



## **CROQUET NORTH**

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### **Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 12th March 2022**

**Present—** Dennis Scarr, David Millener, Derek Johnson, Terry Vernazza, Eric Nixon, Nigel Martin, Eugene Brady, Kevin Wilson. (*— the minimum quorum requirement!*)

**Apologies** for absence were received from Charles Waterfield, Roger Carpenter, Mick Lock, Colin Chun, Jane Pringle, Derek Gerrard, Roger Staples and Julian Gibson.

**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. A summary was read to the meeting.

In response to a question Eric Nixon advised that the increase in member numbers at Belsay had been largely due to a 3 year effort from 2 Belsay committee members. The most significant returns came from tapping into 'non-croquet' groups. Terry Vernazza advised that Tyne-side had also done this. One key member can bring another 6 if all goes well!

**League Managers Reports—**A highbred version of both AC and GC leagues were played last year, as outlined in the Secretary's Report for 2021 and with details on website.

**2021 Accounts —**Issued in advance with supporting commentary. Year end balance was £3,383.95. (In 2020 it was £3,114.03). The Accounts were accepted after a proposal by Eric Nixon which was seconded by Terry Vernazza.

**Chairman and CA Representative's Report.—**Written report read to the meeting and attached to these minutes.

In response to a question regarding Adult Safeguarding Dennis explained that the Policy adopted by the CA reflected statutory requirements within the Care Act 2014. In reality any Adults at Risk interacting with Croquet Clubs will do so within the context of arrangements made in advance and in the presence of a designated Carer. Information would be issued to Federations and Clubs including Posters, Procedures etc and a hierarchy of contacts for Local Safeguarding Officers.

Dennis asked clubs to inform him or the Secretary of names of Club Safeguarding Officers. Terry Vernazza advised that Nora Burbridge would be the lead for TCC.

**Proposed Constitution Change**—Identified in the Agenda was accepted by the meeting. The CN Constitution item 4.4 will now be changed to read as follows—

—on or via the federation website, or by alternative means, the provision of  
—information on member clubs and contact details  
—competition and event details, including leagues and tournaments  
—news and results.

Action

Secretary

**Election of Officers & Committee for 2022/23**—Put forward by the CN Committee were—

Treasurer Derek Johnson—Tyneside and Belsay Hall.

GC League Manager Colin Chun— Belsay Hall & Backworth

AC League Manager Julian Gibson—Middlesbrough.

And at this meeting—

Chairman Dennis Scarr was proposed by Terry Vernazza & seconded by Eric Nixon.

Secretary David Millener was proposed by Terry Vernazza & seconded by Dennis Scarr.

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

We thank David Appleton for his past service as 'independent person to verify the accounts'. A nominee for his replacement has not been forthcoming so the meeting referred the matter to the Committee with a view to them identifying a suitable person for election at a Special General Meeting later in the year.

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

**Plans for Leagues and Championships**—

AC League.—4 teams will play (from 3 clubs). Dates have been issued.

EP (AC) League—due to be finalised soon.

GC League—Div 1.—7 teams plus Ripon to form the Northern League. Dates to be decided.

GC League —Div2—currently 6 teams but Backworth now wish to be considered, provided approved at Backworth AGM within the next 2 weeks.

Kevin Wilson

**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.

*The Secretary will update the list and circulate for action. Confirmed events will be uploaded to the website under Calendar.*

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

**Budget Proposals for 2022-** The Executive Committee proposed that the CN club membership fee be 50p per playing club member. Agreed by those present.

**Communications**—Our Webmaster (Nigel Martin) will add appropriate information provided to him to the CN Website in the coming weeks and throughout the year.

*Note that some information is held only in the 'Members' section and members need to register (via the website) to gain access.*

**Date of next AGM—Saturday —11th March 2023.**—subject to confirmation

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

14th March 2022

These minutes are subject to formal acceptance at the next AGM

## **DISTRIBUTION**

### **Committee 2022/23**

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
Mick Lock	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

### **Trustees**

Eric Nixon, Roger Staples, Charles Waterfield.

### **Club Secretaries**

Mick Lock  
Jane Pringle  
Seonaidh Edgar  
Don Morton  
Colin Chun  
Madeleine Carpenter  
Charles Waterfield  
Peter Lowe (acting)

### **Club Chairmen**

Derek Gerrard  
Jane Pringle  
Jamie Edgar  
Ron Davy  
Colin Chun  
Roger Carpenter  
Dennis Scarr  
Peter Lowe

### **Club**

Alnmouth  
Auckland  
Bamburgh  
Backworth  
Belsay Hall  
Durham  
Middlesbrough  
Tyneside

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and Fixtures List March 2022. (1 page)