

Minutes of the AGM of the Welsh Croquet Association held at Dyffryn Gardens on Sunday 28th June 2015

Present

IJ Burrige (Chairman), MJ Evans (Vice Chairman), CN Williams (Secretary), GJ McElwain (Treasurer), P Balchin, KGF Ham, TF Jenkins, DR Walters

The Secretary reported that we have 26 paid up members.

Item 1. Apologies

P Pristavec, RW Moss, RQ Barrett, Liz Potter, Sue Mackay, T Golesworthy, RH Smith, S Melvin

Item 2. Minutes of the Meeting of 29th June 2014.

The minutes of the meeting of 29th June 2014 were not read to the meeting, but taken as read. DR Walters proposed and GJ McElwain seconded that they be accepted as a true record and the meeting approved.

Item 3. Matters Arising.

I Burrige said he had not been to Llanfairfechan.

Item 4. Chairman's Report.

Events - The Chairman reported that C Williams had won the Welsh Championship (AC) and that the third Welsh GC Championship was won by John Evans . John has now won all three GC Championships held to date.

Wales had finished second in the Home Internationals in Glasgow, which was the first second place for a few years.

No one had played for Wales in the World GC Championships in New Zealand. Alwen Bowker had been selected to play for Wales in the forthcoming World AC Women's Championship in Nottingham and Sarah Melvin was playing in the qualifier and had a good chance of qualifying.

The WCF had changed the allocation policy for places in World Championships. Ranking places will now be awarded to individual players directly. As an Associate member of the WCF Wales will always get one automatic place for a World Championship.

Selection

This year we had two difficult selection decisions to make, namely for the Women's World Championship and the Home Internationals. As a result a selection policy has been drafted based on the CA's one and this will be circulated over the winter.

The 2016 World GC Team Championship will be held in England in May 2016. We will be in Tier 1 at Surbiton. Each match will be played by teams of four and we may take a squad.

A discussion followed on when the team should be picked and the meeting agreed that the team should be picked at the end of the season. It was also decided that the Welsh GC Championship should be held on 7-8 May, ie the weekend before Tier 1 starts.

Item 5. Accounts.

The accounts for 2014 were presented to the meeting and they showed a surplus for the year to 31st December 2014 of £125.88 and a balance of £2626.26. Income was £735.83 and expenditure £609.95. The main increase was the entry fee for the World Team Championship in Dublin, though half of the £240 entry fee was paid by the players. The meeting was reminded that we have previously agreed that the Association would pay the entry fee for the Home Internationals and half the entry fee for WCF Team events.

The accounts were proposed by DR Walters and seconded by P Balchin.

Item 6. Fixtures and Events.

There are no inter-CA events planned. K Ham suggested the possibility of a match versus the Spanish GC team prior to the World GC Team events in May.

2017 World AC Team Championship. As reported at last year’s AGM Wales had been considering bidding to host the event and for it to be played at Cheltenham. We had gained agreement in principle from Cheltenham to hold it – probably in August 2017. However we subsequently that the WCF had given Southwick preferred bidder status. There was then a discussion on whether we should still bid. It would be a four team six day event with the teams being Wales, Ireland, Scotland and Spain. However it was felt that there was no point carrying on since the WCF had killed our enthusiasm.

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 2014

Chairman	IJ Burrige (retires 2017)
Secretary	CN Williams (retires 2016)
Treasurer	GJ McElwain (retires 2015)
Committee	MJ Evans, DR Walters

The following new committee was elected for 2015-2016

Chairman	IJ Burrige (retires 2017)
Secretary	CN Williams (retires 2016)
Treasurer	GJ McElwain (retires 2018) (proposed MJ Evans, seconded DR Walters)
Committee	MJ Evans, DR Walters (indicated they were happy to stay on)

Item 8. Any Other Business.

None.

Date of next meeting

The 2016 AGM will be held on the Sunday (26th June) of the 2016 Welsh Championship, which is due to be held on 24-26 June.