



AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 15th September, 2014

The Royal Coach, Adelaide

MINUTES

Meeting Commenced at 1010hrs.

Welcome by the President.

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Roll Call including names of proxy delegates.

ATTENDANCE

ACA President
ACA Senior Vice President

ACA Vice President
ACA Honorary Treasurer
ACA Honorary Secretary

President Croquetwest
Member Management Committee Croquetwest
President Croquet Queensland

Secretary Croquet NSW
Representative Croquet NSW
President Croquet Victoria
Regional Director Croquet Victoria
Vice President Croquet Tasmania
Secretary Croquet Tasmania
Vice President SACA
Golf Croquet Director SACA

Administrative Officer

Neil White
Jim Saunders also holder of proxy for
Robyn Wallace
Megan Reynolds
Jim Clement
Bruce Fleming

Merryl Garrod
Michael Trefusis-Paynter
Doug Williams also holder of proxy for
Valda Wintzer
Steve Thornton
Pam Gentle
Mike Cohn
Lorraine Gutcher
Bob Godfrey
Tricia Vierra
Eileen Ferguson
Heather White

Susan Linge

APOLOGIES

Immediate Past President

Robyn Wallace

OBSERVERS

Peter Freer

AGENDA ITEM 2 Next steps forward in the implementation of the Strategic Plan	<p>Tricia Vierra, Chair of the SPWG talked to her paper which outlined the way forward.</p> <p>Neil White (ACA) asked if there were any comments.</p> <p>Michael Trefusis-Paynter (WA) gave an outline of his proposed methodology for an overarching project plan.</p> <p>Tricia reiterated that the immediate priority as identified in the Strategic Plan is that of Governance and Management. The working group will be using as its basis the constitutional templates as provided by the Australian Sports Commission.</p> <p>The second priority is Marketing and Promotion.</p> <p>The point was also made that the SPWG is not going to implement the 'Plan', the SPWG is only going to identify what needs to be achieved. The SPWG will set up project plans and a communication strategy.</p>
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	<p>When the action plans are completed they will be referred to the Executive with an estimate of costs and recommendations for resources.</p> <p>The Council endorsed the SPWG to continue with the next steps in the process.</p>
	Break for Morning Tea at 1036hrs.
	Meeting Reconvenes at 1050hrs.
<p>AGENDA ITEM 3 Change to the Tournament Regulations - Appendix B Tournament Expenses Claim section 3.2 to be updated</p>	<p>A change to Appendix B to the ACA Tournament Regulations Section 1.2 was proposed to provide an additional expenses claim form 'Officials Expenses, Estimate/Claim'.</p> <p>After discussion on tournament expenses and the fact that the entry fees for tournaments do not always cover costs it was resolved that the issue needed review and the proposed change to the ACA Tournament Regulations was not progressed.</p> <p>The ACA Treasurer will circulate a paper on the costs of running tournaments at Cairnlea.</p> <p>Tricia Vierra Croquet Tasmania moved the following motion.</p> <p><i>Refer this issue to the ACA Executive Committee for the development of a paper in consultation with the States and appropriate committees.</i></p> <p>Seconded - Michael Trefusis-Paynter (WA).</p> <p>Motion Carried.</p>
<p>AGENDA ITEM 4 Review of criteria for ACA funding for overseas tournaments</p>	<p>The ACA Treasurer spoke to the paper which was provided with the agenda briefing. The Treasurer moved the following motion.</p> <p><i>The proposals need to be contained in a policy document on WCF Events which should be presented for ratification at the next AGM.</i></p> <p>Seconded – Tricia Vierra (Tas).</p> <p>Motion Carried.</p>
<p>AGENDA ITEM 5 Review of the 2015 Tournament program</p>	<p>The Administrative Officer informed Council that due to the Cricket World Cup, the AFL Grand Final has been moved by a week and clashes with the dates for the President AC Eights. The Eights can be moved earlier by one week or later by one week i.e. Friday 25 September to Monday 28 September or Friday 9 to Monday 12 October, 2015. The preference is to move it earlier; Player opinion will be canvassed at this year's event.</p> <p>The WCF will be holding an international Croquet Day on Saturday 2 May, 2015 and therefore it would be appropriate to hold the GC Open Doubles and Singles at Cairnlea from Saturday 9 to Sunday 17 May, 2015.</p>

