

# CROQUET AUSTRALIA

*Minutes of the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
Held at Sport S.A. Military Road, West Beach, Adelaide,  
South Australia  
On Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> 2006 at 1.00pm*

## Present:

<b>President</b>	Ms Creina Dawson
<b>Senior Vice President</b>	Mr Gary Fox
<b>Vice President</b>	Mr Greg Rowberry
<b>Secretary</b>	Ms Creina Dawson
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mr Tony Hall

## Delegates:

<b>NSW</b>	Mr Neil Hartley	Mr Garry O'Dell
<b>SA</b>	Mr Philip Hadley	Mrs Carlyne Fraser
<b>QLD</b>	Ms Judy Fowler	Ms Cynthia Tacey
<b>WA</b>	Mr Alan Sands	Ms Kay Chynoweth
<b>VIC</b>	Mr George Latham	Mrs Valerie Haseloff
<b>TAS</b>	Mrs Pam Hamilton	Mr Rob McAdam

**Minute-taker:** Mrs Maree Skinner

**Apologies:** Mr Stephen Meatheringham

**Observers:** Mr Keith McLeod      Ms Nancy Whittingham

## **Agenda Item 1 – Opening**

The President, Ms Creina Dawson, welcomed the attendees to the meeting and thanked Nancy Whittingham and SACA for organising the Facilities at Sport SA for the AGM and also thanked Nancy for being present to organise the lunch and refreshments. Creina invited the delegates to introduce themselves and mentioned those in attendance who had arrived since the Plenary Session in the morning. Creina also introduced Maree Skinner (Secretary Brighton Croquet Club SA) as the Minute-taker for the meeting and the incoming Secretary Croquet Australia as of July 2006.

## **Agenda Item 2 – Roll Call**

All Executive members and Delegates were present.

## **Agenda Item 3 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held at the Buckingham Bowls Club, St Johns Ave, New Town, Hobart, Tasmania on Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> 2005 at 1:00pm

#### Motion

That the Minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held at Buckingham Bowls Club, Hobart on Friday 4 March 2005 be accepted.

Moved	Valerie Haseloff – Victoria		
Seconded	Judy Fowler – Queensland		
	<b>Carried – yes</b>	Defeated	Deferred

#### Voting

Carried unanimously	<b>Yes</b>		
Queensland		Western Australia	
New South Wales		President	
Victoria		S/Vice President	
Tasmania		Treasurer	
South Australia		Vice President	

### Agenda Item 4 – Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

Business arising from the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

There was no business arising from the minutes.

### Agenda Item 5 – Correspondence

The Secretary reported that correspondence had been dealt with during the year. Correspondence is available for perusal. Creina Dawson took over the role as Secretary in November 2005 after the previous Secretary resigned from the position.

### Agenda Item 6(a) – Executive Report

The Executive Report has previously been circulated.

#### Motion

That the Executive Report be accepted.

Moved	Rob McAdam – Tasmania		
Seconded	Neil Hartley – New South Wales		
	<b>Carried –Yes</b>	Defeated	Deferred

#### Voting

Carried unanimously	<b>Yes</b>		
Queensland		Western Australia	

New South Wales		President	
Victoria		S/Vice President	
Tasmania		Treasurer	
South Australia		Vice President	

## Agenda Item 6(b)

### Committee Reports

Committee Reports have previously been circulated

Motion

Committee Reports be accepted.

Moved	Philip Hadley – SA		
Seconded	Cynthia Tacey – QLD		
	<b>Carried – Yes</b>	Defeated	Deferred

Voting

Carried unanimously	<b>Yes</b>		
Queensland		Western Australia	
New South Wales		President	
Victoria		S/Vice President	
Tasmania		Treasurer	
South Australia		Vice President	

## Agenda Item 6(c)

### State Reports

State Reports have previously been circulated

Motion

That the State Reports be accepted.

