



## AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION

### 65<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### MINUTES

Monday 24 March, 2014

Brisbane International, Windsor, Brisbane

#### 1. **PRESENT**

President	Robyn Wallace
Senior Vice President	Neil White
Treasurer	Jim Clement
Honorary Secretary	Stephen Thornton

Note: Position of Vice President was vacant at the time of the meeting

#### 2. **DELEGATES**

Queensland	Doug Williams Valda Wintzer
New South Wales	John Compton Nerida Taylor
Victoria	Mike Cohn Jim Saunders
Tasmania	Tricia Vierra Rob McAdam
South Australia	Maree Skinner Heather White
Western Australia	Merryl Garrod Michael Trefusis-Paynter

#### **OBSERVERS**

Carolyn Ribone  
Megan Reynolds  
Elizabeth Fleming  
Bruce Fleming  
Bruce McAlister  
Geraldine Trivett

## MINUTES

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Welcome by the President

The President declared the meeting open at 0910 and welcomed delegates and observers.

### AGENDA ITEM 1 – Roll Call

ACA President	Robyn Wallace
Senior Vice President	Neil White
ACA Treasurer	Jim Clement
ACA Honorary Secretary	Stephen Thornton
Secretary, Croquet New South Wales	Nerida Taylor
President, Croquet New South Wales	John Compton
President, Croquet West	Merryl Garrod
Ordinary Member, Croquet West	Michael Trefusis-Paynter
President, Croquet South Australia	Maree Skinner
Golf Croquet Director, Croquet South Australia	Heather White
Secretary, Croquet Tasmania	Tricia Vierra
Representative, Croquet Tasmania	Rob McAdam
Representative, Croquet Victoria	Jim Saunders
President, Croquet Victoria	Mike Cohn
President, Croquet Queensland	Doug Williams
Vice President, Croquet Queensland	Valda Wintzer
ACA Administrative Officer	Susan Linge

### AGENDA ITEM 2 – Minutes of Previous Meeting

- 2.1 The Minutes of the 64<sup>th</sup> AGM held Monday 25 March, 2013 were accepted
- Moved Neil White  
Seconded Mike Cohn (Victoria)
- 2.2 The Minutes of the Council Meeting held Monday 2 September, 2013 were accepted.
- Moved Doug Williams (Queensland)  
Seconded John Compton (New South Wales)

### AGENDA ITEM 3 – Business arising therefrom

- 3.1 Mike Cohn queried which version of the Handbook had been sent to the Public Officer. The Administrative Officer replied that the corrected version of the Handbook, dated 23 June 2013, which had the deletion of Clause 6.4.1 'Only delegates are eligible to vote for election of personnel to any office or position at the AGM' and the renumbering of the remaining Clauses ie Clause 6.4.2 became 6.4.1; and Clause 6.4.3 became 6.4.2.

The meeting noted that the Handbook was corrected on 23 June, 2013.

### 3.2 Business arising from the meeting held in Monday 2 September, 2013

The meeting discussed minor amendments requested by the President of Croquet SA to Agenda Items 8.1 and 8.2 Paragraph 6, which had been received in writing in December, 2013 by the Administrative Officer.

The meeting agreed that the changes were a basic matter of correction and could be amended accordingly.

Agenda Item 8.1 – Appointment of Sport Development Director

The Note in Square Brackets be deleted and replaced with the following –

‘It was agreed that the appointment of a Sport Development Officer be deferred until the ACA’s Strategic Plan has been completed

Agenda Item 8.2 Paragraph 6 – Feedback Strategic Plan

The wording ‘South Australia – completion November’ be corrected to ‘South Australia – Strategic Planning Workshop in November’

## **AGENDA ITEM 4 – Reports**

### 4.1 Executive

#### 4.1.1 President’s Report

The President gave an oral report but prefaced it by saying that a written report, as required will be sent to the Australian Sports Commission.

#### 4.1.2 Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer opened with an apology as there had been a change to the Auditors as appointed at the last AGM - Eager and Partners of Bairnsdale.

Not long after this company had been appointed, the Treasurer was informed that they would no longer be continuing with auditing. The accountant, Jessica Cane, who would have audited the ACA, set up her own business and therefore Accounting Solutions Victoria, Pty Ltd completed the audit.

