

FEDERATION OF CROQUET CLUBS SOUTH WEST

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on
Wednesday, 2 October 2013

The Meeting was over an hour late in starting as Committee members were held up due to an accident on the M5. Brian Shorney had to leave shortly after the Meeting started for an hospital appointment.

Present:	Chairman	Roger Hayes
	Treasurer	Derek Beard
	League Secretary	John Grimshaw
	Publicity Officer	Sue MacKay
	Development Officer	Robert Moss (North)
	Golf Croquet Adviser	Ros Key-Pugh
	Federation Representative	Brian Shorney
	Secretary	Julie Horsley

1. Apologies

Marcus Evans, Cliff Jones and Adam Wimshurst

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 March 2013 were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Correspondence

Letter from Kathy Wallace, Nailsea CC re expenses for the Secretary's Shield. This had been circulated to all Committee Members beforehand. The matter was fully discussed but the Committee regretfully decided that the suggestion could not be supported. The Secretary to write to Kathy.

The Secretary reported that Beckford CC had telephoned her as they would like to enter the Leagues next year, but she could not see that they had joined the SW Federation. Robert Moss said that they had joined the CA and he would get in touch with them to clarify the situation.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that he had attended the opening of the new facilities at Swindon CC.

He had officiated at the Golf Croquet Finals.

He had spoken to Jeff Dawson about the Meeting to discuss the Federation Working Party Report.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that we had increased our income slightly this year, so he saw no reason to raise subscriptions for the coming year - this was agreed.

Brian Shorney had reported to the Chairman before the meeting started that he had a nomination for Treasurer. Graham Beeson from Budleigh Salterton CC is an accountant nearing retirement and is willing to serve as Treasurer, if elected. The Committee agreed to nominate Graham Beeson for Treasurer.

7. League Secretary's Report

The League Secretary reported that, as agreed at the March meeting, he had purchased a trophy for the Golf Croquet Level Play League and he had also purchased a new one for the B League as that one was looking very shabby. He reported that Richard Mills had offered a trophy for the Level Play League. The League Secretary had thanked Richard for his generous offer.

Most of the winners of the Leagues had now been decided.

The Advanced League

The Parkstone Trophy Division 1 there was still one match to play so winner not decided

Division 2 was won by Bear of Rodborough

Division 3 was won by Nailsea 2

The Federation League was won by Taunton Deane

The Intermediate League was won by Abbey

The "B" League was won by Weston
Golf Croquet League (Handicap) was won by Abbey
Golf Croquet Level Play League was won by Nailsea. This was a very close final with the score level at the end of the match so there had to be a doubles play-off to decide the winner.

It was decided to take the next reports out of order as it was getting near lunchtime.

11. Coaching Officer's Report

None as Coaching Officer not present

No nominations had been received for Coaching Officer for the coming year. After some discussion it was decided that the Committee would nominate Roger Buckley as Coaching Liaison Officer for the coming year. Roger had indicated that he would be willing to be nominated. His role being to arrange the appropriate coaches to run courses as requested by clubs.

12. Publicity Officer's Report

The Publicity Officer asked for all finals reports and photos as soon as possible so that she had some idea of what space would be needed for next year, ideally she would like to by Christmas. She would e-mail all clubs that had adverts in Swan to let them know about the increase in fees.

13. Youth Officer's Report

No report as Youth Officer not present.

14. Development Officers' Report

A report from the Development Officer's had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Nailsea CC are about to start work on upgrading the first of its four lawns with the aid of a CA grant. They are also running croquet sessions for junior school aged children.

Beckford CC received a start-up kit in April.

Cheltenham CC have started work on relaying the remaining four lawns.

A new club has been formed at Great Bedwyn, Wiltshire. As they are near the Wiltshire/Berkshire border they have decided to join the Southern Federation rather than the SWF.

Plymouth CC have signed their agreement with South West Water. They applied for a grant towards a battery powered mower, which was granted.

Weston CC have requested a grant towards levelling their lawns.

Barnstaple CC have now recognised that they must correct the drainage before they do anything else. They are busy trying to raise funds to meet this work.

A new club has started up in Newton Abbot. Teignbridge Council have loaned them an area in Forde Park where they meet twice a week.

15. Golf Croquet Adviser's Report

The Golf Croquet Adviser had circulated her report at the meeting.

Two Coaching Courses have been arranged for 2014 at Camerton and Peasedown CC - a Beginners Course on Wednesday, 9 April and an Improvers Course on Tuesday, 29 April.

She felt there was a need for a Coaches Qualification Course specifically for Golf Croquet Coaches.

The Golf Croquet Adviser had circulated a report on Golf Croquet Handicaps - the problems and the way forward. It was felt that these problems would be best addressed at a Golf Croquet Handicap Conference. The Committee would look at holding one in the new year.

16. Federation Representative's Report

No report as the Federation Representative had left. He had reported to those present before the Meeting commenced that 3 representatives from the CA would be attending the meeting held after the AGM to give a presentation, they would included Ian Vincent and Jeff Dawson.

8. Proposals received for AGM

Proposals have been received from Bath , Bristol, Broadwas, Cornwall, East Dorset and Nailsea CC's - all had been circulated to the Committee beforehand.

The Broadwas proposal was discussed and it was decided that we were unable to accept the proposal as it contravened the AHS. The Committee was agreed that all players should play off their correct handicap. The Secretary to contact Broadwas.

The Committee decided they would table an amendment to the Nailsea proposal re Intermediate and B Leagues . The amendment being that a player shall be allowed to play in the semi-final or final

if his/her handicap has dropped by no more than one step below the range for that league, but they would play off their correct handicap

9. AGM

The Secretary said that all arrangement had been made at Batch House for the AGM.

The Federation Representative to be asked to check whether the CA representatives would require lunch.

10. Meeting after the AGM for Federation Working Party Report

The Agenda for that Meeting was agreed.

17. Any Other Business

The Golf Croquet said that she would like the two courses arranged for next year to be put on the website

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.30 p.m.