

**WELSH CROQUET ASSOCIATION**  
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**Minutes of the AGM of the Welsh Croquet Association held at Dyffryn Gardens  
on Saturday 17th July 1999**

**Present**

W Prichard  
J Grimshaw  
C Williams  
J Evans  
S Harding  
G McElwain  
D Morgan  
T Mrozinski  
P Pristavec  
C Tuthill  
E Williams

**Apologies**

B Marsh  
T Golesworthy  
M Evans  
B Lewis

**Item 1. Minutes of the Meeting of July 4<sup>th</sup> 1998.**

The minutes of the meeting of 4th July 1998 were read to the meeting.  
T Mrozinski proposed and J Evans seconded that they be accepted as a true record  
and the meeting approved.

**Item 2. Matters Arising.**

The Secretary reported on a meeting he had arranged with the Sports Council of Wales, which C Williams also attended. The general focus of the Welsh Sports Council is towards junior development and it was made clear that any grant aid would be dependent upon the pursuit of this course of action. Moreover, the Welsh CA would have to be recognised as a governing body and such an application would be unlikely to succeed at our current membership level. The only possibility of support from public funds would be through the local authority Community Chest scheme and this would be open only to clubs or local organisations within the appropriate authority area.

Liz Williams updated the meeting on the latest position at Dyffryn House. The hotel group who were prospective buyers at this time last year had withdrawn. A consultancy group had now been appointed to advise as to its best use and to seek prospective occupants. It would appear unlikely that the house would be reopened in the near future.

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

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and thanked Dyffryn Croquet Club once again for the continued use of the lawns.

He reported that he had been approached by the new President of the World Croquet Federation, Tony Hall, for the Welsh CA views on a proposed World Team Championship. The intention was to approach the McRobertson Shield countries to seek their approval of the McRobertson forming Division 1 of a World Championship, with promotion and relegation. The main problem appears to be team size, with many countries only able to field 2/3 man teams to be competitive. The meeting agreed that the Welsh CA would support the principle and await developments.

The WCF was also seeking to recruit more "friends" and urged the Welsh CA to encourage their members to participate. The "friends" scheme aims to raise funds at £100 per head to be placed in trust for future WCF development projects. It would not be used for current revenue purposes.

The CA have revised their constitution and Wales are once again part of their domain. The Welsh CA have no objection to this as long as it does not undermine its position with the WCF nor preclude Welsh representation at world croquet events.

He thanked J Grimshaw and C Williams for organising international events, particularly the triangular tournament that would have been 4-team until the South Africans withdrew. Liz Williams suggested that insufficient planning had gone into this event and that similar initiatives in the future should be properly thought through.

Further events for this year were the return visit to Canada, a visit from Switzerland, the annual CA match this year at Bath and the European Championships in Jersey, for which T Mrozinski had been selected. An invitation had been received from Ireland for a visit to Dublin in 2000. The Secretary thought that if we accepted this invitation, we would need to defer our next visit to Switzerland until 2001. The meeting accepted this and agreed that we should accept the Irish invitation.

The 2000 home internationals will be held in Southport and in Dublin in 2001.

There were only nine entries in this year's Welsh Championship and perhaps the date should be put back a week to attempt to attract a fuller entry. However, Deiniol Morgan had played for the first time and he was a very welcome recruit to the occasion.

The Chairman also reported that he had sold some surplus magazines and had raised about £350 which he would like to donate to the Welsh CA. J Grimshaw proposed a vote of gratitude for this extremely generous offer and the meeting endorsed this.

**Item 4.       Accounts.**

The accounts were presented to the meeting which showed a deficit for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1998 of £33.46 resulting in a balance in hand of £601.10. The Treasurer pointed out that there had been no donations from demonstrations in this year and that income had suffered accordingly. He also said that there was £30 still to collect from the sale of shirts. S Harding proposed and G McElwain seconded that the accounts be approved and the meeting agreed.

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

J Evans proposed and P Pristavec 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

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## ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR TO DECEMBER 31ST 1998

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	£
Subscriptions	165.00	WCF Affiliation Fee	75.00
Tournament Fees	198.00	Home Internationals	65.00
Sale of Shirts	195.00	European Federation	10.00
Interest	7.25	Lawn Hire	140.00
	-----	Championship Expenses	33.00
	565.25	ECA Match Expenses	15.00
		Trophy(Atlantic Plate)	33.45
Deficit for Year	33.46	Canada Match Expenses	35.00
		Engraving	17.63
		Shirts	160.59
		Postage etc	14.04
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Balance at 1st Jan	634.56		
Deficit for Year	33.46		
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Balance at 31st Dec	601.10		
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