Moved Rob McAdam (Tasmania)  
Seconded Steve Thornton  
Abstain Nerida Taylor (New South Wales)

The Treasurer’s report was approved.

The Financial Statement for the year ending December, 2013 are attached in Appendix 1

- 4.2 Committees;
- 4.3 Appointed Officers;
- 4.4 Matters arising from Reports
- 4.5 Reports from the State

It was agreed that Agenda Items 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 be deferred until later in the meeting

Moved Nerida Taylor (New South Wales)

Seconded Doug Williams (Queensland)

## **AGENDA ITEM 5 – Elections of Office-Bearers and Committees**

It was agreed that the optional preferential system of voting be adopted ie 50% plus 1

Geraldine Trivett was asked to be a scrutineer to assist the Administrative Officer.

A short break was taken

### **5.1 By-Law 25.1.4 - Office Bearers**

#### **5.1.1 President**

Nominee	Nominator
Neil White (SA)	Maree Skinner (SA)
Doug Williams (QLD)	Valda Wintzer (QLD)

Neil White was appointed to the position of President

#### **5.1.2 Senior Vice President**

Nominee	Nominator
Jacky McDonald (NSW)	John Compton, (NSW)
Jim Saunders (VIC)	Mike Cohn,(VIC)
Doug Williams (QLD)	Valda Wintzer,(QLD)

Jim Saunders was appointed to the position of Senior Vice President

#### **5.1.3 Vice President**

Nominee	Nominator
Megan Reynolds (WA)	Merryl Garrod, (WA)
Jim Saunders (VIC)	Mike Cohn, (VIC)
Jacky McDonald (NSW)	John Compton, (NSW)
Doug Williams (QLD)	Valda Wintzer, QLD)

Megan Reynolds was appointed to the position of Vice President.

#### **5.1.4 Honorary Secretary**

No nominations received by the due date and nominations were taken from the floor –

Nominee	Nominator
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Steve Thornton (NSW)	John Compton (NSW), Seconded Tricia Vierra (TAS)
Bruce Fleming (QLD)	Valda Wintzer (QLD), Seconded Mike Cohn (VIC)

Bruce Fleming was appointed to the position of Honorary Secretary

#### 51.5 Honorary Treasurer – Incumbent: Jim Clement (VIC) (Position held 2013)

Nominee	Nominator
Jim Clement	Mike Cohn, President VCA

Jim Clement was re-appointed to the position of Honorary Treasurer

### 5.2 By-Law 27 Committees

#### 5.2.1 By-Law 27.2 Tournament Committee

Nominees
Trevor Bassett
Peter Landrebe
Kevin Beard
Terry Ericson

Trevor Bassett, Peter Landrebe, Kevin Beard and Terry Ericson, were re-appointed to the Tournament Committee

#### 5.2.2 By-Law 27.3 Laws Committee Vote To be deferred until Motion 8.9

Nominees
Elizabeth Fleming

#### 5.2.3 By-Law 27.5 AC Selection Committee

Nominees
Elizabeth Fleming **
Claire Bassett
Tim Murphy
Stephen Richards
Greg Bury

Rosie Landrebe
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\*\* Liz Fleming, with consent of Croquet Queensland withdrew her nomination prior to the AGM

Tim Murphy, Steven Richards and Greg Bury were appointed to the AC Selection Committee.

#### 5.2.4 By-Law 27.5 GC Selection Committee

Nominees
John Compton
Anne Quinn

There was a vacancy on the GC Selection Committee and nominations were taken from the floor.

Nominee
Pam Gentle

John Compton, Anne Quinn and Pam Gentle were appointed to the GC Selection Committee.

#### 5.2.4 By-Law 27.10 Events Committee

Nominee
Peter Freer

There are three vacancies on the Events Committee and nominations were taken from the floor.

Nominee
Bob Godfrey

Peter Freer and Bob Godfrey were appointed to the Events Committee

Meeting Resumed at 1151 after morning tea

## **AGENDA ITEM 6 – Appointments**

### **6.1 By-Law 28 Appointed Officers**

Appointments to these positions have been left to the Executive to confer and confirm. It should be noted that an expression of interest does not automatically mean that a person will be appointed.

