

FEDERATION OF CROQUET CLUBS SOUTH WEST

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on
Saturday, 18 January 2014

Present:	Chairman	Roger Hayes
	League Secretary	John Grimshaw
	Coaching Liaison Officer	Roger Buckley
	Development Officers	Robert Moss (North), Adam Wimshurst (South)
	Golf Croquet Adviser	Ros Key-Pugh
	Federation Representative	Brian Shorney
	Secretary	Julie Horsley

1. Apologies

Marcus Evans, Sue MacKay and Norman Connor

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 October 2013 were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Correspondence

Only correspondence will be dealt with under Item 5 and Item 14.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that the Golf Croquet Handicap Conference had been arranged for Sunday, 9 February. The Secretary reported that there had been replies from 13 clubs wishing to send 23 delegates and there were still a few days to go before the deadline. One club wished to send 3 delegates, if possible, but this would have to be limited to two, as there were only 22 places available.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer had circulated his report to the Committee, as he was unable to attend the meeting. The Treasurer had compiled several spreadsheets detailing income and expenditure. In his report, he had asked if he could dispose of papers going back to 1984/85 as he felt it was only necessary to keep records for six years. The Secretary said that she would like to check if there were any missing AGM financial statements before the records were destroyed. It was agreed that they then could be destroyed.

The Golf Croquet Advisor raised the issue of the amount the federation paid to clubs for hosting finals etc., as the CA had increased the rate it paid for the hire of lawns. It was stated that the CA had compensated for their increase by raising the entry fee to CA tournaments. The Tournament Secretary said that we should leave it as it is for the coming season and review it at a later meeting. The Chairman said that the Treasurer had asked if the rate per mile claimed for expenses be raised in line with the rate paid by the CA. After some discussion it was agreed that the rate would increase to 35p per mile with immediate effect. It was also agreed that this should be reviewed annually at the first Committee Meeting after the AGM.

It was agreed that the Committee would review its finances before the AGM.

7. Coaching Liaison Officer's Report

The Coaching Liaison Officer reported that he would like to divide the Federation into 4 areas as regards coaching. He would compile a list of all coaches within each area, so that we can see if there are sufficient coaches in each area. He felt that coaches would then easily identify with an area. The Committee agreed that this was good idea. He said that he would like a short piece put in SWAN about contacting him re coaching. A request had been received about a laws course - at the moment we are unaware that any have been planned, but again a piece would be put in SWAN. There followed a discussion about handicaps especially golf croquet handicaps, Brian Shorney said that there were problems both at the top and bottom end of the handicap range. It had been recommended that handicaps should mirror those of AC and that the top players should have minus handicaps.

8. Publicity Officer's Report

The Publicity Officer had circulated a copy of SWAN before the meeting as she would not be present.

9. League Secretary's Report

The League Secretary reported that 20 teams had entered the Short Croquet.

He reported that the dates for the League fixtures were coming in slowly.

34 teams had entered the Golf Croquet Handicap League, which meant 5 divisions. A draw was made to decide who played a Quarter Final.

The Chairman said that he would like to express his appreciation to Sue MacKay and John Grimshaw for all their effort on the League Rules following the AGM.

The Secretary would e-mail David Harrison-Wood to thank him for all his efforts.

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.

The Development Officer (South) reported that Barnstaple CC were struggling as they had to correct the drainage before work on the lawns could commence. They have applied for grants, but will not know the outcome until March.

The League Secretary said that he had not received an entry from Plymouth CC this year, The Development Officer (South) said that although Plymouth had increased their membership, they did not feel they were ready to enter this year, but hoped to next year.

The Development Officer (North) reported that Cheltenham had seeded 4 lawns and hoped they would be playable by May/June.

There was the possibility of a new club starting up Nr. Monmouth.

The Development Officer(North) said that some Federations do make small grants to embryo clubs to help with equipment. Is this something we could consider?

12. Golf Croquet Adviser's Report

The Golf Croquet Adviser reported that two Coaching Courses have been arranged at Camerton and Peasedown CC - a Beginners Course on Wednesday, 9 April and an Improvers Course on Tuesday, 29 April. A Coaches Qualification Course has been arranged for the 22/23 April, more applicants are needed to make this course viable.

13. Federation Representative's Report

The Federation Representative reported that there was a recommendation that all doubles in fixture book events should be played using the AC Handicap Doubles Variation as trialled last year.

14. Report to the CA on the Federation Working Party Report

The Secretary reported that a number of clubs had given their comments on this report, all of which had been circulated beforehand.

There followed a discussion on the report and the main issues of concern.

It was decided that the Secretary and Chairman formulate a reply, which would be sent, if the committee agreed, if not it would be discussed again at the next Committee Meeting.

15. Any Other Business

None

16. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 19 March 2014 at the Weston Club, Bleadon at 10.30 a.m.

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