

**SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET & HOCKEY CLUB**  
**CROQUET SECTION**

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 8 October 2012**

**Apologies for absence:** Barbara Clarke, Rob Matthews, Derek Powell.

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 10 September were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

**Matter arising:** Mike Taylor: several people have signed up for the Nailsea Short Croquet in April.

**Chairman's report**

1. Flowers have been sent to Barbara from the croquet section in gratitude for all her hard work.
2. Sheila Adams is unable to present the trophies at the AGM but would like to be asked in 2013. Pam Sage has kindly agreed to do the presentations.
3. Keith will read Rob Matthews' report at the AGM in his absence.
4. Rob and Liz Matthews and Pam Bowra will be presented with their cups at the Christmas Lunch as they are unable to attend the AGM.

**Acting Secretary's report**

1. Marian Harris will organise the Charity One-Ball. The Sidmouth heat will be held on Thursday 11 April 2013 in aid of the Prostate Cancer charity.
2. The "Medics" file will be handed over to Sue Dent.
3. Sue Dent will take charge of the Trophy Book.
4. Hut 3 First Aid bag is now in the Mallet Room for the winter.
5. There are 10 Association Laws books in hand which Peter Nelson will hold.
6. More copies of the book *Croquet – Know the Game* need to be ordered before the new members' morning; there are 2 in stock.

**Membership Secretary's Report** Rob Mitchell now holds the members database and membership lists.

**Committee members' reports:**

**Keith Thorley**

1. John Dixon will have as many of the trophies engraved as possible.
2. Members should be reminded that when their handicap changes they should notify a member of the Handicap Committee.

**Peter Nelson** The Lawn Booking sheets will be made out until 24 October.

**Helen Pryor** Dowlish Wake was the overall winner in the SW Federation Golf Croquet League beating Nailsea Central 13-7.

**AOB**

1. Rob Mitchell has offered 4 chairs to the club but as they are not in a very good condition the committee declined the offer.
2. There was discussion as to the best way forward to keep all croquet club members happy with the lawn space.

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 15 October 2012 at 9.30am in the pavilion.

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**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

**Present:** Mike Taylor (Chair), Sue Dent, Marian Harris, Roger Hendy, Peter Nelson, Helen Pryor, David Temple, Colin Walls.

**Apologies for absence:** Rob Matthews.

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 8<sup>th</sup> October were accepted and signed by the Chair.

**Matters arising:**

**Nailsea Short Croquet.** MT to seek clarification from Julie Horsley re handicap/team composition/skills needed/practice lawns/rules.

**Croquet 'Know the Game'** books to be ordered by PN.

**Friendly Golf Croquet Event** against Ian Simpson's former club. HP to inform Ian that CW is the contact because of the booking sheets.

**Chair's Matters**

1. Following election at the AGM the committee roles were identified as:

Chair	Mike Taylor
Open Tournament Secretary, Treasurer and Vice Chair	Peter Nelson
Secretary	Sue Dent
External Tournament Secretary (SW Fed)	David Temple
Social Secretary	Marian Harris
Grounds and Equipment	Rob Matthews
Internal Tournaments Organiser	Roger Hendy
Golf Croquet	Helen Pryor
Publicity, Booking sheets and Association Club Session Manager	Colin Walls

The Chair welcomed the new members. A 'Brief Description of Duties of Committee Members' was tabled. This can be amended as the year progresses when roles become clearer. Specific additional tasks were identified as:

Library	Colin Walls
Honours Board (in consultation with John Dixon)	David Temple

**SD** to circulate confirmed contact details.

2. The AGM. Consideration was given to excluding committee members' reports from the next AGM. There was overwhelming support given to the existing format; the meal to be delayed half an hour in future. **SD** to write letter of thanks to Pam Sage for presenting the trophies. **PN** to discuss trophy insurance with John Dixon. **DT** to thank John for his considerable contribution. **SD** to circulate minutes for information.

3. The GMC would like croquet section membership to be 130-150. A reasonable recruitment drive to be undertaken. This may include a more pro-active website.

**PN** to enquire with Tony Philpott his view on this. RH expressed an interest in managing the website if required. The leaflet prepared by CW was admired; **CW** to contact Rob Mitchell for his agreement to be the telephone contact. Leaflet costs to be claimed from PN.

4. South West Federation (SW Fed) match applications are required by 25<sup>th</sup> November. DT stated that team entry likely to be as 2012 with addition of a 2<sup>nd</sup> golf croquet team and possibly entering the short croquet Nailsea event. **DT** to have applications ready in early November.