### **6.2 Clause 7.10 Appointment of Auditor**

The meeting agreed to appoint Accounting Solutions Victoria Pty Ltd be appointed as Auditors. Note the removal of the word 'honorary'.

Moved Heather White (SA)  
Seconded Maree Skinner (SA)

### **6.3 Clause 5.1.6 Appointment of Honorary Solicitor**

This item was not discussed as no recommendation had been received.

### **6.4 Clause 5.1.6 Appointment of Patron**

The Governor General, Quentin Bryce ceases to be patron of the ACA as her term ends in a couple of days. (Organisations are required to write requesting patronage each time there is a newly appointed Governor General).

It was agreed that the Executive would explore possible people who could be asked to become patron of Croquet Australia.

Moved Nerida Taylor (NSW)  
Seconded Maree Skinner (SA)

## **AGENDA ITEM 7 – Proposed amendments to the Constitution**

[Motions require three quarter majority]

A general discussion ensued about some of the motions that concerned structural change to the Executive/Council.

A motion was put forward to defer these items and that the Strategic Plan Working Group takes them into account and provide recommendations to the Executive. The Item numbers identified and agreed to -

Agenda Items 7.2 and 7.2.2  
Agenda Items 7.4.1 and 7.4.2  
Agenda Item 8.2  
Agenda Item 8.3  
Agenda Item 8.5  
Agenda Item 8.6  
Agenda Item 8.7

Moved Nerida Taylor (NSW)  
Seconded Mike Cohn (VIC)

Motion Carried

### **7.1 Clause 6.3.5 – Deletion of Clause 6.3.5**

MOTION: That Clause 6.3.5 be deleted

Current wording of Clause 6.3.5

Motions, other than procedural and routine motions, must be moved and seconded by different States.

LODGED BY: Honorary Secretary, ACA

BACKGROUND At last year's AGM this motion was apparently perceived as an attempt to do away with the seconding of motions, which was never intended. The seconding of motions is enshrined in our Standing Orders.

RATIONALE The Executive feels that as it puts so much time and effort into certain motions it should be permitted to move them. For example, the Treasurer should be able to move the Budget and as mover be the first to speak to it and recommend its adoption. (The moving of a Budget is not a simple procedural matter as amendments can be proposed, and are.)

It is felt that all members of Council, that is, delegates and Executive, should have the same rights in relation to the moving of motions and that the restrictions imposed by 6.3.5 are not necessary for good governance.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS / IMPLICATIONS:

No financial implications

IMPLEMENTATION: Via amendment

Moved Rob McAdam (TAS)  
Seconded John Compton (NSW)

Motion Carried Clause 6.3.5 be deleted.

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### **7.3 Clause 5.1.5 – Increase to the number of meetings**

MOTION: That Clause 5.1.5 be amended as follows

*The Council will meet bi-monthly and more often if deemed necessary, or as required under Clause 6.1.5. Meetings may be via Skype or other electronic means considered appropriate.*

Current wording of Clause 5.1.5

The Council will meet at least annually and more often if deemed necessary, or as required under Clause 6.1.5;

LODGED BY: South Australia Croquet Association

BACKGROUND As per Background listed in Agenda Item 7.1

RATIONALE *At present Council meets twice a year. Changing to bi-monthly meetings would enable better communication and ensure that states have more*



*involvement in the National Association. Many decisions made at Executive and Council level result in implementation being undertaken or overseen at State level. The initial canvassing of these issues at bi-monthly meetings of Council would assist in the decision making process and allow states to become an integral part of the whole process.*

#### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS / IMPLICATIONS:

There would be a need for ACA to increase funds available for Honoraria and costs associated with face-to-face meetings and possibly meetings via Skype.

#### IMPLEMENTATION: Via amendment

There was a general discussion about the use of the word 'bi-monthly' and it was agreed that the intent of the motion was to hold Council meetings every two months. The question was raised as to who would be the delegates attending these meetings as the States are not required to have the same delegate represent them each time.

A motion was put forward that this Agenda Item be deferred for consideration by the Strategic Planning Workshop Group.

