

Minutes of the AGM of the Welsh Croquet Association held at Dyffryn Gardens on Sunday 30th June 2013

Present

IJ Burrige (Chairman), MJ Evans (Vice Chairman), CN Williams (Secretary), GJ McElwain (Treasurer), SM Mackay, LR Bowker, RH Smith, TF Jenkins

Item 1. Apologies

DR Walters, P Pristavec, A Morris, B Shorney, RQ Barrett, T Golesworthy, AE Bowker

Item 2. Minutes of the Meeting of 2nd September 2012.

The minutes of the meeting of 2nd September 2012 were not read to the meeting, but taken as read. J Evans proposed and GJ McElwain seconded that they be accepted as a true record and the meeting approved.

Item 3. Matters Arising.

J Evans reported that nothing had come about re starting a club at a Golf Club in Swansea. However a new club at Llandovery had been formed. An opening demonstration had been held in April and had been attended by CN Williams, EA Williams and P Balchin.

Item 4. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman thanked John Evans for setting up the new club in Llandovery.

The Chairman reported some changes in the Croquet World

1 The change in the definition of the 'Domain' in the Croquet Association's constitution. The CA's domain will become England with a new definition of 'Home Area' being introduced. Wales will be part of the Home Area and so clubs will still be allowed to apply for CA grants and obtain coaching etc. The Welsh CA has stated that we are happy with the change.

2 The World Croquet Federation (WCF) has altered its constitution and now Wales has a vote.

The Chairman reported that an inaugural Welsh GC Championship was held at Dyffryn in April 2013 and was won by John Evans. John has donated a trophy and the Chairman formally presented him with it.

The Chairman reported that Wales had won the 2nd Division of the World GC Team Championship in Cairo in December 2013. The team was David Walters (C), Chris Williams, Kevin Ham, Tudor Jenkins. The WCF has now introduced a 4 year event cycle and so the team events should be held every 4 years. Following their Division 2 win Wales should gain promotion to the top division in the next event, which will probably be held in Cairo.

The Chairman reported that Wales had finished third in the Home Internationals at Carrickmines.

On a negative note the Chairman reported that attempts to talk to other Welsh clubs had received no replies. He suggested that we write again mentioning the Home Area change.

Item 5. Accounts.

The accounts for 2012 were presented to the meeting and they showed a deficit for the year to 31st December 2012 of £129.52 and a balance of £2329.98. The deficit was mainly due to the fact that the Lawn Hire had not been paid to the Dyffryn club in 2011 and hence there were two payments in 2012. Also the entry fee for the World GC Team Championship had been £160. It was suggested that in future the players paid half the entry fee for WCF Team events and the Welsh CA would pay the other half.

The accounts appeared to show a big decrease in the subscription income. The Secretary pointed out that he thought the balance between the subscription and tournament fees was incorrect, since we had about 28 paid up members in 2012, which should give a subscription income of over £250. The Treasurer was asked to recheck the figures.

There was a discussion on the changes at Dyffryn Gardens and how the lawn hire fee was likely to increase.

The accounts were proposed by J Evans and seconded by R Smith.

Item 6. Fixtures and Events.

Wales will be defending their World Team Championship Tier 2.1 title at Carrickmines in Ireland in May 2014.

The Welsh CA are hosting the Scottish CA at Dyffryn Gardens next week, ie July 2013.

Item 7. Election of Officers and Committee.

Under the constitution the three Officer bearers are elected for three year terms whilst the two ordinary members are elected annually. The following committee had been elected in 2012

Chairman	IJ Burrige (retires 2014)
Secretary	CN Williams (retires 2013)
Treasurer	GJ McElwain (retires 2012)
Committee	MJ Evans, DR Walters

The following new committee was elected for 2013-2014

Chairman	IJ Burrige (retires 2014)
Secretary	CN Williams (retires 2016) (proposed GJ McElwain, seconded SM Mackay)
Treasurer	GJ McElwain (retires 2015)
Committee	MJ Evans, DR Walters (proposed IJ Burrige, seconded RH Smith)

Item 8. Any Other Business.

None.

The 2014 AGM will be held on the Sunday of the 2014 Welsh Championship.