

Nailsea and District Croquet Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting held 29th October 2019

Present: Graham McCausland, Meriel Forshaw, Mike Tracy, Linda Shaw, Andrew Wimshurst, Brian Roynon, Coral Harrison, Peter Dyke.

In attendance: Joan Timmins.

1. Apologies – None

2. Minutes of the meeting 23rd September 2019 - agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 Engraving of Christine Hayes' mallet – following discussion it was agreed to have a small brass plaque engraved, which could be attached to the mallet.

Action: Mike

3.2 Tournament dates – Peter, Graham and Kathy have recently met to discuss the proposed dates. Some minor changes have been made.

The Open class advanced will take place on the 8th and 9th August 2020.

GC B Class will take place on the 11th August 2020.

A class level play has been brought forward to the weekend before the B class tournament.

3.3 Toro - Andrew, Terry and Geoff will discuss future maintenance on the Toro machine.

Action: Andrew

4. Treasurer's Report – discussed and noted.

The final accounts have been prepared and will be presented at the AGM.

5. Property Report – discussed and noted.

Track work is ongoing and should be completed this week.

Tony Willoughby is presently undertaking work on the trolleys and the hoops.

Secondary hoops could be used for winter play.

The Pavilion has a leak in the roof; Brian and Robin will undertake to repair the leak as soon as the weather permits.

A replacement fridge freezer will be purchased from the 100 club funds. Brian will look into sourcing one.

Action: Brian

6. First Aid – The first aid box is now located in the main area of the pavilion. A large first aid sign can be seen on the lid of the cupboard. Eyewash can be found with the first aid items and also in the workshop. A St John's Ambulance poster is also on the lid and outlines the steps for emergency first aid. There is also information on the location of the nearest defibrillator.

Following discussion it was agreed not to proceed with the purchase of a defibrillator.

The committee agreed in the first instance to look at the following options:-

(a) Contact St John's Ambulance, Nailsea, to establish whether they are offering free first aid training sessions at Backwell Parish Hall. **Action: Joan**

(b) Establish how many club members would be interested in attending a first aid session at a cost of £20-£25 per person. **Action: Merial**

7. Non Committee Social Secretary – It has become apparent that there is a need for a co-ordinator to organise social activities. This person would act as the first point of contact for any of the social activities within the club. Pat Long has agreed to act as the co-ordinator.

A suggestion has been made by a member that the club may help raise funds to support James Galpin next year when he travels to Australia for the AC World Championship. Linda informed the committee that the CA has funding available for juniors. Graham will speak to Pat and Marcus re organising an event to help James with funds. Graham will also express the committee's thanks to Pat for taking on this role.

Action: Graham

8. Membership –

As at the end of September membership stands as follows:-

72 Full members, 5 country members, 9 social members, 4 student members and 5 life members.

The committee has agreed the cost of £30 for winter membership and this will be presented at the AGM. It was agreed that the club would not promote winter membership to other clubs this year. However, should an individual from another club approach the club and wish to join on an individual basis for the winter then they may do so. This decision was taken, as only two lawns will be available during the winter.

9. Recruitment – No report

10. Lawns

John continues to keep members informed when the lawns are closed due to bad weather and when work is being undertaken.

A meeting has been held with Mike T, Andrew W, David H, and John W to discuss how all the lawns can be improved during the winter months.

11. Website - the following sections have been removed from the website:-

News coming soon; AC/GC league match reports.

The section on trophy winners has been updated. The website will need to be updated year by year.

12. Winter Coaching

Coaching will take place over the winter months.

David Hunt will continue with AC for those wishing to improve; his first session is on 31st October at 10.00 hrs. Kathy, Erica and Linda have offered coaching sessions. Linda will undertake some indoor coaching.

13. SWF AGM

Peter and Graham will attend this AGM; relevant papers have been sent out to members.

Linda answered questions from committee members regarding some of the proposed changes. It was agreed that the committee would support the proposal to introduce a 'Short Croquet League' and in the first year enter only 1 team.
Mike to highlight the changed proposals agreed by the committee and forward them to Linda.

Action: Mike

14. SWF – Next Year League Entries

Graham had received an email from John Grimshaw re the dates for 'Short Croquet' 2020. 17th 18th 19th April were agreed and Nailsea was happy to host the games. Peter had prepared information on the teams for 2020, which he presented, these were discussed by the committee. Entries need to be in by 1st December 2019. Peter will have further discussions with Pat and Kathy before any final decisions are made.

