

## **Minutes of the AGM of the Welsh Croquet Association held at Dyffryn Gardens on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2006**

### **Present**

WdeB Prichard (Chairman), MJ Evans (Vice Chairman), CN Williams (Secretary), GJ McElwain (Treasurer), IJ Burridge, KGF Ham, SM Mackay, AJ Mrozinski, GSJ Tudor, KA Garrad

### **Apologies**

P Pristavec, EB Marsh, DR Walters, JM Evans, CHL Prichard, J Clancy, RQ Barrett, T Golesworthy, D Hopkins

### **Item 1. Minutes of the Meeting of July 30th 2005.**

The minutes of the meeting of 30th July 2005 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.**

The Welsh CA had in conjunction with the Dyffryn croquet club bought four sets of Dawson balls.

Kevin Ham had produced a couple of logos which he showed to the meeting. The logos are based on the Welsh Football Association logo, which has a green stripe around a shield, so it can be used on red and white shirts. The centre part of both logos has a red dragon's head above four bars in the four main croquet colours. In one of the logos the bars are solid and in the other they are separated. The meeting decided that the version with solid bars was the better one. Kevin Ham agreed to get shirts made and will be taking orders over the next few months. It was agreed that the Welsh CA would pay for the setup of the logo.

The WCF's proposal to introduce a new class of affiliate membership had been accepted at their meeting in August 2005. The Welsh CA's request for affiliate membership was accepted.

### **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. The Chairman congratulated Sam Tudor and Chris Williams on their selection to the 2006 Chairman's Salver and Glamorgan on their promotion in the Inter County Championship. He also congratulated Sam Tudor for winning the 2005 Spencer Ell Cup and Chris Williams for winning the 2005 Treasurer's Tankard. The Chairman told the meeting that Cliff Jones had been selected for the forthcoming European Championship in Jersey and that Ken Jones had been nominated for a wild card.

### **Item 4. Accounts.**

The accounts were presented to the meeting and they showed a surplus for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005 of £292.33 resulting in a balance in hand of £1716.08. The Treasurer pointed out that so far 2006 has seen the Welsh CA pay for two sets of Dawson balls (£170) and the lunches for the Canadians (£60). The Treasurer also pointed out that he will be getting the Honours Board updated every two years and that once the Dyffryn club have their new room decorated then the board will be hung up in it.

Ian Burridge pointed out that the total interest received was rather low and that could some money be moved into a higher rate account. The Treasurer and Secretary agreed to look into it.

### **Item 5. Fixtures and Events.**

The secretary reported that the 2006 handicap weekend for the Trickey Trophy had been won by Elmyr Hughes.

In the past 12 months the Welsh CA had hosted a match against four Australians prior to the World Championship and a match for the Atlantic Plate against Canada (won 16-14) in June 2006. In July 2006 the Welsh CA played for the Celtic Shield against the Scottish CA in Edinburgh. The Scottish CA won 12-8. In 2007 we are due to host Switzerland.

Four members of the Welsh CA played in the World Golf Croquet Championships in New Zealand in February 2006. Kevin Ham and David Walters represented Wales, whilst David Hopkins represented England and Kevin Garrad represented the Isle of Man.

**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.**

Sam Tudor requested that future Welsh Championships should be held on the first weekend of August. No one had any objections and so the date of the 2007 Championship will be 3 to 5 August.

Garry McElwain raised the question of entry fees to the Welsh Championship. It was decided that in order to get players to enter on time that the price would be increased by 5 pounds for those entering after the closing date. The closing date would be set as the final day of the Home Internationals. Kevin Ham asked if the surcharge would apply to those who enter late to make up the numbers. It was decided that it would not.

William Prichard stated that he had liked the all play all format of the Championship and that for an entry of 9 it was much more satisfactory than blocks of 4 and 5.

The question of the timing of the AGM was raised. Ian Burrige stated that he did not like it being on the Saturday evening, because it disrupted the semi finals. It was suggested that the AGM could be held on the Sunday lunchtime before the final.

The 2007 AGM will be held during the 2007 Welsh Championship.