

Minutes of the AGM of the Welsh Croquet Association held at Dyffryn Gardens on Saturday 27th July 2002

Present

W Prichard, J Evans, J Grimshaw, C Williams, J Bowen, K Ham, J Mackay, G McElwain, T Mrozinski, C Prichard, P Pristavec, S Tudor,

Apologies

I Burridge, M Evans, T Golesworthy, S Mackay, B Marsh, L Palmer

Item 1. Minutes of the Meeting of July 22nd 2000.

Since no meeting was held in 2001, the minutes of the meeting of 22nd July 2000 were read to the meeting. P Pristavec proposed and G McElwain seconded that they be accepted as a true record and the meeting approved.

Item 2. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising

Item 3. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman thanked the Dyffryn club for giving up their lawns once again for the Welsh Championship and he complimented the ground staff at Dyffryn for the continued improvements in the lawns.

He reported that Wales had come third in the recent Home Internationals. We had hammered Scotland, but had been hammered by England and Ireland. In the Home Internationals Wales, Ireland and Scotland had worn coloured shirts and it had been a success.

On the individual front Wales had been represented in the European Championships in Jersey by Tony Mrozinski, who would also be competing in the 2002 event. Chris Williams was going to represent Wales in the forthcoming World Championships in New Zealand and Kevin Ham had represented Wales in the WCF Golf Croquet World Championships in Florida.

The Chairman reported that the WCF were considering introducing a new third category of membership for the emerging croquet nations and that it would be free. The meeting felt that there should be a nominal fee for membership. The secretary promised to report this to the WCF.

The Chairman welcomed Jonathan Bowen to the Championships.

Item 4. Accounts.

The accounts were presented to the meeting and they showed a surplus for the year to 31st December 2001 of £582.16 resulting in a balance in hand of £1122.24

The Treasurer thanked the Chairman for his donation of £340 from the sale of old croquet magazines.

The Treasurer reported that this year we had bought a set of striped Barlow balls for £144 primarily to allow the plate of the Welsh Championship to be triple banked.

The Treasurer reported that we had 26 members in 2001.

G McElwain proposed and K Ham seconded that the accounts be accepted and the meeting agreed.

Item 5. Fixtures and Events.

The secretary reported that a Welsh CA team had recently played the Scottish CA at the new Scottish Croquet Centre at Meadows West in Edinburgh. The Welsh CA lost 15-5. In August we would be entertaining Canada and would be endeavouring to regain the Atlantic Plate. A match had been arranged for September away to Belgium.

The secretary reported that the handicap weekend had been won by Bryn Lewis. It had first been run in 2001 and had been won by Chris Williams.

Item 6. Election of Officers and Committee.

There being no other nominations, the Committee was deemed elected.

Chairman	W Prichard
Deputy	J Evans
Secretary	C Williams
Treasurer	J Grimshaw

Item 7. Any Other Business.

The secretary reported that Bryn Lewis had suggested that he could get a better base put on the Trickey Plate, which is the trophy donated by the Trickeys for the handicap weekend. The secretary reported that the tournament is actually a Dyffryn club tournament and that it was for the Dyffryn club committee to decide.

Colin Prichard suggested that the Welsh CA should endeavour to get a patron.

The secretary agreed that he and Liz would look into getting some new Welsh CA shirts for players to wear in Welsh CA matches and events.

The 2003 AGM will be held during the 2003 Welsh Championship.