Moved Maree Skinner (SA)  
Seconded Michael Trefusis-Paynter (WA)

Motion Carried

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### **7.5 Clause 7.3.2 – Increase amount of monies held in the Treasurer's Account**

MOTION: That Clause 7.3.2 be amended increasing the amount held in the Treasurer's Account from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

The amendment 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 Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000). The signatories shall be the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer, either one to sign.*

LODGED BY: Treasurer

BACKGROUND: Previously, the amount held in the Treasurer's Account was up to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) which was quite workable when the then Treasurer lived in the same City as another member of the Executive and thereby signatures could be sought easily. Since the AGM, the Treasurer lives in Regional Victoria and to transfer funds from the General Account to the Treasurer's Account is achieved by sending a cheque to another member of the Executive for countersigning.

RATIONALE: To ensure that there are sufficient funds to be able to make payments in a timely fashion. For example in July, a contribution towards travel and accommodation was paid to Players competing in the WCF AC WC totalling \$12,000. The remaining balance did not cover wages and other expenses.

CONSULTATION: Executive

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS / IMPLICATIONS:

The increase will enable accounts to be paid without incurring any penalties.

IMPLEMENTATION: Via amendment

Moved Tricia Vierra (TAS)  
Seconded Maree Skinner (SA)

Motion Carried

Following on from the discussion it was noted that a procedure should be written listing financial levels of delegation.

John Compton left the meeting

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**AGENDA ITEM 8 – Proposed amendments to the By-Laws**

[Motions require two thirds majority]

**8.1 By-Law 24 – Correction to By-Law 24**

MOTION: That By-Law 24 be amended

LODGED BY: President

BACKGROUND: This By-Law currently states

24.1 *All Officer positions shall be filled by a majority vote of the Council delegates representing State Associations, even where there is only one nomination for a vacancy. The vote shall be by secret ballot. If the sole candidate for a vacancy does not receive a majority vote, the position remains vacant until filled as a casual vacancy;*

24.2 *All Committee positions shall be filled by a majority vote of Council members, even where the number of nominations is equal to or less than the number of vacancies. The vote shall be by secret ballot. If a nominee does not receive a majority vote, the position remains vacant until filled as a casual vacancy.*

RATIONALE: The flow-on from the 6.4.1 amendment passed at last year's AGM is that all members of Council have the right to vote for all official and committee positions. This means a necessary change to By-Law 24 involving the deletion of 24.1, the renumbering of 24.2 which becomes 24, and the insertion of the words 'All officer and' therefore the amendment to read

24 *All officer and committee positions shall be filled by a majority vote of Council members, even where the number of nominations is equal to or less than the number of vacancies. The vote shall be by secret ballot. If a nominee does not receive a majority vote, the position remains vacant until filled as a casual vacancy.*

CONSULTATION: Executive

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS / IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial considerations.

IMPLEMENTATION: Delete By-Law 24.1 and By-Law 24.2 becomes By-Law 24.

Moved Tricia Vierra (TAS)  
Seconded Maree Skinner (SA)

Against Mike Cohn (VIC)

Motion Carried

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#### **8.4 By-Law 25.1.5 – Assumption of Office Bearers**

MOTION: That By-Law 25.1.5 be amended as follows

All Officers shall assume office at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected;

Current wording of By-Law 25.1.5;

All Officers shall assume office at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting;

LODGED BY: South Australia Croquet Association

BACKGROUND As per Background listed in Agenda Item 7.1

RATIONALE Clarity.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS / IMPLICATIONS:  
There are no financial considerations

IMPLEMENTATION: Via amendment

Moved Maree Skinner (SA)  
Seconded Doug Williams (QLD)

Motion Carried

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#### **8.8 By-Law 27.2.2 – Tournament Manager to be an ex-officio member of the Tournament Committee when and as required**

MOTION: That By-Law 27.2.2 be amended to enable an appointed Tournament Manager to become an ex-officio member of the Tournament Committee in the lead up to an International Event hosted by the ACA or an ACA Event.

