

SOUTH WEST FEDERATION CROUET CLUB
Minutes of Meeting held
Friday 25th September 2015 at Bleadon

PRESENT: Roger Hayes - Chairman
Norman Connor - Treasurer
Sue Mackay - Publicity Officer
Robert Moss - Development Officer (North)
Adam Wimshurst - Development Officer (South)
John Grimshaw - League Secretary
Brian Shorney - Federation Representative
Roger Buckley - Coaching Liaison Officer

1. **Apologies:** Marcus Evans: Ros Key-Pugh.
2. **Minutes:**
Minutes of Meeting held 2nd March 2015, with the exception of a couple of a couple of alterations, approved and signed.
3. **Matters arising:** Robert Moss queried CD on 'Lawn Advice'.
4. **Correspondence:** Dealt with separately during meeting.
5. **Chairman's Report:** None.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Norman Connor was congratulated upon his comprehensive presentation of the accounts.
The Treasurer asked for any expenses to be claimed as soon as possible. The year ends on 31st October 2015.
John Grimshaw mentioned payments were due to the Clubs holding finals and the Treasurer said that he would make sure the Clubs were paid.
7. **League Secretary's Report:** John Grimshaw advised the Committee of the winners and the finals yet to be played.
 - Advanced League - winners Bristol.
 - 2nd Division - winners Taunton - East Dorset won the promotion/relegation play-off and will remain in the first division.
 - 3rd Division - winners Budleigh Salterton who will be promoted to Division 2.
 - Federation Final - between Broadwas and Bath
 - Intermediate Final - between Exeter and Dyffryn
 - 'B' League Final - between Llandaff and Cornwall
 - Golf Level - Winners Nailsea
 - Golf Handicap - between Weston-super-Mare (Central North) and East Dorset (South East).Short Croquet competition is to be held at Budleigh in October with 20 teams having entered . The question of introducing a Short Croquet Handicap League was raised by Adam Wimshurst but it was agreed that this will not take place due to the heavy programme of matches during the summer.
There was a long discussion over the 'B' League. These games are to be played on small lawns where possible and 14 point games on large lawns should small lawns not be available.
Norman Connor raised the question on behalf of Bath Club of a High Handicap Golf League for players with handicaps over 8. After a long discussion it was agreed that this subject should be referred back to Bath Club to see if they wished to put up a proposition at the AGM.
The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Kathy Wallace of Nailsea expressing her concern at the state of their opponents ground where the semi final was to be played. The Chairman felt that the letter would be tactfully answered stating that little could be done over this matter.
Walkovers: Helen Prior from Sidmouth has written indicating that Sidmouth

thought it unfair that a walkover should receive the same weight as a win/lose Situation. Sidmouth must put in a proposition for the AGM, but the Chairman will reply to the letter stating that the Committee are **not** in agreement with this proposal.

8. **Publicity Officer's Report:** Sue Mackay, who is retiring at the end AGM said that Maureen Smith from Budleigh has agreed to take over the production of the SWAN.

With regard to the website, Roger Buckley suggested the name of Stephen Custance-Baker from Taunton. The Chairman will approach him accordingly. This will mean a slight change to the Constitution which will be put to the AGM. Sue was warmly thanked for her outstanding work.

9. **Coaching Liaison Officer's Report:** Roger Buckley reported that a successful course was held at Cheltenham and mentioned the high standard people had to achieve nowadays to pass.

Sadly there had not been any requests for further courses during the year, although Marcus Evans may run a Referees Course at Budleigh during the closed season. The Chairman felt things could change due to Cliff Jones' future and asked for a report about the South West Academy at Budleigh. Brian Shorney stated that at this stage they want their fixtures to be placed in the Fixtures Book, and although a lengthy discussion took place, no further action to be taken.

10. **Youth Officer's Report:** None.

11. **Development Officer's Reports:** Robert Moss, for the North stated that there is a potential new club at Aberystwyth. Trinity College, Bristol were keen to start. Robert to monitor.

Adam Wimshurst, for the South, reported that a small club at Woodbury near Exeter may develop soon.

The possibility of the Federation having a 'Loan Kit' was mentioned and may be purchased in the future.

12. **Golf Croquet Adviser's Report:** Ros Key-Pugh had submitted as brief report to the Committee. The Chairman said that he will liaise with Ros with regard to this report.

13. **Federation Representative's Report:** All points raised by Brian Shorney had been discussed earlier during the meeting.

14. **A.G.M Sunday 15th November 2015:**

In the absence of the Chairman, the Committee agreed that Marcus Evans would run the AGM. Roger Buckley will keep the minutes and Sue Mackay will check the minutes for 'technical matters' and will send the AGM report to the clubs. Roger Buckley mention the name of Sarah Hayes and she perhaps could be approached as Secretary.

15. **Any other Business:**

The Chairman stated that item 16 from the March meeting concerning David Kibble's offer to write out a programme in March regarding more golf croquet players becoming aware of association croquet. Unfortunately this report has not as yet been submitted.

John Grimshaw wanted clarification of what food arrangements he should advise Clubs for finals. The committee felt that the players should provide their own lunch and the host clubs provide tea.

16. There were no further items under AOB and the meeting was closed at 2.40pm. Roger Buckley then proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman for his efforts during the past three years and this was supported by all the committee.