

Nailsea and District Croquet Club
Minutes of committee meeting held on 22nd September 2023

Present: S. Durston, G.McCausland, S.Morgan, E.Malaiperuman, D.Hunt, P.Arbos

Apologies: A. Wimshurst

Matters Arising:

The application for a community grant from Bristol Airport has been dropped since Nailsea does not come within the designated parishes which may apply for a grant.

John Hancock has prepared leaflets to go into welcome pack for new housing.

Treasurer's Report:

David's report read and noted.

David has applied to N Som for discretionary relief from Business Rates for the 20% over the mandatory 80% which is applied to CASCs

Kathy has billed the CA for £880.00 lawn and Equipment hire for the Spencer Ells tournament

Irrigation estimate for Tank, pump, parts and labour is £7178. To this needs to be added £2275 already paid for the concrete plinth.

The committee agreed that the daily limit for transfers from the club's account should be raised from £1000 to £2,500.

Membership: Nothing to report

Property: Property and Outfield

Many thanks to all the members who helped with preparing the Club for the Spencer Ell.

Equipment.

The Clock on the outside of the Pavilion has been temperamental. Brian has changed the battery twice, it goes for a while then stops again and once it wouldn't connect to the satellites and reset the time. The committee agreed to the purchase of a new outside clock.

Brian will contact Ben Swift the tree surgeon and arrange a date to cut the hedges

Social Bookings

Violet and Richard ran their booking for the Car Club .on Tuesday 19th September.

Although it was wet during the day it stopped for them in the evening and they all enjoyed it. It raised another £90 for the club.

It was decided that the club should charge £10 per person at the social events. Two hours play with refreshments.

Tournaments: Kathy's report read and noted

The committee agreed that any players or visitors who wish to drink alcohol will have to bring their own drinks for consumption.

It was also agreed that Motor homes and campervans should not be allowed on the premises and no vehicles should be left overnight.

Tournaments for 2024:

- The GC Home Internationals on behalf of Wales on 20/21 July
- GC 3rd Eight , Suzanne Roberts Memorial, on behalf of the CA on 24-26 August

The following dates are recommended for our own tournaments. (Equivalent to dates of 2023)

18/19 May: class tournament (2+), manager Kathy

15/16 June: class tournament (0-8), manager Robert

10/11 August: Advanced Tournament, manager Marcus

13 August: GC B Level Tournament, manager yet to be confirmed

No increase in entry fees is planned for 2024

Competitions:

Steve has agreed to be a GC referee at the finals. Since some finalists are not available on the Sunday the two one-ball Finals will take place on Sunday 1 October, alongside social games of GC and SC. The trophies will be presented on lawn 5 at around 4pm.

There is no beginner competition this year, it may be possible to hold a competition fairly early in 2024 when enough beginners may be able to take part.

A.G.M.

Roger will be examining our accounts.

No change made to membership form

Subscriptions for the year will be £200 with a discount if it is paid before 31st December – with pro rata rates as per the constitution for different categories.

Erica to send out the necessary email and documents for the AGM

Lawns:

The lawns will officially close on November 3rd BUT **should all or some of the lawns be deemed unfit for play for whatever reason Graham will send out an email and block bookings.**

To keep the lawns fit for play ALL PLAYERS must swish.

Graham will be checking and controlling the state of the lawns.

The lawns will reopen on the weekend of 30th March.

Succession Planning

A number of roles will need to be filled for next season. This will be further discussed after the AGM

Safeguarding:

Linda has stepped down from the position of LSO. **Erica** agreed to fill the role.
An incident of unreasonable behaviour at the Spencer Ell has been noted.

D.O.N.M. October 12th . 9.30 in the clubhouse.

The meeting finished at 12.00

Signed as a true and accurate accounts

Name and Signature..... date.....