The amendment to read –  
*consist of four members and on occasions invite the appointed Tournament Manager for an International Event hosted by the ACA or an ACA Event to become an ex-officio member during the lead-up to the particular event;*

LODGED BY: Tournament Committee

**BACKGROUND:** Previously the Tournament Committee has worked out the format of a tournament based on the number of players entering a particular event but that format may vary from one year to the next i.e. the format for example for the Australian Men's and Women's Singles in 2013 is different to that played in 2012 with the introduction of 'best of three' in the Men's competition. Any change influences the duration of play and potentially impacts on the number of courts required and are available.

**RATIONALE:** To provide better support and communication between the Tournament Committee and Tournament Manager. The Tournament Manager would be an ex-officio member and would only be involved in the discussions for that event alone.

**CONSULTATION:** Tournament Committee

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS / IMPLICATIONS:**  
There is no immediate financial implication but in the long-term such collaboration will lead to better budgeting of a tournament.

**IMPLEMENTATION:** Via amendment

Moved – Maree Skinner (SA)  
Seconded – Rob McAdam (QLD)

Motion Carried

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## **8.9 By-Law 27.3 – Laws Committee be deleted**

**MOTION:** That By-Law 27.3 be deleted

**LODGED BY:** Honorary Secretary

**BACKGROUND:** This Committee has not been operational for many years and with the formal inclusion of the Tournament Committee into the Handbook there is the potential for double-handling. The ACA does have a representative on the WCF GC Rules Committee and it is entirely appropriate that there be an Australian representative on the WCF's International Laws Committee.

**RATIONALE:** To ensure consistency between Association Croquet and Golf Croquet which does not have a Rules Committee, the Laws Committee should be deleted.

**CONSULTATION:** Executive

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS/IMPLICATIONS:**  
There are no financial implications

**IMPLEMENTATION:** Via Amendment.

Moved Rob McAdam (TAS)  
Seconded Maree Skinner (SA)

Motion carried

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## **8.10 By-Law 28.5.8 – Appointment of Tournament Referees**

MOTION: That By-Law 28.5.8 be amended to read –

*The NRC shall make recommendations to appoint a TR for International Events held in Australia and all ACA Events to the Executive for their approval*

LODGED BY: Executive

BACKGROUND: At the AGM held in March 2013, the NRC through the NDR put forward a motion that 28.5.8 be amended to read 'upon recommendation of the NRC, appoint the TR at International Events held in Australia and all ACA Events'. The motion failed.

RATIONALE: The Treasurer at the time said that an appointment of a TR could have a substantial financial implication and as such, any recommendation should be endorsed by the Executive. It was agreed that this motion be re-worded and submitted at the next Council Meeting.

CONSULTATION: This matter was discussed at the AGM

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS/IMPLICATIONS:**

If the Executive has the ability to approve a recommendation for appointment of the TR the costs associated with a tournament can be monitored in line with the budget.

IMPLEMENTATION: Amend By-Law 28.5.8 accordingly.

Moved Doug Williams  
Seconded Mike Williams

Abstain Rob McAdam

Motion Carried

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## **AGENDA ITEM 9 – Other Motions of which Notice has been given**

### **9.1.1 Amendment to the Conditions of Play for the President's AC Eights**

MOTION: That the Conditions of Play for the President's AC Eights be amended so that play commences at 8am on Friday with 4 rounds scheduled on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, leaving just 2 rounds on Monday which then allows for playoffs should there be a tie on games won to determine the winner of each block.

The Conditions of Play to read –

6. *The first game will start on Friday with an 8am start Friday to Monday, or earlier if decided by the Tournament Manager. There will be four sessions of play on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and two sessions on Monday. If there is a tie on games, there will be a playoff to determine the block winner.*

10. *The winner of each Eight will be the player who has won the most matches; if there is a tie on matches, there will be a playoff to determine the eventual winner, who will hold the following perpetual trophy:*

LODGED BY: Tournament Committee

BACKGROUND: Most if not all players arrive on the Thursday in preparation for these events allowing the event to start first thing Friday morning. This then provides more time on Monday to schedule playoffs to determine block winners (and also allows those travelling long distances the chance to depart a little earlier if not involved in the playoffs).

RATIONALE: It is felt that the winner of these prestigious titles should be determined by a playoff rather than net points.