Moved	Rob McAdam – Tasmania		
Seconded	Neil Hartley – NSW		
	<b>Carried – Yes</b>	Defeated	Deferred

Voting

Carried unanimously	<b>Yes</b>		
Queensland		Western Australia	
New South Wales		President	
Victoria		S/Vice President	
Tasmania		Treasurer	

South Australia		Vice President	
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Note: The Treasurer's Report will be considered under Item 10 – Finances

### **Business arising from reports**

Keith MacLeod suggested that it would be a good thing to have Committee Reports together with objectives. The meeting agreed with this suggestion and the Executive agreed to adopt the idea and have "Action Plans" published.

### **Alan Sands proposed a motion:**

"That the Executive in association with the Appointed Officers, prepare and draft an Annual Action Plan for ratification at the AGM. For the 2006/2007 year, the first such Report shall be sent to the States by the end of October 2006 for consideration."

### **Motion seconded Gary O'Dell NSW**

**Carried unanimously.**

### **Further Business Arising from State Reports**

Judy Fowler commented that the timing of the Handicapping Report makes the updating of the Handicap List within the given timeframe difficult.

Creina Dawson replied that she understood the problem but that players should realise that the handicap cards determine the handicap at any time – the electronic list is for interest only.

Tony Hall said that the Australian Golf Croquet handicaps will have to be reviewed very soon.

Philip Hadley reported that SACA is very pleased with the participation in Aussie croquet. Croquet is now a part of the School Sports program. Some schools even manufacture and modify equipment for children in wheelchairs in the Technical Studies Classes.

Alan Sands reported that there has been a major push for Golf Croquet in WA and it has been well embraced. WA will be running a Golf Croquet Championship in 2007.

### **International Laws Committee**

Gary Fox commented that he is unhappy about the lack of action on the ILC.

### **Australian Laws Committee**

A sincere thank you to George Karoly for the work he has done during his term on the Committee.

### **Selectors' Report**

There is an amendment to that report – Tony Hall was elected to the Committee at the last AGM and Stephen Meatheringham was appointed to the Committee as Tony's replacement after the AGM.

## **Agenda Item 7 – Elections**

## **Executive Committee**

**The following nominations have been received within the requisite constitutional timeframes.**

<b>President</b>	<b>Gary Fox (Tas) from Tasmania</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Creina Dawson (SA) from South Australia</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Tony Hall (NSW) from New South Wales</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Stephen Meatheringham (NSW) from New South Wales</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Rosemary News (NSW) from Victoria</b>

**Accordingly the nominated officers are duly elected.**

### **Note**

Creina Dawson has been a member of the Executive since 2000 as Vice President and President.

By Law 25.1.6 says:

No person may be a member of the Executive Committee for more than nine full years continuously in one or more offices except in extraordinary circumstances as declared by Council.

The election of Ms Dawson is consistent with this by law. The Executive has also agreed to the appointment of Mrs Maree Skinner (SA) as Secretary when she becomes available in July 2006. Ms Dawson will resign the position at that time.

**It is noted that all Appointed Officers' positions will be reviewed subsequent to this meeting. General expressions of interest will be sought and incumbents will be encouraged to apply.**

## **Selection Committee – 5 positions**

Nominations within the constitutional timeframe

Mr Stephen Meatheringham	(NSW)
Mr Peter Landrebe	(NSW)

Mr Meatheringham and Mr Landrebe are duly elected.

The following nominations have been received after the constitutional time frames

Mr Ray Howell	(SA)
Mr Kenn Boal	(VIC)

Mrs Shirley Carr

(SA)

Additional nominations may be made from the floor of the meeting for the 3 remaining positions on the Committee, in which case an election will be held at the meeting.

**Additional Nominations - Nil**

Name	Nominator	Name	Nominator

**Elected**

Name	State	Comments
Mr S Meatheringham	NSW	Already elected
Mr P Landrebe	NSW	Already elected
Mr R Howell	SA	Elected
Mr K Boal	VIC	Elected
Ms S Carr	SA	Elected

**Proposed: Judy Fowler QLD**

**Seconded: Pam Hamilton TAS**

**Carried Unanimously**

**Laws Committee – 3 positions**

No nominations have been received.

