

FEDERATION OF CROQUET CLUBS SOUTH WEST

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on
Wednesday, 6 March 2013

Present:	Chairman	Roger Hayes
	League Secretary	John Grimshaw
	Publicity Officer	Sue Mackay
	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, Derek Beard and Cliff Jones

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 November 2012 were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Correspondence

The Secretary reported that completed questionnaires for coaches/referees and handicappers had been received from approx. half of the clubs.

Brian Shorney said that both the Association and Golf Croquet lists of CA Handicappers were being brought up-to-date .

The point was raised that handicappers were not always willing to act, thinking things will sort themselves out.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman said that he had nothing to report.

6. Treasurer's Report

No report as the Treasurer was not present.

The Chairman requested that the Treasurer e-mail everyone with the current balance.

7. Coaching Officer's Report

The Coaching Officer had sent in the following report.

All dates for coaching and laws courses have been fixed. The first course is at Nailsea this coming Saturday/Sunday. Most courses are beginning to fill up with one or two exceptions being a little slow.

Ros Key-Pugh said the numbers were down for the Coaches qualification course at Camerton and Peasedown CC, but all entrants were all from different clubs.

8. Publicity Officer's Report

The Publicity Officer reported that Swan was out, some had already been sent out and the rest were ready for distribution.

The website had been updated with the replies from the questionnaires.

She said she would like to raise a point about adverts in SWAN. Adverts placed in SWAN used to be charged - she would check with the Treasurer as to whether these had been collected.

It was decided that the charge should be increased.

John Grimshaw proposed that it should be £20 for a full page and £12 for half a page - this was seconded by Ros Key-Pugh.

Roger Hayes proposed that it should be £25 for a full page and £15 for a half page - this was seconded by Brian Shorney.

This was put to the vote and John Grimshaw's proposal was carried.

For the 2014 SWAN adverts will be £20 for a full page and £12 for a half page.

It was stated that it was not easy to find coaches qualification courses and laws courses on the website as the heading was coaching. It was agreed that this would be changed to "Courses" and the relevant courses listed there.

9. League Secretary's Report

The League Secretary reported that all League Fixtures were in Swan.

Plymouth CC have had to withdraw from the Federation League.

All venues for the Finals have been arranged:

Federation League - Sunday 22 September at Bristol CC - Sue Mackay will attend.

Intermediate League - Saturday, 21 September at Sidmouth CC - Julie Horsley will attend.

"B" League - Sunday 22 September at Swindon CC - John Grimshaw will attend.

Golf Croquet Handicap League - Sunday 29 September at Bath CC - Roger Hayes will attend.

Golf Croquet Level Play League - Saturday, 21 September at Nailsea CC - John Grimshaw will ask Peter Dyke if he will attend.

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

Brian Shorney said that he would like to propose a vote of thanks to John for all his hard work, his efforts are outstanding.

The League Secretary said that we need a trophy for the new Golf Croquet Level Play League.

The Committee agreed that approx. £100 would be available for John to purchase one.

10. Youth Officer's Report

No report as Youth Officer was not present.

11. Development Officers' Reports

The Development Officers' had circulated their report beforehand.

Swindon CC have been awarded a large grant from Sport England.

Nailsea CC have been awarded a grant spread over 4 years to upgrade its 4 lawns.

Cheltenham CC is hoping to relay 4 more lawns in 2013/2014.

Beckford CC is going ahead.

There is a possibility of a new club in Hereford has been relayed to West Midlands Federation.

Start up kits were given to queens college Taunton and the National Star College in 2007 - as the equipment is in regular use they have received a letter saying the equipment is now their property.

Plymouth CC- the council has withdrawn its support and grass mowing as well as its licence from South West Water.

A meeting with South West Water is imminent. Once agreement has been reached they will apply for a grant towards a mower. It is hope that the club will still keep going.

Barnstaple CC - there are still problems with the lease and drainage problems

Kingston Maurward CC applied for the Townsend award but unfortunately were not successful

Robert said that the SE Federation website had a map with a dot showing the location of each club (on its website) and wondered if we could do something similar. Sue Mackay said she would look into it.

Sue Mackey said that Dyffryn CC had been taken over by National Trust. Their rent has been increased by a considerable amount and although a agreement for a reduction has been agreed for this year, they will need more members for it to be viable.

The Lawn Advisory Council is going to be disbanded. a team of experts is being sought to give advice as required.

The Chairman said that he was impressed by the Development Officers' report being circulated beforehand and said that in future he would like all Committee members to circulate their report at least a week beforehand so that any items can be thought through for discussion.

12. Golf Croquet Adviser's Report

The Golf Croquet Adviser reported that two Golf Croquet Coaching days have been arranged at Budleigh CC on the 23/24 March - one day for high handicaps and one day for low handicaps

13 Federation Representative's Report

The Federation Working Party has sent its report to Council.

The Handicap Committee have looked at handicaps for doubles in Association play. It has been recommended for a trial period that the mean of the index trigger point be used instead of the difference between the two handicaps. It is hoped this will come into effect for the coming season.

14. Date of AGM

Sunday, 24 November, 2013.

15. Any Other Business

None

16. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 2 October, 2013 at 11.a.m. at the Weston Club, Bleadon

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.00 p.m.