

Minutes of the AGM of the Welsh Croquet Association held at Dyffryn Gardens on Sunday 26th June 2016

Present

IJ Burrige (Chairman), MJ Evans (Vice Chairman), CN Williams (Secretary), GJ McElwain (Treasurer), SM Mackay, S Melvin, TF Jenkins, A Morris, RH Smith

The Secretary reported that we have 26 paid up members.

Item 1. Apologies

P Pristavec, RW Moss, RQ Barrett, T Golesworthy, DR Walters

Item 2. Minutes of the Meeting of 28th June 2015.

The minutes of the meeting of 28th June 2015 were not read to the meeting, but taken as read. MJ Evans proposed and TF Jenkins seconded that they be accepted as a true record and the meeting approved.

Item 3. Matters Arising.

The Selection Policy had not been circulated. Will ensure that it is.

Item 4. Chairman's Report.

Events - The Chairman reported that Wales and Welsh players had been involved this season in International events on 27 days out of 70 and he thanked all the players who had contributed. However it had not been such a successful year. The GC team in the Tier 1 of the World GC Team Championship had come last out of 8; losing to South Africa in the last game of the 7th/8th play-off and hence will be relegated to Tier 2. Glamorgan were relegated from Division 1 in the Inter Counties and Wales had finished third in the Home Internationals in Compton.

C Williams had won the Welsh Championship (AC) and D Walters had won the Welsh GC Championship stopping John Evans from winning it for the fourth time.

It has been a quieter year for the WCF with not many items to discuss. Ian Burrige had stood for election for WCF President and came a close second to Amir Ramsis. Martin French was appointed the new Treasurer of the WCF.

Finally the Chairman expressed disappointment in the number of Welsh players there are. We need to do something to encourage more Welsh players.

Item 5. Accounts.

The accounts for 2015 were presented to the meeting and they showed a surplus for the year to 31st December 2015 of £303.83 and a balance of £2930.09. Income was £640.83 and expenditure £337.00. 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 MJ Evans and seconded by RH Smith.

Item 6. Fixtures and Events.

The World GC Championship will take place in Australia in February 2017 and Wales will be in Tier 2 of the World AC Team Championship, with Ireland, Scotland and Spain, in Southwick in July 2017.

GC Home Internationals

The Croquet Association of Ireland have approached Ian Burrige about the possibility of holding a GC Home Internationals. Ian said we had not thought about taking part, but it does look likely to happen and we would probably be able to get a team. Discussion at the meeting showed that we would have a preference for a weekend and that Ian Burrige would write to the CA and the CAI with out views.

There is now a four lawn club at Eskilstuna in Sweden, which is about an hour and a half west of Stockholm. John Evans agreed to get in touch with the Swedes over the possibility of them hosting a match against Wales.

There are no inter-CA events planned for the rest of 2016 or 2017.

Item 7 The European Masters

Ian Burrige gave a description of the European Masters and said that we had been billed 30 Euros for the Welsh players who had played in qualifying events. The meeting decided that we should pay for 2015 but decided not to enter in 2016.

Item 8 Selection Policy

This was covered under matters arising and the Selection Policy will be forwarded to all members.

Item 9. 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 2015

Chairman	IJ Burrige (retires 2017)
Secretary	CN Williams (retires 2016)
Treasurer	GJ McElwain (retires 2018)
Committee	MJ Evans, DR Walters

The following new committee was elected for 2016-2017

Chairman	IJ Burrige (retires 2017)
Secretary	CN Williams (retires 2019) (proposed TF Jenkins, seconded MJ Evans)
Treasurer	GJ McElwain (retires 2018)
Committee	MJ Evans, DR Walters (indicated they were happy to stay on)

Item 8. Any Other Business.

It was decided that the AC Championship should be held at the end of June and the GC Championship either in mid-May or the last weekend in July.

Date of next meeting

The 2017 AGM will be held on the Sunday (25th June) of the 2017 Welsh Championship, which is due to be held on 23-25 June.