

**WELSH CROQUET ASSOCIATION**  
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**Minutes of the AGM of the Welsh Croquet Association held at Dyffryn Gardens  
on Saturday 19th July 1997**

**Present**

W Prichard  
J Grimshaw  
C Williams  
J Evans  
G McElwain  
I Burridge  
S Carter  
T Mrozinski  
K Ham  
P Pristavec  
B Marsh

**Apologies**

C Tuthill  
M Evans  
C Prichard  
B Lewis

**Item 1. Minutes of the Meeting of July 20th 1996.**

The minutes of the meeting of 20th July 1996 were read to the meeting.  
G McElwain proposed and T Mrozinski 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 welcomed members to the meeting. He thanked Dyffryn Croquet Club for the continued use of the lawns and also S Carter who had provided the balls for the Welsh Championship.

The Home Internationals had taken place at Southport and Wales had returned to second place. Switzerland had been entertained in an international fixture which resulted in a 10-5 victory and, although very wet, was thoroughly enjoyable. He had been considering whether this fixture should count as a full international or a representative fixture. The view of the meeting was that since the Swiss fielded their best available players, then it should be acknowledged as a full international. He said that it was advantageous to play such matches as they emphasised Wales' strength in depth and supported the position of two World Championship places.

Lewis Palmer had once again represented Wales at Sonoma and had reached the knock-out stages. Shaun Carter and Chris Williams had been selected as Wales' representatives in the World Championships in Australia in November and Ian BurrIDGE for the European Championships in Southwick. Wales had staged a qualifier for this European Championship at Dyffryn in May where Tony Mrozinski and John Grimshaw had been the Welsh representatives. Colin Irwin(England) and Charles von Schmeider(Ireland) had won the two qualifying places available. There would be no Welsh representative in the World Golf Croquet championships in Egypt in September.

The security of tenure position at Dyffryn looked a little more favourable with the Vale of Glamorgan now being quite supportive of the Dyffryn club.

Membership of the Welsh CA was down 5 in number and there were only 10 entries for the National Championship. Whilst this was disappointing, there were 7 A Class players amongst the 10 and others were showing signs of approaching this grade. There were now few easy games at the Championship and this made the weekend all the more enjoyable.

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

The Accounts for the year to December 31st 1996 were presented to the meeting. They showed a surplus of £78.55. I BurrIDGE proposed and B Marsh seconded that they be approved and the meeting agreed.

#### **Item 5. Election of Officers and Committee.**

I BurrIDGE proposed and G McElwain seconded that the officers and committee be reelected en bloc and the meeting agreed.

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

#### **Item 6. Any Other Business.**

I BurrIDGE raised the question of Sports Council funding. The Sports Council which had previously funded the Croquet association on behalf of the game in the UK, had now delegated its sports funding activities to the four national Sports Councils. It was suggested that the Welsh CA should approach the Welsh Sports Council. J Grimshaw said that he had investigated the possibility of obtaining support for the World Championship representatives to go to Australia but had been told that individual sponsorship was only available to the elite i.e. the first three ranked in each sport in the UK. However funding was a possibility to encourage National Associations to take part in international competition and he had a form to complete. I BurrIDGE suggested that he liaised with David Magee of the Croquet Association.

The meeting congratulated Chris Williams on his recent wedding to Liz and also thanked Liz for all the publicity work that she was now performing for the game of croquet in Wales.