

Nailsea and District Croquet Club
Minutes of committee Meeting held on 18th April 2023

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

Minutes of the last meeting: Agreed and signed by Steve

Matters Arising:

Treasurer's Report: noted and discussed

Brigit has sent us a cheque for £1500.00 which with the addition of gift aid becomes £1875.00.

The cost of the summer house was £1528 + £834= £2362.00

Alison Maugham has sent us a note of her price increases (20%)

We have entered into a new fixed term contract with EDF for electricity.

Membership Report:

1 Associate member, 4 Country members 68 Full members, 7 Life members, 8 Social members
1 Sponsored Ukraine member, 2 Under 25

Property Report:

- Work Morning

The work morning for the start of the season went well with a good attendance.

- The Summerhouse

The Summerhouse has been officially opened by Brigit at the start of the season and has been put to good use.

- The commemorative plaque has been installed in the summerhouse and boards fitted across the front to protect any balls. Further boards will be fitted at the sides in due course.
- New lights fitted in the workroom.

- Social events

- Bridge will transfer from Tues pm to the evening slot at the end of the month

Lawn management:

The committee will register work involving pesticides. John Wallace will provide the chemical details necessary for registering work involving pesticides. The Chairman will sign the form.

Golf holes to continue until grass around CA holes becomes established. No jumping allowed in club play. Marcus has been informed regarding the CA ladies match v. N.Somerset.

Competitions and Tournaments. Kathy's notes read and discussed – notes at the end of the minutes.

- The scoring system for Advantage Golf play will be formalised at the end of the year by Stephen Custance-Baker. (At present there is some inconsistency within different clubs.)
- Before the SWF SC tournament there was some confusion as to who was responsible for co-ordinating the teams and lawn preparation. (See Kathy's notes). Kathy suggested that she could take on this responsibility. The committee endorse this approach and will contact Peter and Marcus for their approval.

Recruitment: Kathy's notes read and discussed – see end of minutes.

- Bring a friend Day: May 13th and 14th. Short Lawns to be used for this event.

League Fixtures: The captains now have all the details of the opposition teams. Parkstone players to be aware that a player may only play once for a higher team during the season.

Publicity:

John Hancock regularly submits article to the N.Somerset and Mendip Times. He is happy to continue as long as team captains send him a reasonable draft. Kathy does the social media and submits articles to the Nailsea Paper. The committee are grateful for their hard graft.

Safeguarding:

Linda's report read and noted.

Our Safeguarding Policy isn't due to be reviewed until Feb 24 but Linda recommends that this should be done now as a result of thinking about the Adults at Risk side of things. (The CA have introduced a new Adults at Risk Policy, although they have yet to appoint a Safeguarding Officer for the CA)

The Committee have read and adopted the new Safeguarding Policy for Nailsea and District Croquet Club 2023. Signed and dated, it is now in the Handbook in the Clubhouse.

A.O.B. Men's Loos. Brian and Steve will paint the men's loos with Magnolia paint.

Steel legged chairs. Steve will sell these on E bay (He will keep back 10 for the clubhouse)

Club Handicappers: We will appoint one more club handicapper for AC and GC
Graham for AC. Steve for GC. Erica will inform Peter

D.O.N.M. . Monday 22nd May. 9.30 in the clubhouse

The meeting closed at 11.15

Signed as a true and accurate account

Name and Signature.....

Re

Competitions, Tournaments and Recruitment Reports April 2023 Kathy Wallace

Competitions

Matches are underway. The Advantage GC procedures are on the notice board and also in the Competitions Handbook, both hard copy and on the club website. I have no idea if the method of scoring advised by Stephen Custance –Baker is being used by Nailsea players in their matches or not but they have all been advised of it in multiple ways.

Tournaments

As at 11 April, the May and June Tournaments are full. The GC Tournament is full with 5 Reserves. The August Advanced Tournament has 4 entries.

SWF teams Event.

This event was outside my remit. However, there was, and still is, confusion about who was actually in charge of it. That posed the question as to the responsibilities held by Marcus and Peter. Is one of them League Secretary? John Grimshaw does a wonderfully efficient job on the days of the competition but we need someone from the Club to take the lead beforehand. I'm wondering if we should regard this event as a tournament and if I should do the co-ordination, both as the venue club and as a club that enters teams. This would involve:

1. deciding how many teams to enter
2. enlisting (inviting?) captains
3. liaison with the captains re the composition of the teams
4. drawing up and filling a rota for setting up and clearing the lawns each day, and organising 64 balls
5. liaison with the catering organiser
6. liaison with the hoop setters and white liners
7. liaison with John Grimshaw throughout, starting in November when entries are made.

Would the Committee like me to take this on? I would ask John Grimshaw to give the Nailsea teams their byes at more suitable times so that they could keep the kitchen under control. This year, whenever our games finished early, we had to dash into the kitchen to serve tea for 43 or to tackle a mound of washing up.

Alternatively, would anyone else like to take it on? We can't have a repeat of this year's muddle.

Recruitment

We have 7 absolute beginners starting lessons with Linda on Weds 19th April. The start was delayed by the horrendous weather last Wednesday that led to lawns closure for the day. There are two absolute beginners in my group on Tuesday mornings and also three members from 2022 who need consolidation. Unfortunately, two of these three are beset by health issues. The third is promising.

I am distributing the invitations for Bring a Friend event. The emphasis has to be on bringing friends who are likely to take AC lessons and join the club. Others will not be turned away but we desperately need some younger, able members or the club will cease to exist.