



## **CROQUET NORTH**

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### **Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 13th March 2021 via Zoom**

**Present—** Dennis Scarr, David Millener, Derek Johnson, Terry Vernazza, Eric Nixon, John Fitzpatrick, Phil Errington, Jacquie Errington, Nigel Martin, Derek Gerrard, John Howie, Julian Gibson, Eugene Brady, Jane Pringle, Don Morton, Colin Chun, Roger Carpenter, Charles Waterfield, Roger Staples, Ian Williams, Tony McCann.

**Apologies** for absence were received from Jamie Edgar.

**Minutes of last year's AGM** issued in advance and available on website. The meeting agreed that they were a true record.

**Matters Arising—**None

**Secretary's Report** —Issued in advance and available on website. The verbal presentation added that Backworth CC joined CN in January 2021.

**League Managers Reports—**2020 leagues not played due to Covid 19 restrictions.

**CA Representative's Report.**—(Written Report attached to these minutes  
Dennis Scarr presented a comprehensive report to the meeting about changes within the CA and asks the question, to CN and Clubs, **'Do we have the capacity to deal with what is coming our way and if we don't what are we going to do to prepare ourselves?'**  
Roger Staples followed with comments on—the update of Covid guidelines on the CA website, —the need for clubs to maintain Risk Assessments—the introduction of new AC Laws —the update of the website for the CA Shop.  
Roger also mentioned the demanding work currently in progress to ensure diversity within croquet. Sport England 'Active Partnerships' encourages sport for all but its success is very dependant upon regional activity.—Development grants remain available from the CA.

**2020 Accounts** —Issued in advance with supporting commentary. (Year end balance £3114). The Accounts were accepted.

**Election of Officers & Committee for 2021/22—**The CN Committee Meeting held in January submitted the following nominees (as per AGM Agenda).

Chairman	Dennis Scarr—Middlesbrough
Secretary	David Millener—Belsay Hall and Tyneside
Treasurer	Derek Johnson—Tyneside and Belsay Hall.
GC League Manager	Colin Chun— Belsay Hall & Backworth
AC League Manager	Julian Gibson—Middlesbrough. Proposed by Dennis Scarr, seconded by David Millener.

There were no other nominees. All of the above were elected.

Election of independent person to verify accounts —David Appleton.

*(Club appointed representatives last year were John Howie (Alnmouth), Terry Vernazza (Tyne-side), Eric Nixon (Belsay), Roger Carpenter (Durham), Eugene Brady (Auckland). Charles Waterfield (Middlesbrough) Don Morton (Backworth) from January 2021. Bamburgh have chosen not to take up their vacancy. No changes have been advised).*

**Plans for Leagues and Championships**—Both League Managers (Julian Gibson and Colin Chun) had contacted club representatives. Following discussion it was agreed that because of Covid 19 related uncertainties Championships would probably proceed soon but it was too early to be sure about the timing and format for leagues.

**Plans for other Events** A provisional Fixtures List had been circulated and this was updated at the meeting but there remain outstanding decisions to be made by potential organisers.. *The Secretary will update the list and circulate to all who have an action. Confirmed events will be uploaded to the website under Calendar.*

**Development and Coaching**—Nothing to report.

**Budget Proposals for 2021-** The Treasurer's report made reference to trying to gradually reduce end of year balances, but there was also recognition that some expenditure maybe necessary for trophy engraving (not always covered by fees) and that some expenditure may be necessary to support the implementation of the plans outlined by Dennis Scarr in his CA Representatives Report. The Executive Committee proposal for the membership fee this year was £10/club and after discussion this was carried (Phil Errington was against and Eugene Brady abstained).

Jane Pringle advised that she was holding the CN GC Northern League Trophy which had been held by Ripon Spa CC.

**Communications** -John Fitzpatrick advised that, because of inactivity last year, there was little to put into a newsletter. If photos or articles of interest were sent to him he would attempt to put something together, otherwise it would a matter of publicising reports/papers and preparing Entry Forms. Nigel Martin reported that monitoring of the website had shown, on average over the past few weeks, 1 or 2 'hits' per day.

**AOB**—Phill Errington, on behalf of those attending (and representing 7 of our 8 clubs) thanked all involved in the organising and the running of this first CN AGM via Zoom.

**Date of next AGM—Saturday —12th March 2022.**—subject to confirmation

**David Millener---Hon. Secretary**

14th March 2021

These minutes are subject to formal acceptance at the next AGM

## DISTRIBUTION

### Committee 2021/22

Dennis Scarr	Chairman & CA Representative
David Millener	Secretary
Derek Johnson	Treasurer & Coaching Officer
Julian Gibson	AC League Manager
Colin Chun	GC League Manager
Roger Staples	Development Officer
John Howie	Ordinary Member--Alnmouth
Eugene Brady	Ordinary Member—Auckland
Don Morton	Ordinary Member—Backworth
Eric Nixon	Ordinary Member--Belsay Hall
Roger Carpenter	Ordinary Member--Durham
Terry Vernazza	Ordinary Member--Tyneside
Charles Waterfield	Ordinary Member Middlesbrough

### Webmaster

Nigel Martin

### Newsletter Editor

John Fitzpatrick

### Trustees

Eric Nixon, Roger Staples, Charles Waterfield.

### Club Secretaries

John Howie  
Jane Pringle  
Seonaidh Edgar  
Don Morton  
David Millener (acting)  
Madeleine Carpenter  
Charles Waterfield  
Peter Lowe (acting)

### Club Chairmen

Derek Gerrard  
Jane Pringle  
Jamie Edgar  
Ron Davy  
Eric Nixon (acting)  
Roger Carpenter  
Dennis Scarr  
Peter Lowe

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