	<p>Other events on the calendar do not have confirmed venues. Council members should raise the possibility of hosting these events with their State Associations.</p> <p>It was also noted that Council has not approved the rotation of the Interstate Shield as it has for the Eire Cup.</p> <p>Peter Freer, Chair of the Events Committee, an observer, was invited to comment and he said that the Events Committee was undertaking a review of tournaments and the tournament schedule.</p>
AGENDA ITEM 6 Sponsorship	<p>ACA President Neil White spoke to the agenda paper and stressed the need for larger clubs to seek sponsorship.</p> <p>Michael Trefusis-Paynter (WA) stated that the role of the SPWG was to impress on States and clubs the need to raise their profile to attract sponsors.</p> <p>Neil White is happy to meet with the SPWG Funding and Sponsorship Committee to progress the issue.</p>
AGENDA ITEM 7 Appointment of an ACA Complaints Officer.	<p>ACA President Neil White spoke to the agenda paper and suggested that this item be referred to the Membership Protection Committee.</p>
AGENDA ITEM 8 Players Meetings – Proposed trial of on-line surveys	<p>ACA Administrative Officer Susan Linge spoke to this item. There will be a trial online survey sent to players who played in the recently completed Men's and Women's Championships. Feedback will be provided to the ACA Tournament Committee, the ACA Events Committee and the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Acknowledgement was given to Jim Nicholls who researched methods of compiling and collating the online surveys.</p>
AGENDA ITEM 9 Formation of the Australian Gateball Union.	<p>Doug Williams (QLD) related the history of the Australian Gateball Union (AGU) in Queensland. The AGU does not have the support of the majority of Gateball players. AGU members who are not affiliated with the CAQ or the ACA will not be able to participate in CAQ or ACA tournaments and will not have insurance cover through these organisations.</p> <p>The ACA Executive Committee will continue to monitor the activities of the AGU through the National Director of Gateball, Gilon Smith.</p>
AGENDA ITEM 10 Tenancy of ACT Sports House	<p>ACA Administrative Officer Susan Linge spoke to the agenda paper. The ACA office needs to move out of ACT Sports House by the end of the month and will move to a new facility constructed by a partnership between the Brumbies, the University of Canberra and the ACT Government. It is hoped the new facility will create a Sports Hub and a centre of excellence.</p> <p>The ACA will have a lease for one year.</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed that the move was supported and should provide a strategic alliance with other national sporting associations.</p>

<p>AGENDA ITEM 11 Issues that arose at the AC National tournament in Brisbane March 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change to Tournament Regulation 3.2(b) (State Team eligibility) and State Selection Policies. 	<p>This item was dealt with in the Special Council Meeting via a motion from Croquet Victoria.</p>
<p>AGENDA ITEM 12 Issues that arose at the AC National tournament in Brisbane March 2014</p>	<p>Doug Williams CAQ President spoke to the issue which he had also raised at the March, 2014 AGM where he had requested the Executive Committee review the matter and clarify the process for the future. The issue related to the AC National Championships in Brisbane last March.</p> <p>Neil White (ACA) proposed that the appropriate Tournament Regulations be reviewed.</p>
<p>AGENDA ITEM 13 General Business</p> <p>13.1 Dress code for Referees</p> <p>13.2 Tournament Reports</p> <p>13.3 Wedge Gauge</p>	<p>Jim Clement (ACA) supported the dress code for referees being the same as for players.</p> <p>Heather White (SACA) requested that Tournament Reports be promulgated beyond the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Neil White (ACA) suggested that future wedge gauges have dimensions marked on both sides for clarity.</p>

The meeting was closed at 1215hrs.