

Nailsea & District Croquet Club
Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on
12 November 2016 at 2pm in the Clubhouse

Chair: Andrew Wimshurst

Present: 30 people present- list of names attached (hard copy only)

The meeting opened at 2.05 pm

1. As President, Pat Long welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked them for coming. Pat spoke of the sadness that Chris and Valerie Jackson and Ian Telfer had passed away during 2016. She then paid tribute to Mike Tracy who had been awarded a Diploma by the CA. Pat presented Mike with his certificate. Mike thanked Pat and also thanked the Committee who had put his name forward to the CA. He remarked that many other members also supported the Club with generous use of their time, mentioning John Wallace in particular.
2. **Apologies:** 26 apologies – list of names attached (hard copy only)
The reasons for absence included Diamond Wedding celebrations and arrivals of a new grandchild
3. **Minutes of last AGM held on 7 November 2015**
The Minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 7 November 2015
Proposed: Mike Tracy Seconded: Pat Long
4. **Matters arising from the minutes of AGM held on 7 November 2015**

There were no matters arising
5. **Chair's report** - attached (hard copy only). Andrew Wimshurst
- 6.(a) **Treasurer's Report**—attached (hard copy only). Mike Tracy

Geoff Hughes asked if a grant had been sought from the Airport Community Fund. Mike replied that we had investigated this but that our projects would not be eligible.

Geoff then asked about the car park and when it would be improved. Mike replied that it was high priority and that the work would be done as soon as our funds permitted but it would be not be immediate.

Tony Hinchliffe asked why the fees were not being increased by a greater amount. Mike outlined the cash flow situation.

Mark Suter asked how much the increase would have to be to pay for the car park immediately. As the work will cost £15000-£20 000 and we have 100 members, including many who are not full members, the increase would be huge.
Mark suggested that we ask members for one-off payments or interest- free loans in order to finance the work. John Wallace observed that many of our members would not be in a position to do this.

Erica Malaiperuman remarked that this summer, the car park had not become muddy very often at all.

Mike replied that when we have dwarf rye grass after the levelling work, we hope to have the lawns open for most of the year and the car park will become more of an issue in the winter.

Erica wondered if the levelling would affect the car park.

Mike replied that it would be useful to see the effects of levelling before we make any decisions about the car park.

Andrew said that we would consider the suggestions made

(b) Presentation of accounts.
(Income and Expenditure analysis for this and previous financial year attached, hard copy only)

Mike proposed that the accounts were accepted and the proposal was seconded by Linda Shaw. The proposal was carried by a large majority

(c) Setting of subscription

Mike announced the Committee proposal that the subscription for a full member be increased to £140. Mike formally made the proposal. It was seconded by Brian Roynon and carried by a large majority

(d) Appointment of Honorary Auditor

Mike proposed that we retain the same auditor. This was seconded by Brian Roynon and the proposal was carried by a large majority

7. Tournament Secretary's Report – attached, hard copy, (Peter Dyke)

Peter also spoke about some of the SF proposals, ahead of the AGM on 20 Nov.

Peter was concerned that the proposal to restrict the handicaps of players in the GC Handicap League to a maximum of 8 or 9 would be a problem for Nailsea. This was because some of our teams had a mixture of handicaps and included players who wished to continue to play together for social reasons. Peter asked members to look at the proposal on the SWF website and give him their views before the SWF AGM

There was a long proposal concerning the GC level Play League – again, views would be welcome.

Peter was not in favour of a proposal that extra turn allocations on small lawns should be reduced. Views from members welcome.

John Wallace asked if anything could be done about the poor lawn conditions experienced at some Away matches. Peter replied that we had raised this issue last year and could raise it again under AOB at the SWF AGM.

Brian McCausland observed that one Club had been told that their lawns were not good enough for a semi-final but the semi-final did in fact take place there

Peter felt that poor lawns were particularly unacceptable for semi-finals but explained the history of venue allocation for semi-finals. We could submit a proposal on this for the 2017 SWF AGM and Andrew said he could raise it under AOB this year.

8. Election of Committee

The following were proposed by John Wallace, seconded by Geoff Hughes and elected unopposed

Name	Role	Proposer	Secunder
Andrew Wimshurst	Chair	Brigit Clayton	Kathy Wallace
Kathy Wallace	Secretary	Terry Young	Sandra Morgan
Mike Tracy	Treasurer	Terry Young	Tony Griggs
Peter Dyke	Tournament Secretary	Coral Harrison	Kathy Wallace
Coral Harrison	Member	Pat Long	Sandra Bath
Brian Roynon	Member	Polly Reynolds	Andrew Buchanan
Linda Shaw	Member	Christine Haley	Sandra Bath

9. AOB

(i) Mark Suter suggested that the Club should seek recruitment by having a Committee member charged with responsibility for this. John Wallace commented that we had always worked very hard on this issue. Kathy assured him that the Club was very proactive in this area and that many innovative methods had been used. We had targeted Sports Clubs and used Face book to publicise our Open Days. We have always had someone leading Recruitment and at present it is Erica.

Mark offered to help with online marketing of croquet and of the Club as it is his area of professional expertise. Andrew said that the Committee would pursue this.

(ii) Tony Hinchliffe said that a problem had been raised concerning the handicaps of a particular Club who were amongst our opponents in an SWF League. This did not appear to have been resolved. Mike Tracy observed that the subject of handicaps was on the agenda for the SWF AGM next week but we did not yet know what particular issues would be covered.

(iii) Linda Shaw outlined plans to develop a more structured approach to coaching both AC and GC within the club and said that a database of members willing to help with this is being compiled.

One focus is to encourage playing and coaching skills within the club but we also want to develop awareness of external resources and encourage access to these.

(iv) Peter Dyke said that we had to decide very shortly how many B league teams to enter for 2017. Kathy had canvassed the members in the appropriate handicap range and it would appear that we do not have enough players to support two teams.

10. Date of next AGM

The next AGM was arranged for Saturday 11 November at 2pm in the Clubhouse

The meeting closed at 3.08 pm

Signed as a true and accurate record

Name.....

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