

East Anglian Croquet Federation

Minutes of the AGM Meeting

20th April 2013

The AGM meeting was held at the Hyndman Centre, Hospital Road, Bury St. Edmunds, IP33 3BD. The meeting was opened at 2.00pm by the Chairman George Collin.

Attendees:- George Collin, Duncan Hector, , Jonathan Toye, Arthur Reed, Simon Hathrell, Peter Allnutt, Terrey Sparks, Duncan Hector, Robert Dawkins, Keith Heywood, Chris Howell

Apologies:- Mike Percival, John & Edme Robinette, Mary Moore (Norwich), John Cundell (Leighton Linlade), Howard Bottomley

Paul Strover (Sudbury), Ken Wheeler (Hunstanton)

Minutes of previous meeting:-

The minutes had been circulated and available on the web site. The minutes were approved by the meeting.

Officers' reports:

Chairman:-

George Collin reported that Chris Howell was bowing out of running the Golf Croquet and that Jason Carley had agreed to take over. Mike Percival was also resigning from the committee due to work commitments, but would be available to assist the committee on the side lines.

George reported that there were various proposals by the CA which would need discussing later in the meeting.

Treasurer:-

Arthur Reed circulated the 2012 accounts to the meeting.(Appendix1). He pointed out there was a surplus of **£399.11** on the I and E account. This was a considerable improvement on 2011. Income had increased due to the sale and the hiring out of equipment, a surplus on the GC league and an improvement on the figures for indoor croquet. Expenditure was slightly reduced as there were no major purchases required for indoor croquet. The largest item of expenditure was £130 to sand blast and repaint the stock of hoops (outdoor) held by the Federation. This expenditure will be recouped through future sales and hire charges. The adoption of the 2012 accounts was proposed by Duncan Hector, seconded by Jonathan Toye and passed unanimously.

The committee recommended that from 2014 AC & GC leagues be charged the same entry fee. After a short discussion this was agreed. The intention will be to charge both AC & GC a £10 entry fee per team.

Simon Hathrell asked that if we had any major expenditure in the pipe line, Arthur Reed responded that nothing specific was anticipated but the cost of replacing the existing indoor carpet at some date in the future had to be allowed for. The increases in the club registration fee and the entry fees for indoor events agreed at the 2012 AGM would help to build up the reserves for this purpose.

Secretary:-

Terrey reported that he is handing over to Howard Bottomley, but will remain on the committee as Tournament Secretary. Clubs would be paying £10 per team for entry into the Golf Croquet league competition. The season has been good with very few problems. There are 31 clubs affiliated. The results of a questionnaire recently circulated are available on the web site.

Coaching:-

Jonathan Toye would be emailing his report - this has yet to be received. Keith Heywood (Histon & Impington) gave a brief history of the birth of his club .He also explained that they run coaching courses for new members

Golf Croquet:-

Chris Howell read her report - as yet to be emailed to me. Chris confirmed that she was bowing out and wished Jason Carley well who was taking over her duties.

The level play league would be organised into 3 Clubs in the North - playing twice and 5 clubs in the South playing once. The final would take place at a club convenient to the finalists. The rules are on the EACF web site.

The Handicap league - Clubs would be put into 4 areas. See the web site for team names and rules of play.

A discussion took place concerning the new proposed rule on the "wrong ball". The feeling was fairly negative within the meeting, who preferred the existing rule to remain. However agreed to adopt it for level play only.

Indoor Croquet:-

Terrey reported that this year's program went well with regards the AC events but not so well with the GC. The Nottingham event was a success - see the web site for details. We broke even regarding costs of running the events.

CA Report:-

Terrey Sparks reported not much new going on except for the minutia of the wording of the CA constitution & rules. The CA ran at a £3,000 loss, and they are going to limit their grants to £25,000. The number of clubs is rising and membership is up - BUT Associate membership is not going up which is a worry. A committee is being set up to look into this and report back. Nick Mounfield was voted most improved player for which we congratulate him

Web Master:-

Simon Hathrell reported that the web site was functioning normally and is regularly updated. He reported that the site had had over 100,000 hits - clubs page being the most popular. Any statistics wanted by members can find them on the web site. The web site also has a court booking program which is available club members

Election of Officers and Committee for 2013

Secretary - Howard Bottomley. Proposed by Terrey Sparks & seconded by Peter Allnutt and passed

Chairman - George Collins

Equipment/Coaching - Jonathan Toyne

Treasurer - Arthur Reed

Tournament Secretary - Terrey Sparks

Simon Hathrell –Webmaster

Members without portfolio - Peter Allnutt and Duncan Hector

All the above were voted in en bloc

Auditor - Mark Homan

Arthur Reed confirmed that Mark Homan was willing to stand and his proposal that he should be re-elected was seconded by Keith Haywood and agreed

Review of the 2012:-

See the EACF web site

AOB:-

George Collin asked us to consider a slight auditing change to read "examined" rather than "Audited"

The details of this seasons program is on the web site

The Anderson Shield has been temporarily suspended

See the web site for information on the Federation Working Party - we need to be involved for discussion with CA clubs.

Statistically there is more croquet played by federations than within the Croquet Association.

Date of next meeting: 26th October - venue to be decided.