

**Nailsea and District Croquet Club**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

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

**Apologies:** Brian Roynon

**Minutes of the last meeting:** Agreed and signed by Graham

**Matters Arising:**

- Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC). Having obtained the necessary documents, Graham is now in a position to apply for registration.

**Treasurer's report:**

We spent £20,000 this year, our subs contribution is about £12,000. The subscription rate needs to be discussed.

David is still in the process of tidying up the 'Money Matters ' page in the Club Handbook

**Membership:**

We have at present 101 membership.

**Property report:**

The signs for the toilet/changing rooms "Ladies" and "Gents" above the changing room doors, have been bought

- Security Shutters. The shutter to the right of the door to the Pavilion has been repaired by Geoff and Brian.
- Lights in Pavilion. The replacements LED lights for the fluorescent tubes have been purchased at a cost of £179.50. The necessary modifications to the light fittings will be carried out and the replacements fitted in due course. **Brian**
- Hedges and Edges. The autumn hedge cut has been booked for the 14<sup>th</sup> November at a cost of £950.
- Work Morning.

A work morning is needed at the beginning of October to tidy up for the winter.

**Graham** to include this in his next news letter.

- Defibrillator

The defibrillator will be located in the kitchen near the microwave as it needs to be plugged in and charging. **Brian** will laminate the instructions and stick them on the wall. Also a copy loose with the unit. The battery life will start the moment we plug it in and write the date on the battery. (4 years battery life)

It was decided to commission the defibrillator at the beginning of the season, 2023.

**Joan** to research the most efficient and economical way forward for training members.

- Summerhouse. Options for the summerhouse replacement have been put forward. There is still further debate about the size and nature of the material used and how much maintenance will be needed. The committee would like to involve Brigit in the decision.

**Winter Lawn Management:** The winter lawn committee is in agreement with North Boundary arrangements in order to sow Bent grass seed as soon as the ground is damp. **Erica** to inform white liners.

Spraying weedkiller on the lawns has had to be delayed because of the need to obtain clarification from the CA about recent government advice from DEFRA regarding the application of PPP (Plant Protection Products)

**Social bookings** The Social evening organised by Violet Delmas and St. Francis Church for the Ukrainians was very successful. One of the group has been invited to join in with social golf on Mondays. **Sandra** to keep an eye out for her.

It was agreed that another social evening can take place organised by Violet with her Car club on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> october from 4 to 7pm. Lawns 3 and 4. **Violet** to organise.

### **Tournaments and competitions:**

Semi-finals and Finals went well and had good spectator numbers. Four new members took part and all reached the Finals. Thanks to Libby for stepping in on Finals day, for the whole day in the kitchen. The format for next year's helpers for tea and coffees needs tweaking.

**Dates for 2023 Tournaments** Below are the preliminary dates set for our tournaments. The Spencer-Ell will take place from 7-11 September. **Kathy** suggests that we have the Nailsea Advanced Class Tournaments in May and June so that there is a bigger gap before the GC B Class, the 5 day Spencer-Ell, semi finals, and Finals. After confering with the managers and with David and John **Kathy** will come up with firm dates before the next Committee Meeting. The committee saw no other constraints. **Steve** agreed, with instruction, to manage the B Class GC Tournament.

20/21 May	Advanced Class Tournament (manager, Kathy)
17/18 June	Advanced Class Tournament (manager, Robert Upton)
12/13 August	Advanced Tournament (manager, Marcus)
15 August	B Class GC Tournament (manager, ????)

Very provisionally,

2/3 September	Club semi-finals
7-11 September	Spencer Ell – the third best eight AC available players
23/24 September	Club Finals

**Kathy** to confirm dates with CA

**OBE Tournament** will be on 16th May 2023.

## **Recruitment**

2022 has been a successful year. We have gained at least 6 promising and enthusiastic AC players who will no doubt re-join next year. There are various GC additions.

One new recruit for 2023 has made contact.

**CA matters** Nothing to report – we await the email from the CA which will invite clubs to bid for hosting AC and GC events for 2024 and 2025.

**Christmas lunch 2022:** This event has already been paid for (deposit) and booked for 3<sup>rd</sup> December. **Brian and Brenda** to organise circulating the menu for this December and to book event for 2023

## **Subscriptions:**

The cost of goods and services continue to increase and it is decided that an increase in subscriptions is necessary. The committee, never the less, recognises the pressure on household budgets and that a reduced subscription should be offered for payments made before the due date and also that payment of subscriptions by monthly standing order should also be an option.

For the year commencing 1st January 2023 the committee recommends that the annual full subscription be raised to £190.00, that a reduced subscription of £170.00 shall apply to payments received before 31st December 2022 and that full members may opt to pay by standing order of 10 equal monthly instalments of £20 starting on 1st January. These recommendations will be put to the AGM together with proposals to change the club constitution giving the committee the necessary authority

## **AGM:**

Notice of the AGM which will be held in the clubhouse on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm, has been sent to all members.

**Steve** has agreed to step up to become Chairman. Graham agreed to remain on the committee. David agreed to continue as Treasurer, Erica as Secretary and Andrew, Brian and Sandra to remain on the committee. The necessary forms for proposing and seconding have been received. Members will vote on the proposals at the AGM of the changes which will be circulated to the members 2 weeks before AGM.

## **Fixtures Secretary Report:**

Mostly the leagues went well this year, except the short croquet restricted where we struggled to raise a team and had to forfeit a match. Next season Marcus intends to enter only one SC team, in the open league. Marcus will send an email to all club members asking who wants to play in which leagues next season in the next few days.

Junior competitions are progressing well and should be complete by the final session of the year, which will be either 18th or 25th October (TBC).

**Nailsea Teams for SWF Short Croquet tournament in Budleigh:** There will be 2 teams from Nailsea playing over the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> October. One team will play on Friday and the other will play on Sunday

**Training for coaches and referees:** Brian McCausland and Steve Durston have volunteered to take part in training for coaching or referees, should the SWF run the necessary courses. **Graham** to contact Paul Francis for more information.

**Safeguarding:** Nothing to report. Linda will be providing a report for the AGM

**A.O.B.**

**Advantage Golf:** 19 members attended Graham's introductory evening for playing advantage golf. The average time for the games was 42 minutes, which endorses the concept of untimed games. Some people didn't respond to the feedback questionnaire, out of the members who did, 11 were for and 6 against advantage golf. Some players whose handicap was above 14 felt that there was a swing in favour of the lower handicaps. However, in light of Graham's research the committee propose the format should be used in club competitions next year. Graham will submit a proposal of playing Advantage Golf at SWF matches to the SWF to be voted on at the AGM 20<sup>th</sup> November.

**D.O.N.M. Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October. 9.00 in the clubhouse.**

The meeting closed at 12.00

Signed as a true and accurate account

Name.....

Signature.....