

Nailsea and District Croquet Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 4th February 2020

Present: Graham McCausland, Meriel Forshaw, Mike Tracy, Andrew Wimshurst, Sandra Morgan, Joan Timmins

1. Apologies: Brian Roynon, Peter Dyke

2. Minutes held on the 8th January 2020: agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 **Coaching (4.3)** Graham to contact Linda Shaw.

3.2 **Skittles (15)** Skittles will be held later in the year; Mike has spoken to Pat.

4. Treasurer's Report: Discussed and noted

The dormant bank account can now be closed. Mike has prepared a letter for the bank, which has now been signed.

The Masonic Hall has been booked for the Christmas 2020/2021 lunch.

Provision had been made in the budget for a new set of primary croquet balls to be purchased this year.

The committee agreed to purchase a new set of primary balls which will be the tournament balls and the present tournament balls will be put into general use.

Action: MT

5. Membership Report

A reminder, re unpaid subscriptions, will be sent out to members in mid February. Andrew will also remind members that they cannot apply to be a member of a team if their subscription is not paid.

Action: AW

6. Student Membership

Following discussion the committee agreed:-

A change in the wording of the membership form would be put to the AGM in November for approval.

Changes – 'junior member' would be changed to 'Young Persons' and described as follows:

'Young persons up to the age of 21years.'

Action: AW

7. Property Report: None

8. Car Park (Geoff Hughes recent e-mail)

Before any decision could be made regarding changes to the present car park, the club needed to be clear on the following:-

As we do not own the land, permission would probably be needed from the council to make any changes. Graham will contact the council. Following that Graham will speak to Geoff re type of changes proposed, possible costs and what could realistically be achieved.

Action: GMc

9. Recruitment Report: discussed and noted

Information is now on the Nailsea Town website with a link to the club website.

An article and information on 'Taster Sessions' is ready to go for publishing in the North Somerset Times.

Backwell Scout group have confirmed their dates.

Graham to ask John Hancock to publicise the 'World Championship Croquet' event which is about to take place in Melbourne, Australia, in which James is a participant.

Action: GMc

10. Lawns Report: discussed and noted

The committee discussed the '3rd set of Hoop Holes'

Andrew explained how and when these would be used:-

The middle hoop holes will be set for competitive games, and the east to east holes set for non-competitive games.

When the start of the season commences, all members will be given clear instructions on which holes to use.

11. League Fixtures Report: discussed and noted

Kathy had offered to send out some fixture dates to members prior to the full calendar being circulated and this was readily agreed. Graham will speak to Peter and then let Kathy know, emphasising the need for subscriptions to be paid before joining a team.

Action: GMc

12. First Aid

Our first session will be held on the 15th February, 2pm – 4pm in the club pavilion.

The proceeds from the session will be given directly to the Nailsea and Backwell St John's Ambulance.

Tea and Cake will be served during the afternoon.

Action: JT

13. Committee Diary

13.1 Privacy Policy

The above policy requires amendment before it can be signed off for the coming year. Instead of 'If you opt for membership of the CA...' etc., Para 4 will now read, 'As a playing member of NDCC, you are automatically a standard member of the Croquet Association and your name, contact details...' etc..

Action: MF

13.2 Tournament Catering

Meriel will contact Libby to see if she is happy to organise the catering for the tournaments again this year.

Action: MF

14. Any Other Business

Ravenswood School have recently invited the club to write a letter supporting their application for a new sports hall. The committee agreed to provide written support, and to encourage them in their desire to make the hall fully compliant for disabled access including for those with learning disabilities.

Meriel will write an email to this effect, citing NDCC's personal experience of a young member who has benefitted enormously from being a member of the club.
Graham will follow this up and contact the Headmaster.

Action: MF/GMc

15. DONM: Tuesday 17th March 2020

The meeting closed at 11.30hrs

Signed as a true and accurate record

NAME.....

SIGNATURE.....DATE.....

REPORTS

Treasurer's report for NDCC committee meeting 4th February 2020

This report has been prepared on 30th January 2020.

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 £13,942.18. The surplus for the year is £3,965.20. I have just received cheques totalling £615 for membership subscriptions which have not yet entered the books. The January social event (lunch & quiz) showed a surplus of £168. The Games afternoon today raised a further £54 (not yet in the books). Both events were thoroughly enjoyed by those who came and thanks are due to all involved in organising and running them.

There have been no large items of expenditure since the last meeting.

M Tracy

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Report for meeting on 4 Feb 2020

Recruitment

Club info is now on the Nailsea Town website and is looking good, with a link to the Club website.

The bookings for the Backwell Scout troop are now confirmed for 28 April, 5 May and 12 May, all Tuesday evenings 7- 8.30pm. One of our young members very much hopes to help with all these evenings but the other two didn't reply!

Article and ad for Taster Sessions is being drafted to send to Publishing Today for their April edition which will be distributed late March. NS Times and Facebook will be targeted and will be free.

Tournaments

Nothing to report but the CA Fixtures calendar is in the post so the online entry system will become live very soon.

Competitions

Entry form and "Kathy's Column" are ready and will be sent out this week.

General admin

The Lawn booking file for the new season is ready to put out.

CA matters

e-mail received from CA with text as follows:


Nailsea & District Croquet Club's 2020 CA Membership pack has been posted, so you should receive it by no later than early next week. The pack includes:

- Cover letter with All England entry forms
- 2020 Fixtures Book
- New AC & GC Handicap Cards with indexes and handicap trigger points.

If you require any more handicap cards, please send the office an email stating how many additional cards you would like.

IMPORTANT: There are no inter club paper entry forms in the pack this year. Going forward, entry and payment for these events will now be done online. The process is very similar to that of entering the Inter Counties, or a tournament in the online fixtures calendar. Either you, or any club member (usually team captain), should now go ahead and do this on behalf of your club. The individual who paid the entry fee, should then claim it back from the club. If your club has one, your clubs Visa or Mastercard can be used, instead of the individuals card.

How to enter an inter club event:

1. You, or any club member (usually team captain) must go to the following page: <https://www.croquet.org.uk/?p=tournament/caEvents/inter-club>
2. Click on the 'Enter & Pay Online' link, next to the name of the event being entered
3. Next to the event name, click on the green man with red cross, icon (enter and pay online)  and follow the prompts. (It's very similar to entering a tournament in the online calendar, apart from this time, you will select your club during the process)
4. **Closing date 9th March 202**