



HIGH WYCOMBE CROQUET CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting Held via Zoom

Thursday 10th November 2022 commencing 19.30

Attendees

Present: Richard Peperell (Chairman RP), Duncan Reeve (Treasurer DR), Nigel Clogg (Secretary NC), Wendy Kingon (WK), Ed Olhausen (EO), Alan Clark (AC) Co-opted members Richard Coward(RC), Guy Priestley(GP)

Apologies: Chris Webbley(CW)

Meeting Closed 21.40

1) Matters arising from the last minutes/actions outstanding

- 1. Richard P said that he has spoken to Vanessa White who has agreed to step down from managing the club's marketing. Nigel has agreed to take on this role**
- 2. New clothing to be covered under any other business later.**
- 3. Ed is keen to avoid duplication of our members list and will look into ways of making the Croquet Association listings for our club easy to utilise for our own emailings. Ed reported progress but not quite there**
(EO)
- 4. Hospitality in hosting home club matches. Alan concerned that we are being out done by other clubs. Ed and Nigel suggested that they have never encountered this. Richard P suggested re**

visiting the managers guidance with Alan in the next few days

(RP)(AC)

2) Chairman's Report

1. Membership

It was agreed that although not recorded as such at least 3 new members joined after attending the C&T day this year. It was recognised that the most recommendation through friends and family. Nigel to attend Sports England Digital Marketing Hub launch to learn methods of on-line marketing and promotion going forward

(NC)

2. Flood Lights

Nigel expressed concern over getting value from these as only useful for half the year and storage space. Richard P said that storage room could be found in the green sheds. Ed said that he might use them but was not sure whether he could be bothered to put them up but if they were easy he might use them. Richard P to look at a possible solution.

(RP)

3. Hazlemere Bowls Club Challenge

Possible Croquet versus Bowls friendly match proposed by the Hazlemere Bowls Club. Committee voted to accept the challenge.

(RP)

4. Publishing Minutes

The committee agreed to the publishing of the Committee Meeting Minutes on the Club Website within the members area.

(RP)

5. Hazlemere Sports Association AGM

Richard P to attend on Tuesday 22nd November and asked if any points should be raised. The only accepted one was to inform that the trees by the gate to our lawns have ash die-back and could be cut down.

(RP)

3) Treasurers Report

Richard C had earlier raised the concern of factoring in ever rising costs into the 2023 budget and Duncan said that his report was an attempt to put something together in good time for his departure from the club and that the main work on next year's budget would be in the next meeting prior to the AGM when he recommended that additional monies should be found through subscriptions rather than drawing on reserves.

4) Lawn Manager's Report

1. Richard P to contact Mike West with a view to recruiting him as assistant lawn manager.

(RP)

2. Discussed the merits of a battery powered mower. Very expensive to buy. Possible lease?

5) Membership Secretary Report

1. Ed gave up-date to submitted report

6) Greeter's Report

1. Alan expressed concern regarding losing some of our younger members. Guy suggested inviting them to involve their workmates in corporate evenings.

(AC)

7) Maintenance Report

1.Perhaps look for a younger person to take over from Don Rutherford. Richard P to talk to Don.

(RP)

2.Agreed to paint roofs of sheds with white reflective paint to stop lighting systems and sprinkler computer from damage through overheating.

(RP)(NC)

3.Ed to take over CCTV monitoring from Richard P

(RP) (EO)

4.Agreed to powder coat hoops on a rolling brief one set per year

(RP/KT)

5.Mastic the wall/ floor joints of the loo. Nigel to help Richard P

6.Bowker Shelter needs a new roof and a repaint. Nigel to organise a working group.

(NC)

7.White tables have been left out in the weather. Alan to put them in the equipment store.

(AC)

8.Loose paving slabs to be supported with sand

(NC)(WK)

8) Google Workspace

1.Documents entered wrongly in the past.

Only one can control through admin@hwcroquetclub.com which is run by Ed but can still use under new club emails to place documents.

9) Easyfundraising

1.Ed to take over the ownership

(EO)(DR)

10) Amendments to the Constitution

- 1.All amendments were agreed.

11) 2023 AGM

- 1.To be 26th February at Hazlemere Village Hall
- 2.Alan suggested providing a ploughman's lunch which was agreed.
- 3.Richard P raised the possibility of bad weather or Covid causing the need for on-line.
- 4.Therefore have this lined up as back-up.

(EO) (RP)

- 5.Guy also suggested offering proxy votes. Richard to check the Constitution

(RP)

12) AOB

New Polo Shirts

- 1.Proposed new polo suggested by Nigel judged to be too white.
- 2.Alan and Richard P do not want predominantly white.
- 3.Nigel to send link to Alan and Richard for them to select a coloured shirt.

(AC)(RP)

Additional lawns and Planning permissions

Wendy explained that she understands that the Unitary Council are awaiting the Parish Council plan for Terriers Estate maybe by the end of this year but we do not expect any significant progress within the next couple of years.

12) Date of next Meeting

Thursday 26th January 2023 19.30 via zoom