



CROQUET NORTH

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 18th March 2023

Present— Dennis Scarr, David Millener, Derek Johnson, Terry Vernazza, Eric Nixon, Eugene Brady, Don Morton, Julian Gibson, Roger Carpenter, Roger Staples, Phil Errington, Jacquie Errington, Jane Pringle

Apologies for absence from Derek Gerrard, Charles Waterfield, Nigel Martin, Peter Lowe, Jamie Edgar, Brenda Johnson.

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

Matters Arising—None

Secretary's Report —available in advance on the website. A summary was read to the meeting.

League Managers Reports—available in advance on the website and acknowledged. Noted that there was more consideration needed regarding the way Div 2 GC games are played in 2023.—*see later*

2022 Accounts —Issued in advance by Treasurer with supporting commentary. Year end balance was £3,589.74 (In 2021 it was £3,383.95). Short discussion confirmed that it remained the intention to reduce, rather than increase, the balance over the medium term. (but see below under AOB). The Accounts were accepted by the meeting.

Chairman's Report.—Written report issued in advance by the Chairman and due to be uploaded to the website. No discussion.

Election of Officers & Committee for 2023/24—Put forward by the CN Committee were—
Chairman——Dennis Scarr——Middlesbrough
Treasurer Derek Johnson——Tyneside and Belsay Hall.
AC League Manager Julian Gibson——Middlesbrough.
And at this meeting—
Secretary David Millener
GC League Manager Peter Tymms —(Proposed by Roger Carpenter).
All the above were carried by the meeting.

Club appointed representatives advised were-
Julian Gibson -Middlesbrough (replacing Charles Water field)
Jane Pringle—Auckland (replacing Eugene Brady)
Nigel Martin—Durham (replacing Roger Carpenter)
Terry Vernazza—Tyneside (no change)
Don Morton—Backworth—(no change)
??? Belsay Hall (replacement for Eric Nixon awaited)
Mick Lock? Alnmouth .(awaiting confirmation/notification)

Charles Waterfield, Eugene Brady, Roger Carpenter and Eric Nixon, all of whom have/will be vacating CN Committee positions, were thanked for their past contributions, *over 20 plus years of service.!*

Phil Errington confirmed that he would be Examiner for the 2023 Accounts

Plans for Leagues and Championships—

AC League.—Will run as per last year (4 teams from 3 clubs). Dates to be issued.

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

GC Leagues Div 1 and 2. A report had been issued by Roger Carpenter after consultation with clubs. There was discussion about potential alternative play arrangements, particularly for Div 2. It was agreed that Roger would discuss with Peter Tymms (not present but now the GC League Manager) with input from Derek Johnson. It is expected that Peter Tymms will issue definitive arrangements soon. *(Further discussion and with particular reference to playing GC Matches on one lawn were tabled for discussion at the committee meeting following this AGM)*

Julian Gibson agreed to make administrative arrangements for both the AC and GC Championship entries, probably via an Entry Form posted to the website

Plans for other Events A provisional Fixtures List had been posted to the website. A few minor changes have now been included and will be issued with these minutes.

Development and Coaching—Nothing to report.

Budget Proposals for 2023- The Executive Committee proposed that the CN club membership fee be 50p per playing club member. Agreed by those present. (No formal annual budget considered necessary)

Communications-Our Webmaster (Nigel Martin) will add appropriate information 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.

AOB —Welfare issues.—During the meeting Roger Staples advised that Dr Ron Carter, Safeguarding Lead for the CA, would now continue in this role and that federations and clubs should prepare for more to be done with regard to welfare issues and this may have financial implications.

Dennis Scarr explained at the meeting and later, that. —Safeguarding policies and procedures are in place for both adults and children. The next stage is expected to be to develop an over-arching framework which will deal with prevention issues. The CA is working hard on behalf of clubs to meet Sport Englands requirements to increase the profile of croquet and to access financial support. Meeting requirements across a range of governance and policy issues is expected to be part of that process.

Some concern was expressed at the meeting regarding the impact of increased requirements/directives from the CA on small federations and clubs.

Date of next AGM—Saturday —16th March 2024.—subject to confirmation

David Millener---Hon. Secretary

19th March 2023

These minutes are subject to formal acceptance at the next AGM

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Committee 2023/24

Dennis Scarr	Chairman
David Millener	Secretary
Derek Johnson	Treasurer & Coaching Officer
Julian Gibson	AC League Manager
Peter Tymms	GC League Manager
Roger Staples	Development Officer
Mick Lock	Ordinary Member--Alnmouth
Jane Pringle	Ordinary Member—Auckland
Don Morton	Ordinary Member—Backworth
??	Ordinary Member--Belsay Hall
Nigel Martin	Ordinary Member--Durham
Terry Vernazza	Ordinary Member--Tyneside
Julian Gibson	Ordinary Member Middlesbrough

Webmaster

Nigel Martin

Trustees

Roger Staples and Charles Waterfield.

Club Secretaries

Mick Lock
Jane Pringle
Seonaidh Edgar
Don Morton
Colin Chun
Madeleine Carpenter
Charles Waterfield
Mike Soloman

Club Chairmen

Derek Gerrard
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