

Nailsea and District Croquet Club
Minutes of committee Meeting held on 22nd May 2023

Present: S. Durston, A. Wimshurst, G. McCausland, B.Roynon, S.Morgan, E.Malaiperuman, P.Arbo.

Apologies. D. Hunt

Minutes of the last meeting: Agreed and signed by Steve

Matters Arising: None

Treasurer's Report: noted and discussed

The committee agreed Alison's new charges for curating our web page

The committee agreed to Richard Broad's (Archivist) request to spend in the region of £50 to acquire an electronic storage device.

Graham McCausland is now a Secondary User of the club's Bank Account . He will have a spare cheque book and can operate.. David will send Graham a copy of the spread sheet each month so the club will have a back up always to hand.

The Valuation Office have asked David to complete an on line form in connection with setting the rateable value of the grounds

Membership Report:

We have 3 new members. At the end of coaching all new members complete the full membership form which should be copied and sent to Andrew, or, if a hard copy, placed in the committee box.

All data of ex members is automatically deleted by the membership secretary

Property Report:

Work Morning

We need a work morning to:

Clear the gutters

Cut the carpark and outfield

Strim around stop boards

Cut and tidy the bushes - check that there are no bird nests.

Treat the woodwork outside the pavillion and main gate.

We recommend that the West bank remains uncut

Erica to send out email for Friday 9th June

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Social Bookings 1 new confirmed, 1 existing booking and 2 to be confirmed at this time.

Lawn management:

- **mowing slots on booking sheet** All players will be reminded, once again, that mowers have priority over players. **(Steve)** Mowing slots will not be booked on the booking sheet, since the weather dictates when exactly mowing will take place.
- **use of herbicides. PPP and registration.** **David** to complete the form necessary for registration
- **hoop holes.** At present there is only one set of hoop holes for both AC and GC
- **Irrigation.** 2 members of the committee are happy to help with irrigation and more helpers can be called for when the exact dates are finalised.

Recruitment

The 3 coaches have all been working hard with a total of 9 beginners and a few improvers from last year. One 2023 beginner has joined the Club so far. There are no indications to date re the probability of the others joining and/or continuing to play AC.

A family of 3 have just signed up for lessons. The 14 year old will have lessons with his parents (coach John Hancock) but also go to “Junior” sessions.

Following the “bring a friend” event, we have one definite, and one probable, new recruit for GC. They will pay £30 for three 2-hour lessons. If they wish to join the club after that, they will pay on the usual sliding scale with allowance made for the fact that they have only paid £30 rather than the usual £60 for 6 AC lessons.

Linda Shaw is taking responsibility for retention of new members and will include GC players in her remit. The buddy system will continue as last year, Linda will be asking for buddies/ mentors once she knows how many players there will be. Games with alternate strokes /coached games have also been played in the past with proficient AC players.

The committee decided that players who have struggled with AC during lessons will be given 2 free GC lessons before they join the club - **Steve and Graham to organise.**

League Fixtures: For results look on SWCF website.

Safeguarding:

Marcus to inform Andrew and Linda on which of the U18s have been renewed their membership and who have paid their dues and had their permissions renewed.

Steve to remind team captains, coaches and event organisers to read the latest safeguarding policy from April 2023

Erica to display the safeguarding policy on Club notice board.

CA has set up access to on-line training for LSOs which Linda will do over the next couple of weeks and provide feedback in her next report.

Competitions and Tournaments. Kathy’s notes read and discussed.

Competitions There may be the exception that an Advantage game of golf will take over an hour. This new system of handicapping is still in the early stages and there may be some tweaks at the end of the season.

Tournaments

- As at 19 May, the May and June Tournaments are full.
- The GC Tournament is full with 8 Reserves. Steve needs to work on the morning of 15th August. **Andrew** has offered to co-manage the tournament. (After some tuition)
- The August Advanced Tournament has 5 entries.
- It was decided that lunch would be provided everyday for the Spencer Ell competition. £15 a day for all refreshments including cake at teatime. We await the numbers nearer the time.
- New dispensing thermoses should give helpers more flexibility during a tournament. Morning helpers are still needed to take money for refreshments and set out crockery etc. tea time helpers are needed to serve cakes and wash up used crockery.

A.O.B.

Owing to the needs of those playing bridge, the club will continue to play during the afternoon on Tuesday's unless there is an event going on.

It was agreed that the Burco should be dispenced with. Over the years there have been scaldings and over heating. It is deemed dangerous We suggest that two dispensing thermoses should be bought which will allow players to help themselves to hot drinks during a tournament. **Action Brian**

D.O.N.M. .

Monday 19th June 9.30 in the clubhouse.

Signed as a true and accurate account

Name and Signature.....