5. SW Fed AGM – names required by 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. MT unlikely to attend. Suggested that HP and DT as voting representatives attend. Travel expenses of £25 claimable by a single driver.

### **Proposed 2013 Programme**

1. **Thursday Jan 17<sup>th</sup>** – Social evening. Format to be drinks and nibbles at the bar. **MH** to contact Richard Wood re possible 1 hour talk. RH and DT are possible alternatives each with a half hour slot.

2. **Thursday Ap 11<sup>th</sup>** - Charity One Ball. Proceeds to prostate cancer. £5 payable in cash on the day to Marian.

3. **Wed July 24<sup>th</sup>** - delete. Combine with event below

4. **Wed June 12<sup>th</sup>** – renamed as 'Fun Croquet, Wine and Shared Buffet' with croquet at 4pm; food in the club house at 6pm. **RH** offered to organise the drinks in hut 3. **MH** to ensure no cricket booking on that date.

5. **SD** to create an amended draft programme for discussion at the next meeting to include a column for number of lawns required.

### **Any Other Business:**

**APPS.** MT suggested that Roger Mills should be put forward for this award. **DT** to obtain a list from Roger of his achievements and then submit a formal application (obtainable from the CA website).

**Contact Details.** Croquet section details on various club notice boards to be viewed for possible correction.

**Handicap Ranges.** MT circulated a proposal for discussion at the next meeting.

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 10.00am at Peter Nelson's house.

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**CROQUET SECTION**

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

**Present:** Mike Taylor (Chair), Sue Dent, Marian Harris, Roger Hendy, Rob Matthews, Peter Nelson, Helen Pryor, David Temple, Colin Walls.

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012 were approved and signed by the Chair.

**Matters arising:**

**Trophy Insurance** is being checked by Roger Mills who will report back at the GMC. CW suggested that trophy recipients should be formally notified of the insurance position.

**SW Fed AGM.** PN also volunteered to attend. **DT** to supply names to Julie Horsley for attendance and lunch.

**APPS** application has been submitted by DT on behalf of Roger Mills.

**Documents going out at the Christmas Lunch**

1. A fee increase of £3 maximum to be discussed with the GMC in early December.
2. On the membership renewals form, cheques to be made payable to the full club as in previous years.
3. Handicap amendments for 2013 were agreed for the Woodward Salver as 6-11 and the Humphrey Hicks Cup as 0-8. **MT** to speak with Elaine.
4. The finals weekend to be reinstated; **RH** as Internal Tournament Manager to review match progress to ensure deadlines are met. Allowances would be made in extenuating circumstances to enable a final to be played on an alternative date; a notice of all finals to be posted in the mallet room to enable spectators to attend.
5. Richard Wood has agreed to give the January illustrated talk but prefers a different date. **MH** to suggest Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan and obtain a working title of his talk for inclusion on the programme.
6. The event on June 12<sup>th</sup> renamed as 'Wine and Shared Buffet' from 5pm with drinks and food on the lawns, weather permitting.
7. Tournaments to be consistently named on the programme where possible. **SD** to amend.
8. Other minor amendments agreed.
9. All amended documents to go to **MT** for final approval.
10. **SD** to photocopy and collate documents with assistance from **HP**.
11. Labelled envelopes with documents to be distributed at the Christmas lunch.

**Christmas Lunch Matters**

MH reported that:

1. 42 tickets sold to date
2. Guests will gather in the lounge where the seating plan will be available and the raffle prizes displayed.
3. The seating plan to spread the committee members among the tables.
4. Raffle to be managed by **RM** and Liz Matthews.
5. Speeches to be made when coffee is served:

-welcome – **MT**

-Richard Wood's presentation – **RH**

-trophy presentations – **MT**

-raffle – **RM** and Liz Matthews

### **Website/Electronic communications**

1. PN reported that Tony Philpott was happy to relinquish responsibility for the section's website.
2. The host website fee has been paid for the next 12 months.
3. **RH's** offer to be webmaster accepted.
4. **CW** can be approached for technical advice.
5. A small working group of **RH** and **CW** to meet to consider how this will be taken forward.
6. The Sidmouth Diary has requested an entry from the croquet section. As part of our publicity campaign **CW** to contact Nigel Jones of the Diary on requirements.

### **Chair's Matters**

Tree Planting. Limited discussion. **MT** to report to GMC that the croquet section did not support tree planting inside the railings around lawns 2 and 3. Further discussion to be on next meeting's agenda.