The following nominations were made at the meeting

Name	State	Elected
Roy Donley	QLD	Yes
Nell Hass	QLD	Yes
John Riches	SA	Yes

**Proposed Garry O'Dell NSW**

**Seconded Cynthia Tacey QLD**

**Carried Unanimously**

**Magazine Committee – 3 positions**

No nominations have been received.

The following nominations were made at the meeting - Nil.

Name	State	Elected


**This matter has been referred to the Executive for resolution.**

**Proposed: Garry O'Dell NSW**  
**Seconded: George Latham VIC**

**Carried Unanimously**

## **Agenda Item 8 - Appointments**

No appointments are required to be made by Council

The Executive in January appointed Mr George Latham as Australian Team Coach. The following pre-existing appointments continue and will be reviewed by the Executive.

<b>Events Manager</b>	Mrs Ann Crow
<b>National Coaching Director</b>	Mrs Jane Lewis
<b>National Director of Refereeing</b>	Mr Owen Edwards
<b>National Director of Gateball</b>	Mr Keith McLeod
<b>Magazine Editor</b>	Ms Wendy Davidson
<b>Magazine Subscriptions Manager</b>	Mrs Judith Evans
<b>National Golf Croquet Director</b>	Mrs Valerie Lefel
<b>National Director of Schools Croquet</b>	Mr Kenn Boal
<b>Equipment Officer</b>	Mrs Joyce Bray
<b>Librarian/Archivist</b>	Mrs Brenda Roberts
<b>Insurance Officer</b>	Mr Greg Rowberry
<b>National Handicapper</b>	Mr Ray Howell

It is the intention of the Executive to call for nominations for all positions, except the Australian Team Coach, as soon as possible. This will allow all positions to be reviewed, create a degree of transparency for all appointments and provide opportunities for interested persons to express interest in positions and for a review of all positions.

## **Agenda Item 9 - Alterations to the Handbook and other Notices of Motion**

**There was general discussion regarding time frames for submissions under this item and it was accepted that QLD had sent their rationale but for some reason it had not been received by the Executive.**

**Submitted by Executive**

It is moved that the following amendments be made to the ACA Handbook

### **CLAUSE 7, FINANCE AND PROPERTY**

#### **Section 7.2**

Delete the third sentence of Section 7.2 and insert "The Honorary Treasurer shall report monthly to the Executive Committee."

#### **Section 7.3**

Amend Section 7.3 by deleting Sections 7.3.1 and 7.3.2 and replace with:

7.3.1 General Account into which all income is received and from which payments are made, including reimbursement of payments made from the Treasurer's Account. Signatories shall be any two of the Honorary Treasurer, the President, the Senior Vice-President, the Vice-President or the Honorary Secretary.

7.3.2 Treasurer's Account, which will be used to make payments on a day-to-day basis. This account will be reimbursed only from the General Account and may never hold more than ten thousand dollars. The signatory shall be the Treasurer.

**7.3.2 Further amended to read:** "Treasurer's Account, which will be used to make payments on a day-to-day basis. This account will be reimbursed only from the General Account and may never hold more than ten thousand dollars **or such other amount as may be approved at a General Meeting.** The signatory shall be the Treasurer."

**Proposed: Neil Hartley NSW**

**Seconded: Rob McAdam TAS**

**Carried Unanimously.**

#### **Section 7.4 and 7.5**

Insert new sub-clauses 7.4 and 7.5

7.4 Funds surplus to immediate requirements shall be invested on such terms and conditions approved by the Executive Committee and redemption of all investments shall be to the credit of the General Account.

7.5 The Treasurer shall maintain within the books a Tours Fund, which shall be credited with Tours Levies received from States and from which expenses are debited for the MacRobertson Shield, Trans-Tasman and WCF World Championship events and other international events approved by the Executive Committee.



