



## HIGH WYCOMBE CROQUET CLUB

### Minutes of Committee Meeting

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 19.00

Venue: Ken Williams Room, Hazlemere Memorial Hall

<b>Present: David Cotton</b>	<b>Chairman (DC)</b>
<b>Richard Coward</b>	<b>Treasurer (RC)</b>
<b>Mary Whimster</b>	<b>Secretary (MW)</b>
<b>Matthew Mile Griffiths</b>	<b>Membership Secretary (MMG)</b>
<b>Kenny Weir</b>	<b>(KW)</b>
<b>Wendy Kingon</b>	<b>(WK)</b>
<b>Alan Clark</b>	<b>(AC)</b>
<b>Simon Fraser</b>	<b>(SF)</b>

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#### 1) Apologies

Apologies were received from Nigel Clogg (NC), Chris Webbley (CW).

#### 2) Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025

##### a. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

##### Matters Arising

Most actions had been completed or are addressed in the current agenda. It was agreed that minutes should be posted on the Club website once they had been approved by the committee (via email). Outstanding items are:

**Lawns and equipment** are still being damaged as members are failing to set up lawns correctly. Club players need to be educated about setting up the lawns correctly. Correct procedure to be documented and stored on Google Drive.

**ACTION: DC, RC**

Any committee member attending GC rollups should tell members how to set up a lawn before play starts.

**ACTION: All committee members**

**IT support** meeting with Steve Morton, DC and RC took place.

- SM happy to continue to provide IT support

- DC now has access to the 3 cameras
- RC has reviewed the Google Drive structure and recommends that the individual folders be reviewed by relevant committee member and delete old files. RC to provide a one-page summary to help access the Google Drive.

**ACTION: All committee members**

**Evening rollups 2026** to be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm. DC to notify Nigel Moore.

**ACTION: DC**

**Corporate events** Neil George is not available to arrange corporate events.

**Croquet shirts** AC received quote from supplier of £25 each for shirts with club logo.

**ACTION: AC**

**Chiltern Croquet Academy** MMG volunteered to take up the Board position with CCA.

**ACTION: MMG**

### 3) **Chairman's business**

#### **AGM to be held 22 March 2026**

- WK volunteered to provide the lunch following the AGM, supported by MW. Meeting room booked for AGM from 11:00 to 2:00pm. Lunch £6, tea and coffee £1.
- Lucy Arnold and Andrew Maclay to receive minutes of meetings
- Notice for AGM & AGM papers to be sent out before 7 March 2026.

**ACTION: MW**

#### **Prize Giving Dinner to be held February 2026**

AC volunteered to investigate possible venues for the dinner with a proposed date of Wednesday 25 February.

**ACTION: AC**

### 4) **Safeguarding**

The Safeguarding policy was emailed to all members of the club on 15 January 2026. LC was thanked for the policy. IS & LA currently submitting 5 DBS applications.

### 5) **Maintenance**

- Andrew Maclay was thanked for clearing the majority of the tasks on the maintenance schedule; these items should now be removed.
- The maintenance schedule to be maintained on the Google Drive to enable members to update for new issues. The clubhouse to be resealed and restained with varnish.
- The right-hand side of club house to have added protection to prevent damage from jump shots.

**ACTION: AM**

### 6) **Chiltern Croquet Academy report**

DC thanked CCA for the annual report. It was noted that the take-up for the 2025 coaching courses was lower than for prior years. GC & AC players should be

encouraged to participate in the coaching opportunities offered in this year's Course Programme.

## 7) **Lawn Manager's report**

Richard Peperell was thanked for his report. RC was thanked for taking over the Lawn Manger's role until KW is able to return to the role.

Spring Top Dressing scheduled for Wednesday 25 March. If necessary, the Sunday afternoon roll-up to be cancelled on Sunday 12 April, if not possible to complete top dressing on the Wednesday.

**ACTION: DC**

Quadway Hoops: RC to request a proposal from Raouf Allim on the purchase of Quadway Hoops: CqE promoting a purchase price of £1k per set.

**ACTION: RC**

## 8) **Tournaments**

Mike Porter to request players from the club for the National AC Short Croquet League.

**ACTION: DC**

CW thanked for his report on Advantage GC league, moving from Kestrels & Kites to two squads Team A (competitive play) Team B (friendly play), with both personal and team coaching to improve the standard of the team players. The committee approved and endorsed this new approach.

CW thanked for organising GC competitions and WK for organising the Friendly competitions

## 9) **Membership**

MMG reported that the membership list is now up to date at CqE, with 24 new members, total membership of 117.

## 10) **Marketing**

- SF now co-opted to committee and following processes as set up by NC.
- Start to identify residential groups
- Contact Sharon Clark about artwork changes
- Aim to recruit 20 new club members during year
- Come & Try weekend followed by afternoon sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays in June
- Casual C&T afternoon /evenings throughout the summer
- AC & WK are available as Meet and Greeters for casual enquiries for memberships
- Thanks to NC for all his contribution.

## 11) **Finances**

### **Actuals 31 December 2025**

Treasurer report for year shows a healthy surplus of £6k. A successful year for the club. Income was close to budget at £31k. Expenditure was 20% below budget at £24k.

Expenditure underspent £6k on lawn projects, with an overspend on water consumption. Reserves increased by £12k, with the CCA gift contributing £3k and Bond and Deposit interest contributing £3k.

### **Gazebo project**

- Landlord granted permission subject to any requirement by Council for planning permission.
- Nigel Moore submitting a Pre-Application to Council
- Nigel Moore exploring the possibility of a grant from CqE
- Proposed supplier offering 30% discount on the gazebo if ordered during winter months, potential saving of £1k.
- RC to identify a dry and secure storage area for the gazebo pending receipt of planning permission – to approach HSA
- The purchase of the gazebo is approved provided a suitable storage area is available.

**ACTION: RC**

### **Budget 31 December 2026**

- 4% Increase in basic subscription to £260 to be approved at AGM.
- Income £33k, Expenditure £37k,
- Major items of expenditure the Gazebo project £7.5k, lawn projects of lawn levelling and Quadway Hoops.
- Operating Deficit £4k

## **12) Dates for meetings**

- a. Prize Giving Dinner – Wednesday 25 February 2026 (TBC)**
- b. Annual General Meeting – Sunday 22 March 2026 at 12:00pm**
- c. Next Committee Meeting – Tuesday xxx June at 7:00pm (TBC)**