

Nailsea & District Croquet Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 6 October 2015

Chair: Andrew Wimshurst

Present: Kathy Wallace, Coral Harrison, Brian Roynon, Brigit Clayton,
Peter Dyke, Mike Tracy

1. Apologies none

This was a meeting to discuss the items deferred from the previous meeting, held on 22 September 2015.

2. Treasurer's Report

The report for the end of the financial year ending 30 September 2015 is attached (hard copy only)

Mike described some of the details of income and expenditure. He was pleased to report that our financial status is better than he had anticipated.

Andrew thanked Mike for his careful accounting and stewardship. It was noted that, thanks to Mike's efforts and the information that he is supplying, we are now in a better position to make financial decisions

In the light of the application to Sport England for a grant being turned down, it was decided that we could not quite afford to level the lawns in 2016. It was hoped that in September 2017 when the surplus for another year had accrued, the levelling could be done.

3 NDCC AGM

It was decided to recommend to the membership that the annual subscriptions are not changed for the 2015/2016 season.

All the Committee are willing to stand for election for their current positions.

The Chairman's Report for the AGM was discussed. Andrew will write this and include an update on the levelling plans.

The car park might become very muddy again as we go into the winter. It was decided that Brian would close the car park if conditions deteriorated too much. The relatively small number of cars during the winter would not be likely to inconvenience the neighbours. BR

4. **Dates for 2016**

It was noted that it was desirable to avoid clashes between our Finals and any CA events that our members would be likely to qualify for. This meant that the best weekend for NDCC Finals would be 24/25 September. Semi-finals two weeks before this would create clashes but it was more acceptable to play semi-finals on mutually convenient dates than was the case for Finals.

Consequently, 9,10,11 September for semi-finals and 24, 25 September for Finals were provisionally arranged. Kathy would contact Linda to see if this was convenient for her as manager. KW

In view of the later end to the season and reverting to the pattern that used to pertain, a later start to the season was suggested. This would remove the need for the preparatory work to begin in the cold days of early March. With the proposed new system for hoop moving there would be more work before the season but then each month during the season the task would be considerably simpler. With this in mind, Saturday 26 March was set as the first day of the season. The fact that this was Easter Saturday was not considered to be a problem.

Peter would ask John Grimshaw for preferred dates for the Short Croquet Teams Competition – 9/10 April or 16/17 April PD

As 23 April had been designated National Croquet Day, it was the obvious choice for Open Day. Kathy to check with Erica KW

Marcus's preferred date for the Open Advanced Tournament clashed with Cheltenham. 7/8 May was the best fit with other dates to keep a 4 or 5 week gap between tournaments

11/12 June for C Class Advanced

9/12 July for B Class Advanced

A member had raised the possibility of holding a GC "B" Class Tournament in August and enquiring about it being part of the B Class Series that were qualifiers for the national final. Peter to investigate this with Chris Roberts. Peter would be prepared to manage such a tournament. PD

5. **AOB**

Mike announced that he would have to retire from hoop setting due to his health problems. He will endeavour to find a replacement to take charge of this area MT

Brian will seek someone to take charge of Hedges and Edges. It was thought that regular work mornings on the Fridays preceding tournaments were the best plan. Dates for these should go on the Calendar and be on notices in the clubhouse and on the Club website BR

Brigit will investigate the best time of year for a contractor to cut the hedges so that the wildlife would not be adversely affected BC

Andrew will find out from team leaders what help is required and approach members, including the new 2015 members. AW

CH

More people were asking for winter membership. Coral will deal with their applications as they arise
Mike had been wondering about getting the hoops sand- blasted but Peter said that in the past they had come back very misshapen. Mike to investigate MT

Mike would like the website to be used more and asked that we all put items on the News and “coming soon” pages. ALL

Mike asked about the 100 Club Draw – Sandra has it in hand

With regard to Item 10 in the Committee meeting held on 22 September, Peter had had a conversation with Robert Moss, hoping that he could facilitate improvement in the conditions at Llandaff, including the use of half sized lawns.
Kathy to send a reply to Roger Hayes, following inconsistent information in his e-mail and the SWF minutes. KW

Other issues were raised but will be on the agenda for the next meeting KW

6. Date of next meeting

This was arranged for 10am on Tuesday 27 October at Mike’s house.

The meeting closed at 12.20pm

7. Signed as a true and accurate record

Name.....

Signature..... date.....