA website is out of date. Brian Shorney said that he proposed to appoint someone to oversee handicapping/handicaps in clubs. This was seconded by Cliff Jones. Brian will approach SW Federation CA Handicappers to see if anyone is willing to take it on. The following SW Federation nominations for CA Golf Croquet Handicappers were proposed:

Cliff Jones, Klim Seabright, Kevin Hann and Ros Key-Pugh.

The Federation Representative reported that the Federation working party had had an initial meeting and that all Federation Secretaries will get a report soon.

14. Any Other Business

The Coaching Officer said that Klim Seabright had responded to his request for help and has volunteered to help at Improvers level.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 21 March, 2012 at 11.00a.m. at the Weston Croquet Club, Bleadon

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.00 p.m.