**Sections 7.4 to 7.8**

Renumber existing Sections 7.4 to 7.8 to 7.6 to 7.10

**Rationale**

The purposes of the proposed amendments are:

1. To allow the Treasurer to maintain an account from which he can make payments by electronic transfer of funds and avoid the delay caused by the requirement that all cheques for whatever amount need to be signed by officers from different cities. At present there is an average of 20 cheques written per month. With a limit of \$10,000 the Treasurer's account will need to be reimbursed once or twice per month. The requirement for the Treasurer to report to other members of the Executive on a monthly basis will allow them to monitor the progress of payments, previously not needed because the Secretary saw most cheques for counter-signature. The new system will also keep other members of the Executive informed.
2. To ensure that neither the invested funds nor the interest generated from them can be paid otherwise than into the General Account, which is protected by the requirement for two signatories.
3. To align the books and systems with modern practice. We should invest all funds surplus to immediate requirements, not just those dedicated to the Tours Fund. None of the major banks have a practical system to allow two signatories to authorise electronic payments. It should be noted that the (English) Croquet Association at their last Annual General Meeting amended their constitution to allow their Secretary to be the sole signatory of an account.

Moved	Alan Sands WA		
Seconded	Pam Hamilton TAS		
	<b>Carried - Yes</b>	Defeated	Deferred

**Voting**

Carried unanimously	<b>Yes</b>		
Queensland		Western Australia	
New South Wales		President	
Victoria		S/Vice President	
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## MEMBER PROTECTION POLICY

**Gary Fox commented that 'on-court issues' should not flow on to the member protection policy.**

To implement the Member Protection Policy approved by the Australian Sports Commission and the Croquet Australia Executive in June 2005 it is proposed that:

### Condition 66 Member Protection

[Delete Condition 66](#) Harassment Free Sport [and replace with:](#)

#### **66 Member Protection**

**66.1** The ACA is committed to providing [for the protection of the health, safety and well being of all Croquet Australia members and those who participate in the activities of Croquet Australia, Member States and State Affiliates.](#)

**66.2** The Executive may approve Member Protection Policies consistent with recommendations of the Australian Sports Commission.

**66.3** Member Protection Policies approved by the Executive shall be forwarded by the Honorary Secretary to member States and published on the ACA website and shall be effective from the date of publication.

**66.4** Disciplinary action can be taken against a person who is found to be in breach of the Member Protection Policy. Any action taken and any subsequent appeals shall be undertaken in terms of that policy.

### Condition 64 Disputes & Complaints

Amend Condition 64 Disputes and Complaints by inserting 64.3 and renumbering the current 64.3 to 64.7. Condition 64 will now read

#### **64 Disputes & Complaints**

**64.1** Resolving internal disputes – the ACA needs to have a mechanism that will properly and effectively deal with complaints made by members of the public, State Associations and players. A grievance is a formal complaint regarding any event, action or practice involving the ACA;

**64.2** If the grievance or complaint is a matter arising from the Selection Policy published in terms of By-law 27.5.1.7 the matter shall be dealt with in terms of the current published Selection Policy.

**64.3** If the grievance or complaint is a matter arising from the Member Protection Policy published in terms of Condition 66 the matter shall be dealt with in terms of the current published Member Protection Policy.

**64.4** ~~The immediate manager or appointed official e.g. Tournament Manager, Editor of Magazine, Chairperson of Selectors' Committee, National Director~~

**64.5** ~~of Coaching, National Director of Referees, Australian Team Coach is accountable for progressing and resolving any grievance before it gets to the formal procedure. If the matter is unable to be resolved then either party should refer it to the Honorary Secretary,~~

**It is apparent that there is a mistake in the clause 64.4 /64.5 – in fact these two paragraphs are both a part of Clause 64.4 and the subsequent clauses need to be renumbered:**

**64.4 “The immediate manager or appointed official e.g. Tournament Manager, Editor of Magazine, Chairperson of Selectors’ Committee, National Director of Coaching, National Director of Referees, Australian Team Coach is accountable for progressing and resolving any grievance before it gets to the formal procedure. If the matter is unable to be resolved then either party should refer it to the Honorary Secretary.”**

