

Minutes of the AGM of the Welsh Croquet Association held at Dyffryn Gardens on Sunday 5th August 2007

Present

WdeB Prichard (Chairman), MJ Evans (Vice Chairman), CN Williams (Secretary), GJ McElwain (Treasurer), IJ Burrige, KGF Ham, SM Mackay, AJ Mrozinski, GSJ Tudor, JJ Clancy, CS Jones, DR Walters, MR Hayes, J Bowen, DG Arthur

Apologies

P Pristavec, JM Evans, CJ Tuthill

Item 1. Minutes of the Meeting of August 5th 2006.

The minutes of the meeting of 5th August 2006 were read to the meeting. KG Ham proposed and IJ Burrige seconded that they be accepted as a true record and the meeting approved.

Item 2. Matters Arising.

The logo which has been selected was circulated. K Ham said that he had ordered 24 shirts with the new logo, which reduced the price by £1 per shirt. G McElwain had picked up the order and will soon be placing another. The meeting gave thanks to K Ham and G McElwain for all the work they had put in.

Item 3. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman 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. The Chairman also thanks C Williams for organising and managing the event. The Chairman also thanked everyone for supporting the event and that it was now the highest standard it had ever been.

The Chairman congratulated Sam Tudor and Ian Burrige for getting into the World top 20. It is important to have players in the top 50 for the allocation of places in World Championships.

The Chairman described how there had been a long discussion over eligibility for the Home Internationals and the Welsh CA needed to press the CA to change their qualification criteria.

There followed a discussion on the Welsh Championship and what qualification criteria could be used if the event was oversubscribed.

The Chairman congratulated the seven man team which won the European Team Championship to add to the World 14 point Team Championship.

Item 4. Accounts.

The accounts for 2006 were presented to the meeting and they showed a deficit for the year to 31st December 2006 of £244. Most of the deficit was caused by the purchase of Dawson balls, which was an exceptional purchase.

The Treasurer and Secretary had set up a higher rate deposit account and so more interest should be gained each year.

MR Hayes asked if a comparison with the previous year could be added to the accounts. The Treasurer agreed to do this.

Item 5. Fixtures and Events.

The secretary reported that the 2007 handicap weekend for the Trickey Trophy had been won by Jim Clancy.

In the past 12 months the Welsh CA had hosted a match against the Swiss CA retaining the Coupe des Valleees.

Fixtures for 2008 were likely to include Italy and Ireland at home. Also the Scottish CA are due to visit in 2008.

The 2008 World Championships will be held in Christchurch, New Zealand and I Burridge and C Williams will be representing Wales.

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.

A discussion took place on whether there was interest in a Welsh Golf Croquet Championship. K Ham agreed to put forward some ideas for dates and format.

The 2008 AGM will be held on the Sunday of the 2008 Welsh Championship.