



CROQUET NORTH

Minutes of Virtual Executive Committee Meeting, 22nd January 2022

Dennis Scarr (Chairman); David Millener (Secretary); Derek Johnson (Treasurer & Coaching), Colin Chun (GC League Manager), Julian Gibson (AC League Manager), Roger Staples (Development), Roger Carpenter (Durham), Mick Lock (Alnmouth), Eugene Brady (Auckland). Charles Waterfield (Middlesbrough). Eric Nixon (Belsay).

And by invitation——Nigel Martin (Webmaster), Pat Memery (TCC)

1 .Absent—Don Morton, Terry Vernazza.

2 Minutes of Committee Meetings 30th Oct and 13th Nov.— Accepted.

3 Matter Arising—

CA GC Federation Shield—Bamburgh and Alnmouth have declined to represent CN, but Durham are prepared to on the understanding (which was agreed) that both the entry fee and the half share cost of playing on a neutral lawn be recoverable from CN. **DM/RC**

CA AC Secretary's Shield—Middlesbrough to represent CN under the same arrangements. **CGW**

4 CN Leagues and Championships

In the absence of better alternatives the AC Leagues and Championships will proceed as in previous years. Tyneside have indicated two teams for the league. Middlesbrough have yet to decide. **DS/CGW**

Ripon are to be invited to play in our AC League **JG**

There is expected to be a return to both GC Div 1 and GC Div 2 Leagues this year. Div 1 will be level play (with need for results to be reported for CA Rankings) while Div 2 is likely to be handicap play, almost certainly using the 'new' Advantage System. There was much discussion about handicaps generally and the Div break points that are most appropriate, particularly if Div 2 be played level.

Known club preferences and last years data to be considered and reviewed and a proposal/ decision made. **CC**

Ripon are expected to play under the GC Northern League arrangements of the past. **CC**

Others to be approached regarding management of CG Championships etc **CC**

5 Fixtures

The 2022 Fixtures draft submitted by the Secretary was reviewed and whilst the CA event dates are now known, only Eric Nixon advised and confirmed that the date for the GC Progressive Doubles at Belsay will be Monday 1st August. Other potential events need attention by others—(Many dates, venues and manager names are outstanding).

Current status shown on revised draft attached. Attention needed **DS/CGW/CC**

6 Finance

Derek Johnson issued an unaudited draft of the accounts with supporting commentary for 2019. The surplus increased over the year by £122 bringing the total surplus to £3383. Discussions about both competition entry fees and the capitation fee resulted in maintaining the entry fees at £5 whilst returning the capitation fee to a per member basis. For 2022 it was proposed that the capitation fee be 50p per club member. *(Subject to approval at the AGM)*

Derek highlighted that many clubs did not have a qualified coach and there was discussion about offering CN financial support (eg help with course fees) to help address this. Reference was made to a previous similar discussion but details could not be recalled at the meeting.

Post meeting, the details from 18th January 2020 item 7 are-

“Federation Handicappers, Coaches and Referees

——Regarding CA Course fees, the CA sometimes offer a discount to those attending and it is believed that some federations also offer help. After discussion it was decided that CN would be receptive to claims to fund the balance of any outstanding course fee payable. (This would not apply to course fees for purely club level qualification)”——Sec

Roger Staples offered to run a course at Alnmouth to train coaches and support the qualification process over a 2 day period. A minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 would be required. Belsay and Backworth might also be interested. **—ML**

(A revisit of this topic seems necessary. Sec)

*Note—A list of CA qualified coaches, handicappers and referees within CN are shown on the CN website in the Members Area. Please advise Nigel if this needs updating.. **ALL***

7 CN Equipment

Equipment at Alnmouth will be returned for storage at TCC.-(Inform Sec)

Set of hoops held by Eugene to be returned for storage at TCC.—(Inform Sec)

Kiwi Set to be retained at Auckland.

8 Constitutional Changes -To acknowledge the increasing use and importance of the website.

The proposed change to the Constitution (as submitted by Sec) was confirmed and will be put to the AGM for acceptance.

9 Communications

The use of the CN Website is not high, particularly over the winter period.

It was noted that there are only 18 registered members. (Registration is required to access committee papers and items considered not suitable for access by the general public, but all CN club members are eligible to register). David suggested that all club committee members (and any other member who maybe interested) be encouraged be register. .

Nigel reminded the meeting that he could only update the site if advised by others and appealed for clubs to review the information held about them and advise any changes necessary.

The Secretary's Report for 2019 can now be uploaded to the Members Area.

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10-Committee Nominations for 2022/2023 *(for submission at the AGM)*

Treasurer—Derek Johnson

AC League Manager— Julian Gibson

GC League Manager—Colin Chun

The Chairman and Secretary roles were discussed but no firm proposal agreed.

11 CA Matters

The potential to change to charitable status remains an issue for the CA. In response to a question Roger Staples summarised the potential benefits and confirmed that clubs would continue as private member clubs. There would be no negative effect on clubs and there maybe benefits for tax paying individuals.

Courses at the Coaching Academy at York are filling up. The current status is shown on the CN Website under News.

12 AOB

Dennis raised the question of maintaining trophies. Having won the CN Singles Advanced last year the trophy has been passed to him for engraving and to retain until there is another winner. In this case to accommodate his name and more he is to seek an estimate for making a new plinth for the trophy as well as the engraving.

DS

13—Next Meeting AGM Saturday 12th March 2022 (followed by Committee Meeting)

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

David Millener—Secretary—doc ref CN2201CMM—23/01/22

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Club Chairman and Secretaries—