

**Nailsea and District Croquet Club**  
**Minutes of committee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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

**Apologies:** Paul Arbos

**Matters arising:**

**SWF AGM – proposals:** The committee agreed to all 8 proposals – **Steve and Graham** to second all proposals at the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November (zoom)

**Co-opt committee member.** **Steve** proposed that **Graham** should be co opted on to the committee, **Sandra** seconded. The remainder of the committee voted in favour.

**Treasurer's report:** See Treasurer's Report from AGM

**Membership:** – All members will be sent an email with membership request and will be reminded that:-

- they must complete the application form for next year's membership, even though their details may not have changed.
- we are always looking for volunteers (we are now feeling the full effect of the aging membership)
- now that we are a C.A.S.C any additional gifts or donations will be welcome.

Geoff has suggested to the committee that we invite members help pay for the track with donations.

The rates for different membership were calculated.

Full member	£200	£180	(early payment)	
Associate member:	£140	£126	(early payment)	
Country member:	£100	£90	“	“
Social member:	£20	£18	“	“
U25M :	£60	£54	“	“ (payable in 2 installments)
All rates to be reduced by 10% if paid by 31 <sup>st</sup> December, (early payment)				

Andrew reiterated that even an increase of £20 for the annual subscription is still not really enough.

**Future Business plan** – Paul to follow this up on his return.

**Property** – John Wallace has successfully finished phase B of our irrigation scheme.

Steve has had feedback from a professional structional engineer regarding the design from Nailsea Construction for the access track who has the price and design are fit for purpose. However would recommend that the wooden edges be replaced with concrete. Steve to follow up one more tender for the job.

A work morning will be needed to tidy the outfield and banks and collect the stop boards for the winter. Erica to send out email for volunteers for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.00

Ben Swift of Swift Tree Surgery has quoted £1200 for cutting the hedge. This work has been booked for Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. This quote is £200 more than last year. However, since then the Council contractors have been and cut the outside and most of the top along the East Hedge. They left a

narrow section of the top on the inside of the hedge which was cut down by a club work party of Geoff Hughes, Graham McCausland, Peter Londgen and Brian Roynon.

Brian has asked Ben Swift for a reduction because of the above. Ben says he will consider it on the day of the work.

Brian has agreed with the Friends of Trendlewood (Pat Gilbert). that in the future the following work will be done by the Trendlewood Friends. The section of the East hedge to the Pavilion from the gate would be at gate post height. The section behind the pavilion would be cut to a similar height to prevent the brambles growing under the roof and obscuring the Pavilion East windows. The length from the Pavilion to the North corner would be higher but cut at a height that was accessible. The trees growing through the hedge would be controlled at a manageable height.

**Strategies for next season's coaching** –a date has been agreed to have a meeting with Roger to discuss next season's coaching strategies. Our lead coaches to be invited to attend. We do not have a member in charge of recruitment, as yet.

**Lawns.** A convenient date to be arranged for John Wallace to talk to the committee about future lawn care.

**Social events-** Christmas meal – 28 confirmed bookings, 7 more yet to pay.

**Tournaments.** Kathy's report read and noted.

All the dates for our tournaments during 2024 have been confirmed, dates on the website.

Two trophies will be required for the Nailsea's Champion Series Golf Tournament on 4/5<sup>th</sup> May. David to purchase.

**Safeguarding.** Nothing to report

**A.O.B.** The handbook to be updated by Erica. Change of name from CA to CqE. Update roles.

David Hogg has suggested using crowd funding as a way of raising money to pay for the access track. David to contact.

Erica has submitted an application to National Grid for a community grant of £10000 to help pay for the next stage of our irrigation scheme.

It was decided that putting the minutes, including information about our finances, on the website is not to be recommended since any member of the public can access it. We have two options

- have a member's page on the website
- send out copies to interested members by email

The committee will continue to find volunteers for any vacancies and communicate to members through dialogue.

The role of the committee was discussed. Do we need to have a committee meeting every month?

D.O.N.M. Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024. 10.00 a.m. at Erica's

The meeting closed at 11.30

Signed as a true and accurate account.

Name.....Signature.....

