

Nailsea and District Croquet Club
Minutes of Meeting held on 29th June 2022

Present: G. McCausland, A. Wimshurst, D. Hunt, B. Roynon, S. Durston, E. Malaiperuman, S. Morgan

Minutees of last meeting: Agreed and signed by Graham

Matters Arising: The evening dates for new GC rules to be 29th July and one other date in August, yet to be confirmed.

Treasurer's Report: copy of accounts ending 30:09:02 perused and noted

- the insurance bill is yet to come
- provisions for lawn care must be made
- John has submitted a claim for the Overseeder and this has been paid.

The accounts should reflect amounts set aside for future contingencies. David stressed that it is vital to keep aside at least £10,000 as a future contingency for lawn maintenance.

Membership: We have 92 members at present (all categories) All 4 U25's have now paid and filled in the consent forms.

- Andrew needs better communication from members who hold information about new members joining so that Andrew is able to update list. He should have access to the forms which have been filled in for safeguarding responsibilities.
- Andrew needs additional personal details on the membership form.
 - a) date of birth of members (for the demographics of the club)
 - b) name and contact for emergency purposes.
- The list of contacts for emergencies of every player (should they give written permission) will be kept in the drawer marked FIRST AID

After discussion it was decided that this last could not be achieved for this year but will be set up for 2023

Property Report:

- new keys have been cut. We should be aware of any members no longer joining, who have a key, it would be useful to have them back since they are expensive to cut.
- Suggestion of a new fixed north boundary and the short East boundary. Graham suggested that we might put this in place for next year. There would still be room for the mower and a small gap would be left at the bottom for strimming purposes.

Winter Lawn Maintenance Report: John's Letter

The committee is aware of John Wallace's expertise and of the amount of physical work that he single handedly does to maintain and improve the lawns. This expertise and work cannot be replaced from within the club.

A sub committee of four is to be established to advise on (but not restricted to) the following:

- How to fund the physical winter work programme when J W ceases to do it in Autumn 2022.
- How to fund the physical summer work programme when J W ceases to do it in April 2023 on.

- The possibility of funding an irrigation system.
- More generally the sustainability of the present work programme in the absence of an irrigation system.

A new Sarel/Sorrel roller will need to be purchased in the near future

Tournaments and Competitions. Noted and discussed

- A big thank you to Robert for running such a successful tournament – Erica to send email (post meeting message from Robert to say our thanks were most appreciated)
- Trophy secretary – Erica to take on the secretarial role – Steve to look after organising the engraver and the transportation of the trophies. Brigit to show us the ropes.
- Archivist. **Graham** to consult with Richard Broad (IT) about digital management of the archives

Recruitment Report: noted and discussed

- Scout visit and new recruits. The Scout evening was successful, the scout leader to email the scouts who gave good feedback and were possibly interested in taking some coaching. They would be given a free trial session, as Kathy suggested.
- Social Alternate Strokes – Sunday July 3rd -

All the new recruits have been invited and some of them should be able to join in the Alternate Strokes games, this time. If any GC-only members come, I could organise a game of “Brigands” – a team version of Pirates that I observed at Nottingham. Ricochet is another possibility. I see these events a part of “Retention”- hopefully presenting the Club as a sociable place with more than just serious croquet matches – from Kathy’s report.

Safeguarding Report: The committee acknowledge Linda’s safeguarding report and appreciate all the hard work and chasing up of paperwork which has not always been suitably acknowledged.

A.O.B. In answer to a request in the SWAN magazine, we have no spare balls to give away.

- Graham to remind players that correct holes for GC otr AC must always be used, regardless of whether a competition or not.
- Joan to be contacted regarding the purchase of a defibrillator. The committee have agreed to the acquisition.

The meeting finished at 11.30

D.O.N.M. July 20th 10.00 in the clubhouse

