



CROQUET NORTH

Minutes of Virtual Executive Committee Meeting, 13th March 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), Julian Gibson (Middlesbrough), Roger Carpenter (Durham)

And by invitation——Nigel Martin, John Fitzpatrick,

1 .Absent—Apologies from Don Morton (Backworth)

2 Minutes of Committee Meeting, 16th January 2021— Accepted.

3 Matter Arising—None

4 CN Leagues and Championships

At the AGM it was concluded that season Championships would proceed and that Leagues required further work before a decision is made for 2021. A possible GC rule amendment proposed by John Howie was discussed, Eugene Brady suggested a way the amendment could be re-worded which seemed to receive general approval. Colin agreed to redraft the amendment and circulate to the committee for approval.

Colin & Julian

5 Fixtures

These were reviewed at the AGM and briefly discussed again. The provisional list from January to be updated and circulated to all with outstanding actions and the website updated.

David & Nigel

6 CA Matters & Communications to Feds and Clubs

CA Matters were presented and discussed at the AGM.

Risk Assessments/CA Liability Insurance.—All clubs should maintain a Risk Assessment file for safety and insurance purposes.

Dennis outlined CA initiatives to upgrade Governance, which included Safeguarding and Welfare.

7 (Finance)

8 CN Communications

John Fitzpatrick expressed difficulties pulling together anything like a 'normal' Newsletter. Contributions (photos etc) would be helpful and he would prepare Entry Forms etc

Dennis will add a Chairman's Report

—ALL

David and Nigel will together try to keep the website up-to date. Reporting of competition results, date changes etc will require notification or 'postings' from event managers.

9-Potential Committee and other changes/additions.

Further to Dennis's presentation at the AGM about CA objectives and Governance issues he suggested we review roles within the CN. Particularly—

—A replacement for the Current Secretary by considering various options such as appointing (as suggested by Roger S) an Assistant Secretary or perhaps (as suggested by Dennis) splitting the role into one for Minutes & Meetings and another for communications (to increase recognition and use of newer technology)

—To recognise the increasing importance of Safeguarding and Welfare. (Someone with this role at a club could be a suitable candidate to advise and keep CN 'on track'.)

Whilst Dennis had mentioned that long standing and experience committee members were of value, Eric mentioned that 'new blood' was also necessary. John Fitz suggested that clubs might be able to offer nominees. Could/should we expand the size of the committee?

Dennis also mentioned the need to advance Competition Policy (more people, playing more croquet, more often)

Dennis will set out the issues and seek replies by the end of April—————DS/ALL

10—Next Meeting AGM Saturday 30th October 2021 (subject to confirmation)

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

David Millener—Secretary—doc ref CN2103CMM—17/03/21

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CN Committee and those attending

Club Chairman and Secretaries—