CONSULTATION: Tournament Committee

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS / IMPLICATIONS:  
There is no immediate financial implication.

IMPLEMENTATION: Amend the Conditions of Play for 2014 Tournament

Moved Mike Cohn (VIC)  
Seconded Maree Skinner (SA)

Motion Carried

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### **9.1.2 Amendment to the Conditions of Play for the President's AC Eights**

MOTION: That the Conditions of Play for the President's AC Eights be amended so that it is clear which results count towards the determination of the final winner in the event of a withdrawal.

The Conditions of Play to read

14. *If a player withdraws part way through the first round of matches, none of their results will count towards determining the final winner of the event. However, if a player withdraws part way through the second round of matches, only the first round of matches will count towards the final determination of the winner of the event and none of the second round of results will count.*

LODGED BY: Tournament Committee

BACKGROUND: We have had a couple of withdrawals over the last couple of years and we wanted the approach to be consistent and known.

RATIONALE: If a player has had the opportunity to play each other player once, these results should count as it is fair for all concerned. However, it is not fair to include partial round results as it is impossible to know which way the results would have gone.

CONSULTATION: Tournament Committee and Tournament Manager

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS / IMPLICATIONS:

There is no immediate financial implication.

IMPLEMENTATION: Amend the Conditions of Play for 2014 Tournament

Moved Mike Cohn (VIC)

Seconded Rob McAdam (TAS)

Motion Carried

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Meeting broke for lunch at 1305

Meeting resumed at 1407

**9.2. Amendment to Tournament Regulations 31.1 and 31.2**

MOTION: That Tournament Regulations 31.1 & 31.2 be amended so that the Australian GC Medal Competitions be changed to best of 3 matches.

The Regulations to read –

31.1 *Conditions set down in Tournament Regulations 30.1 to 30.8 apply except that references to AC, AC Laws, AC Law 8(a) and Interstate Cup are to be read as references to GC, The Rules of Golf Croquet, GC Rule 5(a) and Interstate Shield and that matches will be best-of-three 13-point games. Rule 5(c) applies to best-of-three game matches.*

31.2 *The Australian GC Gold and Silver Medal is a three day seeded event played under similar conditions to the GC Bronze Medal competition except that there will be playoffs to determine the eventual winner should there be a tie on matches at the completion of the round robin.*

LODGED BY: Tournament Committee

BACKGROUND: The preferred method for the current Bronze medals is best of 3 but the states have the option of a double round robin. The Gold and Silver medal competition used to be best of 3 with a triple round robin being trialled over the past two years.

RATIONALE: It is felt that in order for Australia to keep up with the rest of the world we need to be playing more best of 3 GC events. This change would remove the confusion currently being faced by the states as to which format to hold the Bronze medal in and would ensure the Gold medal winner is not determined by net points.

CONSULTATION: Tournament Committee and other feedback from competitors.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS / IMPLICATIONS:

There is no immediate financial implication.

IMPLEMENTATION: Via amendment

Moved Rob McAdam (TAS)

Seconded Nerida Taylor (NSW)

Motion Carried

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### **9.3. Appointment GC HPM**

**MOTION:** That ACA appoints a High Performance Manager Golf Croquet commencing as soon as possible after the ACA AGM of 2014.

**LODGED BY:** Nerida Taylor, Croquet NSW

**BACKGROUND:** Golf Croquet is a rapidly developing sport in terms of numbers of participants and improving standards of competition. Australia will be competing against NZ in the Inaugural GC Trans Tasman in 2015 and in all likelihood competing in four World Championships in 2014/2015.

If we are to compete effectively and successfully in these international events we need to ensure we employ all possible strategies to improve our performance

**RATIONALE:** Whilst there are cross-overs between AC and GC, both games have nuances, tactics and skills that vary. CNSW considers that both sports merit specialist HPMs who are each a leading experts in their different sport. The current HPM is an exceptional and experienced AC player/coach and has served that function well. However, with the increasing number of International GC events on the calendar, in order to provide Australia with the greatest chance of success, we need a designated GC HPM who is a GC specialist with a record of achievement in that area.

As the TT squad has been formed already, CNSW considers there is urgency in resolving this.