The committee thanked James Galpin for undertaking the co-ordination of the 'short croquet' this year. However the club will need to identify a captain for next year

Action: Peter

15. League Fixtures Report

The SWF League final took place on the 27th October 2019 on a dry sunny day at Nailsea between Nailsea Central and Nailsea South. The winners of the day were Nailsea Central. This means that a team from Nailsea will be invited to enter the 'Secretary's Shield' National Competition for AC Handicap winners from each federation.

A formal invitation will be issued. A decision as to whether to enter this competition will be made at the January committee meeting.

16. On Line Booking

John Wallace has raised concerns with the setting up and on going maintenance of this system. This item will be discussed at the AGM.

Mike will look at the costs of having internet facilities at the club.

Action: Mike

17. Committee Diary – on going.

18. AOB

Committee Members next year: -

Linda Shaw will not be standing as a committee member next year. However, Linda will continue to share her expertise and enthusiasm for coaching with club members. The committee thanked her for her support and hard work over the years.

Coral Harrison will also be leaving the committee this year, the committee thanked her for the many years she has supported the club. Coral will be much missed.

Brian agreed to approach Brenda Roynon and ask her if she would be happy to take on the role of co-ordinator for the 100 club.

Action: Brian

At present the numbers for the Christmas lunch are low and Coral is still waiting for members to reply/complete their forms. Coral will send out another email. It was agreed to have a quiz and a raffle at the Christmas lunch and it was also agreed that the proceeds from the raffle would go to support James Galpin's visit to Australia.

Sandra Morgan and Joan Timmins have agreed to be co-opted committee members for the coming year.

19. DONM

Tuesday 26th November 2019 at 10.00hrs

The meeting closed at 12.15 hrs

Signed as a true and accurate record:

Name.....

Signature.....Date.....

Reports

Treasurer's report for NDCC committee meeting 29th October 2019

This report has been prepared on 22nd October 2019.

Spreadsheet for the financial year attached. You can print the summary page if you wish by going to the High Level Actuals worksheet tab.

Balance at the bank less unpresented cheques is £11,156.46

The surplus for the year is £1,179.48 The major sources of income were the lawn hire fees for the Treasurer's Tankard and the balance of our tournament entry fees received from the CA. It should be born in mind that these payments result from the previous year's activities.

The CA office has (at last) presented the cheque for £2,500 which was loan repayment.

M Tracy

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The Track

The work on the track repairs has been carried out by a team of dedicated young (at heart) older members of the club.

Several of the pavers were smashed beyond use.

It was decided we would order some new replacements but upon investigation it was found that the company who made and supplied the originals in 2011 had gone into liquidation in 2013.

there are some of the pavers installed inside the grounds of the club which can be removed and used for the completion of the track. This will be carried out in the near future.

Equipment repairs and maintenance

Tony Willoughby is going to start refurbishing the hoop trolleys.
He has also offered to paint the hoops.

As the hoops most in need of painting are the 1 to 4 sets and these are the ones in use currently for the winter croquet. Should we therefore use the secondary hoops for winter play?

Pavilion

It has been noticed that with all the rain we have endured there has been a leak in the

roof which can be seen on the ceiling near the main doors into the pavilion.
I think I know where the problem is and Robin and I will investigate.

2019 SWF Federation League Final : Nailsea Central v Nailsea South at Nailsea and District CC

Sunday October 27th 2019 : Report by Stephen Custance-Baker

This final had been delayed by 4 weeks as a result of poor weather causing the lawns to be unplayable at the end of September. After the recent heavy rain there was concern that this would also be true on the re-arranged date but we managed to get going on lawns that were just playable. There was quite a lot of surface water, making for tricky conditions for everyone and plenty of cases of balls pulling up short of their target or, with a bit more force, going right off the lawn.

The day itself was sunny, dry and calm and the match was played in an excellent spirit and was very enjoyable to watch and referee. During the morning the teams seemed well matched though both were missing their regular captains, Peter Dyke of Nailsea Central and Andrew Wimshurst of Nailsea South.

The score at lunch was 2-1 to Nailsea Central with singles wins for the acting captain, Graham McCausland, and Jon Knowles and a doubles win for the Nailsea South acting captain Tony Hinchliffe, partnered by Terry Young.

The afternoon singles, however, went entirely to Nailsea Central with wins for Karen Cromey, Graham McCausland, Jon Knowles, and Rob Royffe to give them a 6-1 victory. Congratulations to Nailsea and District CC; as the winners of this league the club is invited to enter the Secretary's Shield, the national competition for AC Handicap winners from each federation.



Back row : Jon Knowles (C), Rob Royffe (C), Brian Roynan (S), Terry Young (S)

Front row : Graham McCausland (C), Libby Howard-Blood (S), Karen Cromey (C), Tony Hinchliffe (S)