

## **Minutes of the AGM of the Welsh Croquet Association held at Dyffryn Gardens on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

### **Present**

IJ Burrige (Chairman), MJ Evans (Vice Chairman), CN Williams (Secretary), GJ McElwain (Treasurer), KGF Ham, SM Mackay, SA Melvin, A Morris, A Rowe

The Secretary reported that we have 23 paid up members.

### **Item 1. Apologies**

P Pristavec, RW Moss, RQ Barrett, T Golesworthy, TF Jenkins, RH Smith, DR Walters

### **Item 2. Minutes of the Meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> June 2016.**

The minutes of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> June 2016 were not read to the meeting, but taken as read. MJ Evans proposed and SM Mackay seconded that they be accepted as a true record and the meeting approved.

### **Item 3. Matters Arising.**

None.

### **Item 4. Chairman's Report.**

**Events** - The Chairman reported that it had been calmer year on the playing front and that we had fulfilled most of our commitments though we did not send anyone to the European GC Championship in Spain.

Probably the proudest moment in the year was Glamorgan winning the second division of the Inter County Championship and as a result we will be challenged to a match by the CA Ladies team.

Wales were third in the rain affected Home Internationals which were played at Southport. Originally they had been scheduled for Ireland but Carrickmines had been double booked that weekend.

David Walters and Ian Burrige had represented Wales in the World GC Championship in Australia

Ian Burrige had won the Welsh Championship (AC) and John Evans had won the Welsh GC Championship for the fourth time, though unfortunately the poor state of the lawns had led to some players withdrawing.

Events that will be taking place this year include; Chris Williams and Rich Waterman will be representing Wales in the European AC Championship in Sweden in August. Wales will be playing in Tier 2 of the World AC Team Championship at Southwick in July and at the end of September there will be the inaugural GC Home Internationals in Carrickmines, Ireland.

The Chairman reported that we have two new players Arthur Rowe and Rich Waterman.

The Chairman reported that very little had happened on the WCF front this year, but there were attempts by Latvia and Spain to rekindle the European Federation.

### **Item 5. Accounts.**

The accounts for 2016 were presented to the meeting and they showed a surplus for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 of £53.84 and a balance of £2983.93. Income was £670.84 and expenditure £617.00.

There appeared to be a discrepancy between the amounts allocated between Subscriptions and Tournament Fees and the Treasurer promised to check. It is likely that the total is correct but the figures were not allocated correctly.

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 A Morris.

(Post meeting note from Secretary

*I think that the incorrect figure was the one in the 2016 minutes which said that I had stated that we had 26 paid up members. This was in the 2015 minutes and so I must have left it in by mistake. We had 21 paid up members at the end of 2016; 2 at £5 and 19 at £10 which gave £200, which is only £5 different from the accounts.)*

#### **Item 6. Fixtures and Events.**

As reported by the Chairman Wales will be in Tier 2 of the World AC Team Championship, with Ireland, Scotland and Spain, in Southwick in July 2017.

The other events were covered as part of the Chairman's report.

There was a discussion over the dates of the AC and GC Championships following the problems at Dyffryn this year. The meeting felt that they should be moved later in the year with a preference for the GC event to be held first.

There are no inter-CA events planned for the rest of 2017 or 2018.

#### **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 2016

Chairman	IJ Burrige (retires 2017)
Secretary	CN Williams (retires 2019)
Treasurer	GJ McElwain (retires 2018)
Committee	MJ Evans, DR Walters

The following new committee was elected for 2017-2018

Chairman	IJ Burrige (retires 2020) (proposed MJ Evans, seconded G. McElwain)
Secretary	CN Williams (retires 2019)
Treasurer	GJ McElwain (retires 2018)
Committee	MJ Evans, DR Walters (proposed K. Ham, seconded S. Mackay)

#### **Item 8. Election of Selection Committee**

The following were elected to the Selection Committee. IJ Burrige, DR Walters, CN Williams (proposed MJ Evans seconded GJ McElwain)

#### **Item 9. Any Other Business.**

Other clubs – there had still been no contact with Llanfairfechan. MJ Evans reported that the Llandovery club is in a fine state. The club uses one old bowling green and has about 18-20 members; almost all of whom are retired and play GC.

MJ Evans also reported that a lady in Cardigan was starting a club.

#### **Date of next meeting**

The 2018 AGM will be held on the Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> July) of the 2018 Welsh Championship, which is due to be held on 29 June to 1 July.