**CONSULTATION:** Members of the GC Selection Committee and GC Players.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS / IMPLICATIONS:**

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

Moved Nerida Taylor (NSW)  
Seconded Meryll Garrod (WA)

Motion Carried

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### **9.4 Collation Statistical Data**

**MOTION:** That the ACA work with the States to collect state by state data which will form the basis of a national report. This information will be the first step in the development of an Australian mallet sports strategic plan.

**LODGED BY:** Nerida Taylor, Croquet NSW

**RATIONALE:** The ACA is working with a draft plan that is based on UK data and broad assumptions. This approach is flawed. Whilst there may be similarities



between the organization of croquet in the UK, there are also many differences. The approach also falls short of the approach recommended by the Australian Sports Commission and the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation. The ACA Council agreed to collect such data in 2012, and CNSW remains committed to that approach.

CONSULTATION:

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS / IMPLICATIONS:

IMPLEMENTATION:

This motion was put forward before the formation of the SPWG and to a certain extent has become redundant.

A motion was put forward that this Agenda Item be deferred for consideration by the Strategic Planning Workshop Group.

Moved Nerida Taylor (NSW)  
Seconded Tricia Vierra (TAS)

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## **9.5 Revision of Methodology**

**MOTION:** That ACA re-examines the methodology used to determine reimbursement/compensation of venues hosting ACA events, distinguishing between court usage and facilities servicing costs.

**LODGED BY:** Jim Clement, Secretary Croquet Victoria

**RATIONALE:** Whilst the costs to venues hosting the majority of ACA events are reasonably well known and vary little between AC & GC, the Australian Gateball Championship places extra strains on venues.

In that championship, games are of 30 minutes duration, all starting at the same time and followed by a 15 minute break. The 2013 championship saw 115 players per day with a total daily attendance around 140 – 150.

These numbers and the fact that players are off the courts and in the clubhouse 30% of the time means that much more tea and coffee is drunk (compared to an AC or GC event) and, as a result, there is much more cleaning both during and at the end of each day which either puts a greater strain on volunteers or means increased costs to venues that do not use volunteers.

**CONSULTATION:** None outside of Victoria

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS / IMPLICATIONS:** Not assessed

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

Moved Mike Cohn (VIC)  
Seconded Maree Skinner (SA)

Motion Carried

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#### **AGENDA ITEM 4.2 – Committee Reports**

All the written reports received from the committees were collated and are contained in Appendix 2

- 4.2.1 Tournament Committee
- 4.2.2 Laws Committee
- 4.2.3 Member Protection Committee
- 4.2.4 AC Selection Committee
- 4.2.5 GC Selection Committee
- 4.2.5 AC Coaching Committee
- 4.2.6 GC Coaching Committee
- 4.2.7 International Committee
- 4.2.8 AC Refereeing Committee
- 4.2.9 GC Refereeing Committee
- 4.2.10 Magazine Committee
- 4.2.11 Events Committee

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4.3 – Appointed Officers' Reports**

All the written reports received from the Appointed Officers were collated and are contained in Appendix 2

- 4.3.1 High Performance Manager
- 4.3.2 National Director Association Croquet
- 4.3.3 National Director Golf Croquet
- 4.3.4 National Director of Gateball
- 4.3.5 National Refereeing Director Association Croquet
- 4.3.6 National Refereeing Director Golf Croquet
- 4.3.7 National Coaching Director of Association Croquet
- 4.3.8 National Coaching Director of Golf Croquet
- 4.3.9 National Director of Schools Croquet
- 4.3.10 Official Representative of the International Laws Committee
- 4.3.11 National Handicapper
- 4.3.12 Insurance Officer
- 4.3.13 Archivist
- 4.3.14 Librarian – Position Vacant
- 4.3.15 Equipment Officer
- 4.3.16 Magazine Editor
- 4.3.17 Official Representative on the WCF Croquet Rules Committee

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4.4 – Matters arising from Reports**

- 4.2.4 AC Selection Committee requests -
  - (a) a pro forma letter that can be sent to unsuccessful candidates of future teams;

The meeting agreed that a pro forma letter should be sent to unsuccessful candidates of future teams.

