

Minutes of the AGM of the Welsh Croquet Association held at Dyffryn Gardens on Sunday 1st August 2010

Present

MJ Evans (Vice Chairman), CN Williams (Secretary), GJ McElwain (Treasurer), IJ BurrIDGE, KGF Ham, AJ Mrozinski, DR Walters, RH Smith

Apologies

WdeB Prichard, SM Mackay, EB Marsh, B Shorney, CS Jones, L Potter, MR Hayes, RQ Barrett

Item 1. Minutes of the Meeting of 2nd August 2009.

The minutes of the meeting of 2nd August 2009 were read to the meeting. AJ Mrozinski proposed and IJ BurrIDGE seconded that they be accepted as a true record and the meeting approved.

Item 2. Matters Arising.

K Ham announced that there would be a B Level Welsh Golf Croquet Championship and that there were six entries so far. He had opened it to non-Welsh CA members.

Item 3. Chairman's Report.

The Vice-Chairman thanked the Dyffryn club for giving up their lawns once again for the Welsh Championship and he complimented Dyffryn for getting Colin back to cut the lawns, especially since the lawns were dreadful a few weeks before.

The Vice-Chairman reported the sad death of Judge Mike Evans who had been a stalwart member of the Welsh CA. Mike had regularly represented the Welsh CA in inter-CA matches, including visits to Switzerland, Canada, Belgium and Scotland.

Item 4. Accounts.

The accounts for 2009 were presented to the meeting and they showed a surplus for the year to 31st December 2009 of £185.68 and a balance of £2049.20

The good news is that we are still in surplus. The subscriptions were down slightly in the year, but the tournament entries fees were up. The sundry item on the accounts was due to the fact that the Treasurer had again accidentally paid his milk bill with a Welsh CA cheque.

The Secretary reported that we have 33 paid up members in 2010 and about another six or seven who would pay if they were approached. Many players only pay when they are seen by one of the committee members and this is usually at the Inter County Championship.

The accounts were proposed by DR Walters and seconded by RH Smith.

Item 5. Fixtures and Events.

The Secretary reported that the 2010 handicap weekend for the Trickey Trophy had been won Sarah Melvin. Unfortunately due to a lack of entries it was decided to hold it over one day.

Wales visited Switzerland in September 2009 and retained the Coupe des Valleees with a score of 15-5. Unfortunately we were only able to raise a team of three for the Celtic Shield in Scotland away. The match was lost 5-8. Wales played and won a Golf Croquet international in Italy.

Wales finished third in the 2010 Home Internationals in Surbiton.

The only potential fixture for 2011 is Switzerland at home.

The secretary pointed out that it is a continual problem raising teams for these matches and it would be a shame to have to cancel any of them.

Item 6. Constitution.

The Welsh CA's constitution had not been looked at since the Welsh CA was set up in the late 1980s. The original constitution was based on the Scottish CA's constitution at that time.

Over the winter it was decided to rewrite the constitution based on how the Association actually operated. The WCF had been approached to be the final arbitration body in a dispute, but had refused. The new constitution was passed unanimously. The meeting expressed thanks to Ian Burrige for all the work he had done in producing the new one.

Item 7. Election of Officers and Committee.

Under the new constitution the three Officer bearers are elected for three year terms whilst the two ordinary members are elected annually. The following committee was elected

Chairman	WdeB Prichard
Secretary	CN Williams
Treasurer	GJ McElwain
Committee	IJ Burrige, MJ Evans

It was pointed out that it was not desirable to have all three office bearers ending their three year terms at the same time. Therefore the meeting decided that one of them would be initially elected for one year and one would be elected for two years. A draw was held and the result was

Chairman	WdeB Prichard (elected for one year)
Secretary	CN Williams (elected for three years)
Treasurer	GJ McElwain (elected for two years)

Item 8. Any Other Business.

None.

The 2011 AGM will be held on the Sunday of the 2011 Welsh Championship.