

Nailsea and District Croquet Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 26th November 2019

Present: Graham McCausland, Meriel Forshaw, Mike Tracy, Andrew Wimshurst, Peter Dyke, Brian Roynon, Joan Timmins, Sandra Morgan.

Graham welcomed Sandra and Joan as committee members.

1. Apologies: None

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 29th October 2019: agreed and signed as a correct record with the following amendments:-

3.1 Should read Christine 'Hayley's', not 'Hayes'.

3.2 Additions, - David Hunt and Pat Long

The final sentence to be removed.

14. Replace 'captain' with 'co-ordinator'.

3. Matters arising: None

4. Treasurer's Report: discussed and noted.

The committee acknowledged the additional cost that would be incurred on lawn maintenance and that John had looked around to find the best price. The approximate cost will be £800.

Seeding of lawns – It was suggested that the lawns committee discuss the possibility of seeding the lawns earlier. However, it was noted that this may have an impact on finals weekend, or if undertaken in the spring putting back the start of the season.

5. Inscription of Christine Hayley's mallet:

Mike will inscribe the mallet.

Action: Mike

6. Presentation to Coral:

It was agreed that a gift would be given to Coral in recognition of her long service on the committee and in appreciation of her committed service to the club in many and various ways over many years.

Action: Mike

7. Property Report:

The new fridge freezer is in place.

Brian and Andrew will investigate and try to repair the problems with the leaking roof as soon as possible.

Action: Brian & Andrew

8. Membership:

Andrew has submitted to the CA all the relevant information required.

Last years membership form was confusing and required two signatures. A new form has been prepared and only one signature will be required. Andrew will submit it to the

committee before sending it out to members. Membership fees for the coming year are due in January.

Action: Andrew

9. Qualifications for Membership of the Club:

Kathy had raised the question ‘ How do people become a member of the club without having undertaken lessons?’

Following discussion on ‘past practice’ regarding membership i.e. you could become a member if you were a member of another club or had undertaken six lessons, it was agreed to invite Kathy to the January 2020 meeting to discuss the format for beginners and how, after completion of lessons, they can become a member of the club. It is important that they reach a certain standard and suitability before becoming a member. Meriel to contact Kathy.

Action: Meriel

10. Report on AC Handicap Committee: discussed and noted.

Peter had sent out information to those members whose handicap had changed. Other players will have their handicaps reviewed again at the end of May 2020.

Peter will ask Kathy for advice regarding two other members’ handicaps. Peter will contact Jim regarding continuing to be on the AC Handicap Committee.

Information regarding members on the Handicap Committees is on the website. This information will also be displayed on the notice board in the clubhouse and will include the names of team captains.

Action: Peter

11. Recruitment Report: discussed and noted.

It was agreed for Kathy to press on and invite groups to take part in GC Competitions against one another and that the charge for these events should be £7.50 per person which is in line with other social gatherings. Meriel to contact Kathy.

Action: Meriel

12. Lawns Report: discussed and noted.

The committee acknowledged the amount of work and research John was undertaking to ensure that lawns are in good condition.

Possible start of the season – Open Day -April 4th 2020

Before this date is finally confirmed Graham will need to speak to Marcus regarding the ‘One Ball’ competition.

Action: Graham

Andrew outlined concerns re ‘Breaking down duties’.

Andrew has agreed to undertake to prepare the rotas and will contact John to discuss.

Various members have already agreed to take on the leadership role for the various tasks involved, ie - mowing, hoop setting etc..

Andrew proposed that Graham be the identified person to keep everyone on his or her toes and ensure that the work is carried out. Graham agreed to undertake this role.

Action: Andrew

13. First Aid

Joan had not been able to contact anyone from the Nailsea and Backwell St John's Ambulance. Graham will call into the centre and try to establish a local contact to see if they could offer club members training in first aid.

The possible purchase/ need for a defibrillator was raised and it was agreed that this purchase was on hold for the time being whilst basic first aid training was being explored.

Action: Joan / Graham

14. Website : Nothing more to report.

15. SWF AGM Report:

Peter and Graham attended this meeting and Peter gave a detailed report to the committee. Information and the minutes of the AGM can be found on the SW Federation website.

Peter attended a 'Croquet Matters' workshop run by Paul Francis (Bath) and would like to share the information from this workshop with committee members at a later date.

16. OBE Tournament:

Terry Young would like to get this in the club fixtures as a regular event. The entry point being 79yrs of age and above. The committee agreed that this could go ahead.

The event could possibly take place on the 19th May 2020. Publicity will be needed for the event in order to generate interest and entries. Terry would need to be responsible for promoting the event. Graham will liaise with Terry.

Action: Graham

17. League Fixtures Report: discussed and noted

Peter had prepared the league fixtures report and sent it to the league secretary, Stephen Custance Baker.

It was noted that the dates for the short croquet were incorrect and needed to be amended; correct dates are 17th 18th 19th April 2020. Peter will email Stephen with the correct dates.

Action: Peter

18. On Line Booking:

Following concerns raised at the AGM, it was agreed not to continue with preparations for an online booking system for the club.

19. Committee Diary: On going.

20. Any Other Business

Social Events - Pat Long had prepared a list of possible social events for the winter period, December 2019 - March 2020

December - Fun Scrabble

January - 3 course lunch and quiz

February - Horse racing

March - Hot Dogs before a beetle drive

March or April - start of the season – Soup/roll and croquet

Graham will contact Marcus re the date of opening. Once the events are finalised and the start of the season confirmed, Mike will contact Pat who will send the confirmed information to members.

21. DONM: Tuesday 7th January 2020

The meeting closed at 12.45hrs

Signed as a true and accurate record

Name.....

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

