

**Minutes of the AGM of the Welsh Croquet Association held at Dyffryn Gardens on Saturday  
30th July 2005**

**Present**

MJ Evans (Vice Chairman), CN Williams (Secretary), GJ McElwain (Treasurer), IJ Burrige, KGF Ham, SM Mackay, AJ Mrozinski, CS Jones, J Clancy, J Bowen, DG Arthur

**Apologies**

P Pristavec, EB Marsh, DR Walters, JM Evans

In the absence of the Chairman the vice Chairman chaired the meeting.

**Item 1. Minutes of the Meeting of July 24th 2004.**

The minutes of the meeting of 24th July 2004 were read to the meeting. AJ Mrozinski proposed and GJ McElwain seconded that they be accepted as a true record and the meeting approved.

**Item 2. Matters Arising.**

K Ham had produced a logo. The Secretary agreed to scan it and circulate it.

Peeling Prize for the Welsh Championship – GJ McElwain said that he had a bottle of Champagne for the 2005 Championship. All peeling breaks greater than or equal to triples to count and that the break would be worth  $(n-1)^2$ , with the plate event to count.

**Item 3. Chairman's Report.**

The vice Chairman gave a report in the absence of the Chairman. He thanked the Dyffryn club for giving up their lawns once again for the Welsh Championship and he complemented the ground staff at Dyffryn for the continued improvements in the lawns. He also thanked Cliff Jones for the rain and the manager for managing the Championship.

**Item 4. Accounts.**

The accounts were presented to the meeting and they showed a surplus for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004 of £94.72 resulting in a balance in hand of £1423.75.

There was a query as to why the Subscriptions were not a multiple of 5 pounds. The Treasurer said that he would send out revised figures on membership. Some people had paid their membership and entry fees with the same cheque and so the combined total for Subscriptions and Tournament Fees should be correct.

The Treasurer stated that the Welsh CA had paid his entry fee for the 2004 European Championship. The Secretary pointed out that this had not happened in the past and that there were so many individual events the association could not afford it. It was agreed by all that individuals should pay their own entry fees. The Treasurer agreed that he would refund the money.

AJ Mrozinski proposed and DG Arthur seconded that the accounts be accepted and the meeting agreed.

**Item 5. Fixtures and Events.**

The secretary reported in the past year we beaten Switzerland in Geneva in June 2005 to retain the Coupe Des Vallees. In August 2004 Wales had travelled to Canada and had lost the Atlantic Plate by 13-17.

The secretary reported that the 2005 handicap weekend for the Trickey Trophy had been won by Richard Smith. K Ham gave a report on the weekend.

In the following 12 months we would be playing a one day match against four Australians, who were over for the forthcoming World Championship. Wales would also be entertaining the Canadians in 2006 and had an away fixture against the Scottish CA.

**Item 6. Election of Officers and Committee.**

There being no other nominations for the other positions, the committee was deemed elected.

Chairman	WdeB Prichard
Deputy	J Evans
Secretary	CN Williams
Treasurer	GJ McElwain

**Item 7. Any Other Business.**

The Bowdon club had kindly lent us four sets of Dawson balls for use in the Welsh Championship and the Australian match. It was proposed that we send a cheque for 20 pounds to the Bowdon club as thanks.

It was suggested that the Welsh CA considered buying four sets of Dawson balls in conjunction with the Dyffryn club. Ian Burrridge said that the main reason for using Dawson balls this year was because of the closeness to the forthcoming World Championship, which was going to be played using Dawson balls. It was decided to leave making a decision until next year.

A short discussion was held on the WCF's proposals to introduce a new 'Affiliate' class of membership. It was decided that the Welsh CA would elect to become an Affiliate member at the WCF's Council meeting in August 2005.

It was pointed out that consideration should be given to moving the 2006 Welsh Championship to the first weekend of August, because John Evans's youngest son was getting married on the last Saturday of July.

The 2006 AGM will be held during the 2006 Welsh Championship.