**Proposed: G O’Dell NSW  
Seconded: Alan Sands WA**

**Carried Unanimously**

**64.5** If the matter is unable to be resolved in accordance with 64.4 then the matter is to be referred to the Honorary Secretary who will either;

**64.5.1** investigate the matter which may include seeking expert advice, or;

**64.5.2** appoint a particular person to be responsible for investigating the grievance and report back to the Honorary Secretary with details of the findings and action taken to resolve the matter, or;

**64.5.3** where the complaint involves a State Association in conjunction with the ACA, a committee comprising the Honorary Secretary or delegate and the relevant State Association President or delegate will investigate the matter;

**64.6** The investigator/s are to keep a record of the action taken to investigate the matter, details of findings, and the date and manner by which the complaint was resolved. A copy is to be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary;

**64.7** All complaints are to be handled with discretion. Confidentiality is important. There should be no un-authorised disclosure of such investigation;

**64.8** The Honorary Secretary is to report to the Executive Committee on all formal grievances.

## **Rationale**

The Australian Sports Commission requires recognised sports to have an approved Member Protection Policy. To meet this commitment the executive approved a Member Protection Policy in June 2005. The policy deadline was 30 June 2005.

The policy will change constantly to reflect the current legal requirements in each state, especially concerning the issues around the protection of children in sport.

The current policy template will bind member states. However in terms of the policy any state issues will be resolved within the member state, unless that member state refers the matter to the ACA for resolution.

~~The ACA will establish the appropriate appeals panels. Amendment to Condition 64 is required to fully implement the appeals provisions of the policy.~~

**This paragraph was deleted.**

Moved	Gary Fox TAS
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Seconded	Cynthia Tacey QLD		
	<b>Carried</b>	Defeated	Deferred

Voting

Carried unanimously	<b>Yes</b>		
Queensland		Western Australia	
New South Wales		President	
Victoria		S/Vice President	
Tasmania		Treasurer	
South Australia		Vice President	

## Submitted by Victoria

### Golf Croquet

**That Victoria recommends to Croquet Australia that the Golf Croquet Interstate Teams be two men and two women.**

#### Rationale

To ensure both men and women have equal representation in the contest as happens in the Association Croquet Interstate Cup.

Moved	G Latham VIC		
Seconded	G O'Dell NSW		
	<b>Carried</b>	Defeated	Deferred

Voting

Carried unanimously	<b>Yes</b>		
Queensland		Western Australia	
New South Wales		President	
Victoria		S/Vice President	
Tasmania		Treasurer	
South Australia		Vice President	

### Executive Comments

The Executive does not support this proposal. Please refer to the Plenary Session paper, which covers this issue.

**Agreement reached at Plenary Session.**

## Hoop Settings

**That hoops be provided with an internal width, which is 1/16<sup>th</sup> inch wider than the largest diameter of any ball to be used on the relevant court with a downward tolerance of 1/32<sup>nd</sup> inch**

### Rationale

The state's leading players in line for selection in international events need to compete in events where conditions are consistent with MacRobertson Shield conditions. These events include the Victorian Open Championships, Men's and Women's Championships, Women's Invitation, Selectors Invitation, Australian Bronze Medal, Victorian Gold Cup, Silver Shield and Victoria v Victoria A. Croquet Australia sells sets of Feeler Gauges to be used for this setting.

### Executive Comments

It is proposed to amend the Australian Tournament Regulations to provide for this hoop setting in specified events, which will include major Australian and International Events. However with the consistency of Dawson Ball sizes, there is some doubt as to the justification for this. Experience in the forthcoming Trans Tasman and MacRobertson Shield events will give us the opportunity to test the procedures.

It is recommended that the proposal be referred to the Australian Laws Committee for consideration in the rewrite of the Tournament Regulations, taking into account experience at the International events listed above.

