

MINUTES OF CN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 5TH. NOVEMBER, 2022.

Present -Dennis Scarr (Chairman), Derek Johnson (Treasurer & Coaching), Eugene Brady (Auckland), Don Morton (Backworth), Eric Nixon (Belsay), Roger Staples (Development) and Terry Vernazza (Tyneside)

Apologies For Absence – Roger Carpenter, Colin Chun, Julian Gibson, Mick Lock, Nigel Martin & David Millener.

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 12th March, 2022

Minutes were conformed as a correct record.

Matters Arising

CN Financial Support Towards Coaching & Referee Qualifications

Agreed – CN will contribute up to £25 per person towards a CA Coaching or Referees Course costs, after any CA subsidy has been taken into account, provided that attendance leads to a qualification.

Roger Staples confirmed that the CA would continue to provide financial support at the same level.

Examiner of Accounts

Agreed that Phil Errington be appointed to position of Examiner of CN Accounts.

Club Reports

Written Reports submitted from all Members Clubs were accepted.

AC League & Tournament Reports

A written Report submitted by League Manager Julian Gibson was accepted.

The report set out a methodology to determine EPL / CN League positions in the event of ties.

Clarification had been sought as to whether York were to continue in the EPL and / or CN League for 2023.

Noted that Middlesbrough Croquet Club would represent Croquet North in the Secretary's Shield for 2023.

GC League Report

A written report submitted by League Manager Colin Chun was accepted.

Feedback on use of the Advantage Handicap System for Division 2 matches was discussed. The League Manager would be considering feedback in preparing the format for next season.

Review of Competition / Events Calendar

Generally considered that the Calendar of events for 2022 had gone well whilst noting some cancelations.

Coaching & Development

Roger Staples reported that he had received no invitations from Clubs within CN on Development matters.

Derek Johnson had undertaken coaching at Belsay and Tyneside Clubs.

CN Website

Generally considered that the Website was both useful and usable.

CA Matters

CA Legal Status – Roger Staples provided an update on the transition to Charitable Status for the CA. The Charity Commission had recently requested further information / clarification with regard to CA Governance. Responding to this request would delay the transition process.

Adult Safeguarding – Secretary to inform CA (Dr Ron Carter) that the Federation Adult Safeguarding Officer would be the Federation Chairman. It was also agreed that Secretary seek details from CN Clubs as to who they have appointed as Adult Safeguarding Officer, noting that in the event of a Club not nominating a responsible person that the responsibility would fall to the Club Chairman.

CN / Yorkshire Croquet Representative on CN Council. Noted that our Federations have not appointed someone to CA Council.

Finance

Derek Johnson reported that CN Accounts currently had a surplus of £112.50 notwithstanding payment of capitation fees were awaited from some four Clubs.

Committee Co-options for next 12 months

Development – Roger Staples

Coaching Officer – Derek Johnson to confirm.

Any Other Business

CA Northern Training Academy (York) planning a two day training course for those interested in becoming qualified as GC Referees. Derek Johnson and Don Morton interested.

CA would be considering a report in January, 2023 on elements of Referee Courses being held via Zoom.

CA had recently issued an email setting out an obligation on Clubs / Federations to register 'trusts' with HMRC. The matter would be discussed at a Zoom meeting of Federation Chairs on 7th Nov.

Executive Meeting – 21st January, 2023 to be an 'in person' meeting.

AGM – 18th March, 2023.

Dennis Scarr