

FEDERATION OF CROQUET CLUBS SOUTH WEST

Minutes of Committee Meeting Saturday, 19 March, 2011

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

The Chairman welcomed Brian Shorney to the meeting.

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 January, 2011 after a couple of minor corrections were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising

CA Survey - The Secretary reported that replies had been received from all but one club. Patricia Duke-Cox had had to submit a document to the Management Committee before the last few replies were received. Brian Shorney said that the report was out. The Committee felt that the data from the last clubs to reply should be included and Brian Shorney was asked to convey this.

4. Correspondence

Acceptance letter from Brian Shorney.

New Secretary at Bath CC.

Replies from Chastleton House CC, Cheltenham CC and Swindon CC re Chastleton House volunteering.

Letter from Dave Kibble. A reply had been sent suggesting that Dave Kibble met the Chairman to discuss matters. To date no meeting has been arranged.

Letter from Bill Arliss re Golf Croquet Handicapping, which had been circulated to the Committee.

In the discussion that followed the following points were made:

Not all Golf Croquet players keep a handicap card.

If all players kept accurate handicap cards problems should not arise.

It was suggested that for clubs that play few, if any, competitive games, players should keep a handicap card so that their handicaps reflect their ability.

The League Secretary said that now might be a good time to remind clubs that players in the Federation Golf Croquet League must have an accurately assessed handicap.

It was felt that problem lies more within the high handicap range.

There is no formal guide to Golf Croquet handicapping.

There was a need for some mechanism for handicappers to change a player's handicap.

There were very few handicap tournaments in the fixture book.

It was felt that more competitive play within clubs should be encouraged.

Players need to pass a course to become a coach or referee but there was no formal requirement to become a handicapper so perhaps this was something the Handicap Committee could look at.

Marcus Evans said that he felt there was a need for Golf Croquet handicaps to go below scratch (as it does in Association) and felt that this was again something that perhaps the Handicap Committee could look in to. Marcus said he would draft a letter for the Secretary to send to the Handicap Committee.

The Committee asked the Secretary to reply to Bill Arliss with the Federation's comments. The Secretary to write to all Club Secretaries with recommendations over Golf Croquet handicaps.

Don Gaunt in his reply over Golf Croquet Handicapping suggested that his post of SWF Handicap Co-ordination Officer be discontinued as he had had very little to do in the last two years.

The Secretary to write to Don Gaunt and accept his recommendation and thank him for all his work.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman said that he was pleased to report that Cliff Jones had decided to re-join the CA.

He was pleased that Brian Shorney had agreed to be SWF Federation Officer.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the balance at the bank was £3906.

Subscriptions were slow coming in there were 7 clubs still outstanding.

7. Coaching Officer's Report

The Coaching Officer reported that coaching courses arranged were as last reported.

Kingston Maurward have requested 2 days of coaching – 1 day for Golf Croquet and 1 day for Association.

The Golf Croquet Adviser asked if there was a Golf Croquet Coaches Qualification course as she had received enquiries from Swindon and Lansdown. The Coaching Officer said the only course was at East Dorset which was for both GC and Association.

The Golf Croquet Advisor asked if it was possible to hold a course for coaches.

It was suggested that Roger Buckley run one at Weston CC possibly in September.

Coaches Conference. It was agreed that the cost would be £26 per person to include coffee, lunch and tea on both days.

The Secretary to e-mail all CA coaches in the Federation and request replies by 31 May as places are limited.

8. Publicity Officer's Report

The Publicity Officer reported that SWAN was out.

The website had been up-dated

9. League Secretary's Report

The League Secretary reported that all but one fixture had been arranged.

The Golf Croquet Level Play had had to be abandoned, 2 clubs had said that it was too expensive.

The Short Croquet was fully subscribed and for the first time oversubscribed.

Officers to attend League Finals:

B League at Bath on 25 September – John Grimshaw

Federation League at Taunton Deane on 25 September - Roger Buckley

Intermediate League at Nailsea on 18 September - Peter Dyke would be asked to attend

Golf Croquet League at Sidmouth on 1 October - Adam Wimshurst

10. Youth Officer's Report

The Youth Officer said that it was encouraging the report from schools in the Development Officers' report.

He reported that Ryan Cabble had been selected to represent England in the Golf Croquet World Championships and that he himself had been awarded a wild card.

11. Development Officers Report

Report Attached – this had been circulated to the Committee beforehand as it was rather lengthy. Robert Moss reported that there were plans that the CA would be increasing the maximum grant to £10,000 to existing clubs that have the potential to become 4 lawn clubs.

He asked if a letter of support for the proposed new club, the Camerton and Peasedown CC, could be sent to the CA from the Committee. It was agreed that the Secretary would send one.

A letter of congratulations would be sent to Swindon CC on winning the Townsend Award.

It was disappointing that no club had applied for the Millennium Award.

12. Golf Croquet Adviser's Report

The Golf Croquet advisor said that she had nothing further to report.

13. Date of AGM

It was agreed that the AGM will be held on Sunday, 20 November, 2011.

The Secretary to contact Batch Country House.

14. Any Other Business

The Chairman thanked Roger Buckley for arranging lunch.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 14 September 2011 at 11.00a.m. at the Weston Croquet Club, Bleadon

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.43p.m.