



CROQUET NORTH

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, 21st January 2023

Present—Dennis Scarr (Chairman); David Millener (Secretary); Derek Johnson (Treasurer & Coaching), Roger Carpenter (Durham), Terry Vernazza (Tyneside), Eric Nixon (Belsay), Don Morton (Backworth), Nigel Martin (Webmaster).

1 .Apologies — Julian Gibson, Eugene Brady, Charles Waterfield, Roger Staples, Mick Lock (and Colin Chun who has now resigned as GC League Manager)

2 Minutes of Committee Meeting, 5th Nov 2022— Accepted.

3 Matter Arising—

Eric Nixon asked for an update on the potential obligation for Federations and Clubs to register 'trusts' with HMRC (*This had been raised by James Death in November*). The Chairman advised that this had been discussed at several CA meetings where many CA officers had been present. Whilst the Nottingham and Bowdon clubs have reportedly registered the consensus is that this should be raised as a CA matter with the Sports Alliance. Currently this is being pursued by Paul Brown and David Bryant. (CA Office Manager supports this approach) Durham will represent CN in the GC Federation Shield. Middlesbrough (the winner of the 2022 EPL) will represent CN in the AC Secretary's Shield.

4 CN Leagues and Championships

Julian Gibson had advised that York wished to participate in the AC League and that they were prepared to play home and away if this was acceptable. Julian is to be asked to formally ask clubs of their intentions/preferences regarding teams and frequency of matches. EPL will be played home and away and the revised criteria, previously discussed to establish standings, to be communicated to participating clubs (*Perhaps also need to amend Rules?*) Clubs to be canvassed to assess opinions on the possible introduction of a Short Croquet AC League at some future point.

Dennis/Julian

Regarding GC Leagues, there have been some strong views expressed by clubs about the Advantage System, believed to be of particular concern in timed games. Roger Carpenter offered to give further consideration to this. Backworth advised that they wished to enter one team this year.—

5 Fixtures

A draft list was discussed and updated. See Fixtures 2 attached which represents the current status.

6 Finance

Derek Johnson advised that payment of some 2022 Championship fees remain outstanding while efforts are being made to identify all outstanding trophy costs. Perhaps about £120 will represent a surplus on the year just ended.

7 Communications

Secretary's Report for 2022 has been circulated to committee members and is now ready for posting to the CN website

Nigel Martin

Use of Website briefly discussed and considered satisfactory. Nigel reported that he was encouraged that others were starting to add posts to the site, eg Julian Gibson now posted AC league results as they became known to him.

8-Committee Nominations for 2023/2024 (for submission at the AGM)

Chairman—Dennis Scarr

Secretary—Vacant

Treasurer—Derek Johnson

AC League Manager—*(Julian Gibson could not be confirmed as he was not in attendance)*

GC League Manager—Vacant

Additional nominations will be invited via the AGM Notice. Note that Club representatives are appointed by their club and Co-opted positions (such as the Development and Coaching Officer) are decided by the committee in October (not March)—to align with CA elections.

9 CA Matters

Dennis advised that there was ongoing work within the CA about its potential future legal status. On the CA website there is further information on the CA Survey of members and the opportunity to participate in CA Webinars about Crowd Funding, Development Plans and the Legal Status of Clubs.

Dr Ron Carter, Safeguarding Lead for the CA would be standing down in April.

10. AOB

The Tyneside Quaich has been returned to the TCC Clubhouse by Middlesbrough, the winners in 2018 when it was last played.

David Millener has the GC League Div 2 Shield awaiting an opportunity to pass it to Alnmouth, the 2022 winners.

11.—Next Meeting AGM Saturday 18th March 2023 —to start at 10.00am!

(followed by a Committee Meeting)

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

David Millener—Secretary—doc ref CN2301CMM—22/01/23

Distribution—via email

CN Committee and those attending

Club Chairman and Secretaries—