- (b) Women's Eights to be held separately to that of the President's Eights and to be held in differing States;

The meeting agreed that it is preferable to hold an all-Women's event so that the top players can compete against each other as many of the women are eligible to play in the

Open Eights. There was also a recommendation from the National Director of Golf Croquet for the GC Women's Eights to be held separately.

To be forwarded to the Events and Tournament Committees with a request for the Committees to assess the costs of holding two new events

- (c) Discussion to occur between the Tournament Committee and the AC SC regarding date for seedings.

The 2013 Chair of the ACSC pointed out that TReg 11.9 states 'when entries close and when the draw will be made'.

To be forwarded to the Event Committee to ensure that the date of the draw be included on Entry Forms.

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- 4.3.1 High Performance Manager suggested the following be considered -
    - (a) Timeframe for Appeal's Process to be established;

Robyn Wallace explained that the Executive has no power over the time that a tribunal takes to make its deliberations.

- (b) Patrons Trophy to be held during the Summer

To be referred to the Events and Tournament Committees

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- 4.3.3 National Director Golf Croquet asks that consideration be given to -

- (a) holding the Women's GC Eights at different time to the Open GCEights.

As discussed in 4.2.4

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- 4.3.5 National Director Refereeing Golf Croquet listed the following matters which is contributing to the difficulty of referees volunteering their time for ACA Tournaments -

- (a) dissatisfaction with reimbursement for out of pocket expenses

It was noted that reimbursements for referees had increased in August, 2013.

- (b) length of tournaments – they be 9 or 12 days in duration.

Both issues to be considered by the Executive

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The Chair asked if there were any other comments.

In relation to 4.2.8, Liz Fleming highlighted significant achievements that were included in the AC Refereeing Committee report. She also asked for the corrected to Accreditation/Reaccreditation document to be placed on the website and asked the Executive to agree to a reciprocal arrangement between New Zealand and Australia recognising respective Referee and Umpire qualifications.

## **AGENDA ITEM 4.5 – States' Reports**

The reports from the States have been collated are contained in Appendix 3.

- 4.5.1 Queensland
- 4.5.2 New South Wales
- 4.5.3 Victoria
- 4.5.4 Tasmania
- 4.5.5 South Australia
- 4.5.6 Western Australia

The reports that have been distributed be accepted

Moved Valda Wintzer (QLD)  
Seconded Mike Cohn (VIC)

## **AGENDA ITEM 10 – Finance – Fees, Levies and Honorariums**

The Treasurer talked to his budget. There was a general discussion about fees and whether they should be raised in line with CPI. As the Association has \$220,000 cash, he felt that asking for an increase was not supportable.

Michael Trefusis-Paynter left the meeting.

It was also discussed that the work being undertaken by the Strategic Planning workshop and the implementation of the actions would require resourcing.

Tricia Vierra moved that the affiliation fees be increased by \$1.00 to \$17.50 for 2015.  
Seconded Maree Skinner

Yes = 3  
No 10  
Abstain Steve Thornton

A general discussion ensued about the magazine and whether or not it should be electronic and it was suggested that quotes be obtained for graphic design and printing.

The matter to be followed up by the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Magazine Editor.

Mike Cohn (VIC) moved that the budget be accepted  
Seconded Maree Skinner (SA)

Motion Carried

## **AGENDA ITEM 11 – Players' meeting recommendations**

Nothing to report

## **AGENDA ITEM 12 – Arrangements for ACA events for 2014 & 2015**

Current version of the Tournament Schedule is on the website. There are still gaps in the schedule for 2015. The Administrative Officer will be contacting State Secretaries.

Nerida Taylor (NSW) advised that the Gold Medal, Men's and Women's Singles and Eire Cup in 2015 will be held in the Sydney area.

## **Other Business**

Doug Williams said that several incidents had occurred in the lead-up and during the Eire Cup and requested that State Team eligibility be defined as early as possible. He also noted that process was not followed when it came to a refereeing incident and requested that the Executive review the process and it be clarified for the future.

Robyn Wallace thanked everyone for their attendance.

Neil White presented Robyn with her Immediate Past President's badge.

Meeting closed 1620

Next Meeting Monday 15 September in Adelaide, Venue TBA.