



CROQUET NORTH

Minutes of Virtual Executive Committee Meeting, 16th January 2021

Dennis Scarr (Chairman); David Millener (Secretary); Derek Johnson (Treasurer & Coaching), Colin Chun (GC League Manager), Roger Staples (Development), Terry Vernazza (Tyneside), John Howie (Alnmouth), Eugene Brady (Auckland). Charles Waterfield (Middlesbrough). Eric Nixon (Belsay).

And by invitation——Nigel Martin, John Fitzpatrick, Don Morton.

Backworth CC have joined CN. Their Secretary, Don Morton, was welcomed to the meeting. *(Background—The club play GC at the Backworth Miners Welfare Ground and have full access to 2 courts in season and 2 winter courts out of season. They have 40 members.)*

1 .Absent—Julian Gibson

2 Minutes of Committee Meeting, 31st Oct 2020— Accepted.

3 Matter Arising—

CN Equipment Loan to Alnmouth to continue. (Set of Primary Balls, Hoops and 6 Mallets) Eugene Brady advised that Auckland had a set of CN hoops and a Kiwi Set. Other CN equipment is stored at Belsay.

Handicappers—The June 2020 communication from Frances Colman has been issued to clubs. All clubs should have at least one handicapper. Backworth do not but there were offers of help from Derek Johnson— and Roger Carpenter suggested that Tony McCann (who plays at Durham and Backworth) may also be able to help,

Don Morton

4 CN Leagues and Championships

There was much discussion about how best to proceed because of potential ongoing covid restrictions, the willingness of players to travel, the physical access to club lawns and the availability of facilities. Agreed that League Managers would consult with club contacts to establish interest level and prepare revised rules for submission to the AGM. The view was that Championships were more likely to proceed than Leagues and that if Leagues were played they may need to be in a modified form.

Julian Gibson & Colin Chun

5 Fixtures

The 2021 Fixtures draft submitted by the Secretary was reviewed and the decision made that it should be expanded to include all regular competitions/events, even if some may need to be cancelled later.

— **David M**

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6 CA Matters

Roger Staples advised that an AC Laws news update is now on the CA Website. It offers an Introductory Statement, a List of Changes and a full version of the 7th Edition. An A6 Laws Booklet will be available from 15th February; followed by an A5 version which will include a Commentary. The WCF are expected to approve the new Laws soon for implementation from 1st March. *Those interested in attending the AC Laws Zoom Seminars should register their interest with the Secretary of the CA Northern Academy (York).*

Dennis Scarr has been appointed to the CA Council as representative for CN & Yorkshire. Dennis advised that he had attended some Federation Forums (Focus Groups) (recently chaired by Eugene Chang via Zoom) and he thought they were useful. Two members from each federation are invited to these nominally monthly Zoom meetings, so it would be useful/helpful if he was joined by another from CN. Derek Johnson volunteered to attend with Dennis.

Dennis/Derek

7 Finance

Derek had previously advised that expenditure had been circa £72 with the end of year balance at circa £3113. (There had been no income in 2020).

CN Club subscription for 2021/2022 likely to be £10/club subject to approval at the AGM.

8 Communications

Nigel Martin is exploring options to monitor the access (ie 'hits') to our website. —**Nigel**
John Fitz will draw up Entry Forms for competitions and offer Newsletter items such as the Chairman's and Secretary's Reports.

John Fitz

The Secretary offered to draw up support statements for the website.

David

Clubs that might be thinking of having their own website should be aware that the CA offer software called 'Wordpress' free to CA clubs. Nigel offered help to those clubs that sought to be linked with the CN (and CA) Website.

Nigel

CN Domain Name registration fee now paid for a further 2 years. John Moore has provided access so that Derek can pay direct in January 2023.—

Derek

9-Committee Nominations for 2021/2022 (for submission at the AGM)

Chairman—Dennis Scarr

Secretary—David Millener-(*but see comment below*)

Treasurer—Derek Johnson

AC League Manager—(*Julian Gibson could not be confirmed as he was not in attendance*)

GC League Manager—Colin Chun

Additional nominations will be invited via the AGM Notice. Note that Club representatives are appointed by their club and Co-opted positions (such as the Development and Coaching Officer) are decided by the committee in October—to align with CA elections.

David advised that he wished to stand down as Secretary but was prepared to stand for a further year if no one else showed interest in taking the position. Chairman Dennis asked David to prepare a 'job description' for the role of Secretary

David

It was observed (and is hereby noted) that the gender balance on the CN Committee has been 100% male for many years, but there had been female representation in the 1990's and early 2000's. The sentiment was that female representation would be of value.

10—Next Meeting **AGM Saturday 13th March 2021 (followed by Committee Meeting)**

These minutes are subject to formal acceptance at the next CN Committee Meeting.

David Millener—Secretary—doc ref CN2101CMM—17/01/21

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CN Committee and those attending

Club Chairman and Secretaries—