### **Colin Walls**

Updated publicity leaflet circulated to the committee.

### **David Temple**

Confirmed that handicaps have been ratified by the handicap committee. **DT** to forward handicaps to Rob Mitchell for inclusion on the data base ready for the 2013 membership list.

### **Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

1. Tree planting
2. Coaching for new members
3. Hut Lawn 3

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012, 9.30am at Peter Nelson's house.

## **SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET & HOCKEY CLUB**

### **CROQUET SECTION**

#### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

**Present:** Mike Taylor (Chair), Sue Dent, Marian Harris, Roger Hendy, Peter Nelson, Helen Pryor, David Temple.

**Apologies for Absence:** -Rob Matthews, Colin Walls.

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012 were approved subject to two amendments: -

Website 2 – amend host website fees paid from 12 months to 24 months

Chair's matters – amend the tree planting discussion as relating only to lawn 2

#### **Matters arising:**

##### **Chair's matters**

Planting inside the railings is in abeyance.

**Trophy Insurance.** Roger Mills has confirmed that the club's insurance covers trophies in the club house but not in private homes. Individuals would need to make their own arrangements with their household insurance. Suggested that for internal tournaments this information should be appropriately notified; for external tournaments a more robust process should be initiated. MT had confirmed with his insurer that the trophies for which he is 'legally responsible', up to a set value, were covered.

**SW Federation AGM.** DT reported on discussions regarding matches abandoned under various conditions and the awarding of bisques. No club action is required. Amended rules, when available, will be posted in the racket room and the attention of tournament managers drawn to the changes by DT.

**GMC December Meeting.** MT reported that:

1. Croquet section subscriptions to be raised by £2 from £155 to £157 for 2013.
2. Folk week organisers requested and received a £5,000 loan from the club.
3. Colin Whitehall's job description has been amended to include some painting and decorating over the winter.
4. It had been clarified that the club owns the bank behind lawn 1. Neil Gamble has suggested the erection of a discrete barrier between lawn 1 and Sanditon. Consideration is being given to planting a 2'6" box hedge and trimming the holly trees. Sanditon would undertake the initial work.
5. Each section has been asked to supply e-mail addresses of members to notify the Extraordinary Meeting of the CTC&H Club expected to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2013. This meeting is to consider a change in the rules as the Hockey Section is withdrawing from the club. Attendance of 30 members is required for the meeting to be quorate.
6. Roger Mills thanked PN for his assistance in setting up the financial arrangements.

##### **Hut Lawn 3**

E-mail correspondence had been held between committee members on proposals for extending the hut. MT tabled outline plans drawn from measurements taken by himself with assistance from DT. These are for an 8' extension for a storeroom which would be knocked through to the existing store. Provision would be made for a sink, water and electricity. Initial discussions have taken place with EDDC planning officers; a full planning application would be required (fee £195) to include an elevation and floor plan. An estimated 6-8 weeks would be needed before planning permission could be determined. Agreed that MT would progress

this and talk to John Palmer on who could undertake the work and at what cost. Re-felting of the whole roof to be considered. All work would need to be completed by 27<sup>th</sup> March.

### **New Club Website**

RH outlined proposals for the club's website and demonstrated its potential appeal by accessing a comparable site. Members were supportive of the proposal and agreed the costs of £60/annum. **RH** to take this forward and provide PN with a VAT receipt.

**PN** to link with Roger Mills on financing. **MT** to mention the issue at the next GMC meeting.

### **Chair's Matters:**

1. Congratulations were extended to Marian for arranging the Christmas lunch.
2. MT to discuss the arrangements for new members training with John Dixon. Suggested that training sessions are restricted to mornings with several in a group. HP requested that sessions be completed by 25<sup>th</sup> April.
3. Congratulations were extended to Colin Walls for the quality pamphlet produced as part of the publicity drive.
4. Sanditon is interested in setting up their own croquet lawn. They have contacted Neil Gamble re maintenance.
5. Sanditon plans a soakaway close and not far below the level of lawn 1. They are consulting a surveyor.
6. Colin Walls had offered 90x30cm magnetic boards to the club. MT has requested them for use by the croquet section.
7. Concerns that Colin Whitehall would not be available to maintain the lawns throughout 2013 were no longer applicable.