**Motion Lapsed: this issue will be referred to the Australian Laws Committee to be written in to Tournament Regulations.**

Moved	G Latham Vic		
Seconded	No Seconder		
	Carried	Defeated	<b>Deferred</b>

### Voting

Carried unanimously			
Queensland		Western Australia	
New South Wales		President	
Victoria		S/Vice President	
Tasmania		Treasurer	
South Australia		Vice President	

**Proposed Victoria  
No Seconder**

**Motion Lapsed.**

## Court Hire Costs

**“That court hire for ACA events be \$25 per court per day.”**

### Rationale

With proposed increased use of the Victorian Croquet Centre by Croquet Australia for Croquet Australia run events; and the expectation that VCA will endeavour to strive for maximum use for revenue from the Centre from Business, Corporate and Community events to have the Centre self maintained. VCA would see court hire as replacing revenue that could be raised otherwise.

### Executive Comment

Refer to the Paper covering this issue at the Plenary Session. The Executive opposes this proposal for the reasons already documented.

**Agreement was reached at the Plenary Session.**

Moved	Victoria		
Seconded	No Seconder		
	Carried	Defeated	Deferred

### Voting

Carried unanimously			
Queensland		Western Australia	
New South Wales		President	
Victoria		S/Vice President	
Tasmania		Treasurer	
South Australia		Vice President	

**Proposed Victoria  
No Seconder**

**Motion Lapsed.**

## Submitted by Queensland

### Interstate Teams event for the Eire Cup

That the Eire Cup be given priority and be played first when the players are fresh.

### Rationale

No rationale to support the motion has been provided

### Executive Comment

The order of play of the Men's and Women's events with the Interstate Cup and now the Gold Medal has been determined to provide opportunity for players to warm up in the singles events before the Interstate Cup and to ensure that we maximise the numbers in the singles events. It recognises the inherent unfairness for entrants in the Men's and Women's to face

players who have played in the Interstate Cup first. These events are separate events and playing the Interstate Cup last provides a greater degree of equity.

If players feel that they are unable to play in both events they have the option to choose.

**Proposed by QLD**  
**No Seconder**

**Motion Lapsed**

## **Presidents Eights**

That the President's Eights be rotated throughout the six states.

### **Rationale**

No rationale to support the motion has been provided nor any details of the cost effects on players.

### **Executive Comment**

The Executive has considered this option on a number of occasions. Experience drawn from the events clearly shows that rotating these events, whether as single events or as a group of events as a whole, is to the detriment of players and the ACA. Rotation results in the following issues:

1. There is no suitable way to rotate events cost effectively. The composition of individual Eights can change significantly from the time the first invitations are confirmed until the events are held. These changes impact upon costs to the detriment of the majority of players. We cannot conduct events and change venues at the last moment to improve the reimbursement to players. It would result in greater player costs.
2. The reimbursement of costs to interstate players for attending the events is significantly reduced. A centralised venue for all events results in greater reimbursement to players. Additionally the 3 Eights can be treated as one for the purposes of distribution. The rate of reimbursement as a percentage of airfares increases from 82% to 95%. Adelaide and Melbourne have been shown consistently to be the most cost effective for players.
3. The structure of the Eights requires all events to be played in the one city. Movement of players between events resulting from late withdrawals is cost efficient as against a very expensive exercise when each of the three Eights are held in different venues. In the latter case the cost of cancellation of fares plus the cost of expensive late booked fares needs to be factored into the algorithm for reimbursement; effectively reducing the percentage reimbursement to players.
4. Australian Selectors are required to attend these events. They must be seen to be effectively conducting their duties. This is difficult at separate venues.
5. The Executive has costed different options that confirm the cost advantages to the majority of players under the current system.

**Motion Withdrawn.**

## **Agenda Item 10 - Finances**

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report has been circulated and discussed at the Plenary Session.

