

FEDERATION OF CROQUET CLUBS SOUTH WEST

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on
Wednesday, 21 March 2012

Present:	Chairman	Bob Whitaker
	Treasurer	Derek Beard
	League Secretary	John Grimshaw
	Coaching Officer	Cliff Jones
	Coaching Officer Assistant	Roger Buckley
	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 and Marcus Evans

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 February 2012 were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Correspondence

Acknowledgement from Dave Kibble of the reply to his letter to the Committee.

E-Mail from Ian Cobbold asking regional secretaries to forward details of the Golf Croquet Corfu holiday to all clubs within the Federation.

From the East Dorset Secretary asking if the Federation was interested in some old files.

Notification of new secretaries at Nailsea, Kington Langley, Lytes Cary and Camerton and Peasedown CC's.

E-mail which was sent to all the Committee from Marcus Evans with updates from DHW on the League Rules. This will be dealt with under the League Secretary's report.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that he wished to stand down as Chairman at the next AGM.

The Chairman said that following the discussion on handicapping and the possible appointment of regional handicappers at the last meeting, he would like to see the SW Federation take a lead and appoint its own Federation Coaching, Referee and Handicapping Officer. He proposed Cliff Jones for this position; this was seconded by Roger Buckley and unanimously agreed. Cliff Jones said he would accept the post on condition he had help as and when required.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that there was over £4000 at the bank. The Grange and Lansdown CC's have not joined this year. There was just one club who had not paid their subscription to date.

7. Coaching Officer's Report

The Coaching Officer reported that he will be holding another coaching day at Exeter CC.

He had already run 3 courses at Budleigh Salterton CC:

A Tournament Management course was held in February.

A Coaches Qualification Course - when 7 new club coaches and 2 Grade 1 coaches were appointed - was held at the beginning of March.

An Improvers Coaching Course was held in the middle of March.

A "Towards the Triple Peel" course is being held at Budleigh Salterton CC - 7/8 April

A laws/ referees course had been arranged by Marcus Evans and run at Nailsea.

Another referee's course could be run later in the season - Taunton CC was offered as a venue.

8. Publicity Officer's Report

The Publicity Officer reported that SWAN was out.

The website had been updated.

9. League Secretary's Report

The League Secretary reported that all fixtures and all final venues have been arranged.

Venues for Finals were as follows:

Federation League at Budleigh Salterton CC on 23 September - Julie Horsley to attend.

Intermediate League at Nailsea CC on 16 September - John Grimshaw to attend.

B" League at Taunton Deane CC on 23 September - Derek Beard to attend.

Golf Croquet League at Camerton and Peasedown CC on 30 September - Ros Key-Pugh to attend.

15 entries have been received for the Short Croquet.

Division 3 will be played on Saturday 14 April at Nailsea CC.

DHW proposed changes were discussed. Minor punctuation changes were agreed but any wording changes would need approval at the AGM.

The Secretary to write to DHW.

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.

Robert Moss reported that Development Officers have been asked to identify good practice within clubs so that this can be shared. It raised the question "Good practice, what does it mean?"

He felt that in order to be fair to all, all clubs should be contacted but it should be a CA initiative rather than a local one.

12. Golf Croquet Adviser's Report

The Golf Croquet Adviser reported that it had not been possible to arrange a date for the Golf Croquet Qualification course and suggested that it was now left until next spring.

13. Federation Representative's Report

The Federation Representative reported that the CA Handicap Committee have ruled that odd numbered handicaps above 12 are no longer to be used. There was no significant progress on the Federation working party to report.

14. Date of AGM

The date of the AGM was agreed for Sunday, 25 November, 2012 at Batch House.

The Secretary to make the arrangements.

15. Any Other Business

Robert Moss said that he had become aware that some CA members had been happy to fill in the CA survey until it came to "income" when they decided they would not proceed and would not return the questionnaire. He wondered how much this could have skewed the results. The Federation Representative said there had been a high response.

16. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 3 October, 2012 at 11.00a.m. at the Weston Croquet Club, Bleadon

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