- There is concern regarding the cancellation of the \$10,000 grant from ASC (net affect on accounts - in the amount of \$5,000). A submission will be drawn up and Croquet Australia will lobby for reinstatement of the grant.
- Net loss for the year of \$20,573 was increased from \$3,767 by the transfer of \$16,806 to the International Events Fund to support the trans-Tasman and the MacRobertson Shield.
- Members Funds have dropped from \$261,327 to \$257,560 but this figure is in line with the Budget except for the change in the ASC grant.
- The Magazine continues to run at a loss.
- QLD withdrew from the Insurance scheme.
- ACA activities have expanded in recent years placing some strain on administrative capacity – an Admin Assistant will be employed.
- Expenditure is allocated on an activity basis to enable true costs to be known.
- The Treasurer has completed a MYOB Course – the 2006 Accounts will be processed on MYOB.

Tony Hall presented the Financial Accounts and the Budget with some amendments.

- The Accommodation Fees for Council Meeting were amended (Delegates 2 nights \$220, Executive 3 nights \$330).
- The amount budgeted for the Presidents' Meeting was increased to \$4,500.

**“That the amendments to Fees, Charges and Honoraria be accepted.”**

**Proposed: Tony Hall**

**Seconded: Pam Hamilton (TAS)**

**Carried Unanimously**

**“That the Financial Accounts be accepted.”**

**Proposed: Tony Hall**

**Seconded: Valerie Haseloff VIC**

**Carried Unanimously**

**“That Council refers the Schedule of monetary Prizes for Croquet Australia Events to the Executive.”**

**Proposed: Tony Hall**

**Seconded: Judy Fowler QLD**

**Carried Unanimously**

**“ That the budget be accepted with an amended increase in Expenditure for the Presidents' Meeting to the original amount of \$4,500 (from \$2,700).”**

**Proposed: Pam Hamilton TAS**

**Seconded: Philip Hadley SA**

**Carried 8 votes to 7.**



## **Agenda Item 11 – Players’ Meetings**

Players’ meetings over the past two years have been very poorly attended. Two players attended last year at Caloundra and a slightly larger number the year before in Hobart.

The discussions at the meetings have led to the publishing of the article in the December 2005 Gazette.

This article “Australian Open and Doubles Championships” is included in the Council pack.

This is the second year of the split in the Championships. Attendance at events has been good and numbers have reduced to more manageable sizes.

The Executive has taken steps to cap entries in all Association Croquet Championship events. The Open has been capped at 80 entrants for Sydney and the Men’s and Women’s at 48 each for Adelaide. However lawn limitations will be the determinant of future numbers.

The arrangements will be reviewed after the Sydney Championships in October 2006.

## **Agenda Item 12 - Australian Croquet Championships**

### **Future Arrangements**

#### **2006 Events**

Adelaide is conducting the Interstate Cup and Men’s and Women’s Championship.

Sydney is conducting the Doubles and Open Singles Championships.

#### **2007 Events**

Western Australia is to conduct the Interstate Cup and Men’s and Women’s Championship during March/April 2007

Dates

Tournament Manager

Chair Organising Committee

Victoria is to conduct the Doubles and Open Singles Championships

Dates

Tournament Manager

Chair Organising Committee

#### **2008 Events**

Queensland is to conduct the Interstate Cup and Men’s and Women’s Championship during March/April 2008

Indicative Dates

Tournament Manager

Chair Organising Committee

Victoria is to conduct the Doubles and Open Singles Championships at the request of Tasmania

Indicative Dates

Tournament Manager

Chair Organising Committee

**Details of these events are to be supplied to the Executive.**

## **Other Business**

Creina Dawson presented the Vice-President's Badge to Rosemary Graham and will ensure that Stephen Meatheringham receives his Badge as well.

Creina mentioned that Past President Dr Val Payne received an OAM for her services to Medicine, Croquet and Farming.

Creina handed the meeting over to Gary Fox as the incoming President. Gary thanked Creina for her 8 years of commitment and service on the Croquet Australia Executive Committee (3 years as President) and listed the introduction of the Australian handicap as being largely due to Creina's work. Gary presented Creina with the Past President's Badge.

Creina gave a speech of thanks.

The meeting closed at 2.50pm.