### **Committee Members' Reports**

**Peter Nelson** reported that a hand over meeting for his CA role had taken place with Derek Powell.

**Helen Pryor** reported that she intends to hold a meeting in the pavilion for members of the golf croquet teams on 7<sup>th</sup> February for which she will provide the refreshments.

**Marian Harris** reported that 56 people attended the Christmas lunch. The food and service received positive comment. The raffle had taken £113, £33 covered expenses leaving a profit of £80. 19 tickets had been sold for Richard Wood's talk in January.

**Roger Hendy** asked that **MT** liaise with Cliff Jones on the content of May's Development Course in Advanced Play.

### **David Temple**

1. Reported that for programming the SW Fed fixtures he is waiting for details from John Grimshaw.
2. The Honours Boards have been sent for updating.

### **Sue Dent**

1. Identified from the Secretary's file that the croquet section was insured for Public Liability up to the end of April 2013 with the CA. **PN** to speak to Roger Mills as to whether this duplicates cover held by the club.
2. All envelopes with programme/membership subscription/Internal tournament details had been hand delivered or posted.
3. Clarification sought on 2013/2014 bids to the CA. PN advised that the committee had previously agreed to host events in alternate years and would not be hosting a 2014 event.

**Any Other Business**

The One Ball competition was clarified as being managed by Graham Harford with MH collecting the fees. **MT** to contact Julie Horsley to ask if she can support Graham if required.

**Date of next meetings:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013, 9.30am at Peter Nelson's house.  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013, 9.30am (provisional)



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### **CROQUET SECTION**

#### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

**Present** Mike Taylor, Helen Pryor, Marian Harris, Roger Hendy, Peter Nelson, David Temple, Colin Walls, Rob Matthews

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Sue Dent

2. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012 were approved and signed.

3. **Matters arising:**

1. **Hut Lawn 3** – the matter is ongoing and will be dealt with under Chairman's matters.

2. **New Web site** – web site all ready, further details in Colin's report.

3. **SWF AGM** – David has yet to put up the amended rules in the mallet room.

4. **Rob** asked what Chairman's matters 7 meant – now overtaken by events. Colin Whitehall's operation will be in the autumn, so he will be available to cut lawns etc. in the spring.

4. **Coaches for Golf Refresher Course:** Helen asked for coaches to volunteer to help with this practical course on 20<sup>th</sup> April. This is a refresher for basic strokes and she said all coaches should be able to teach them. Roger and Colin offered to help. Also David, if needed.

Mike read the list of coaches he had got from the CA website. It was a bit out of date and at least one coach had been left out (Graeme Pryor). **Mike** will inform the CA

5. **Golf Croquet Team training afternoons:** Helen asked for official permission to have 2 lawns available on Tuesday afternoons for team practice, except when there is a match or tournament. There are now 2 teams and extra lawn space is needed. **This was agreed.** First session on Tuesday 2nd April.

6. **Chairman's matters:**

1. **Hut 3** – plans for Hut 3 submitted to the council – now displayed on a lamp standard near the Triangle – public has until 25<sup>th</sup> January to register complaints – approval should be given by mid-February. Mike said we won't be able to complete by 27<sup>th</sup> March as Neil Gamble has to approve – having been given the costings etc.

David spoke to Keith Owen Fund about money – told to apply, but club must raise 40% of cost.

Helen suggested that Mike asks the GMC for some money to cover this.

John Palmer estimated cost of materials as £1,000. He is keen to do the work, but needs help. Peter offered a cement mixer and Roger H, a spade.

Mike said that the same sort of building material was to be used (boarding, cladding, slabs etc), to maximise the chance of planning agreement. Work must start within 2 years. Most likely it will be done in the autumn.

Colin asked about electricity supply – David replied that it was installed when the sprinkler system was put in. He is not sure if the water supply to the hut has been through the filter system or not – he'll try to check.

Mike says complete renovation of hut should be done at the same time – new guttering, painting over boarded up windows etc.

Rob suggested that some of the ground work is done during the summer months.

Mike to send in claims to Peter for planning fees etc.

2. Trophies – John Dixon to be in sole charge of Trophies that are not being kept by tournament winners or have not been awarded. All (28) to be returned to him in advance of the AGM, to be engraved prior to presentation. Most household contents insurance will cover the trophies, but John Dixon will check his as some are very valuable.

Peter suggested that values were up-dated. Mike will suggest to John Dixon that he checks all cups for hall marks. Open Tournament cups would have to be photographed and checked on the day.

Sue Dent has the Trophy Book and the Trophy Catalogue. Photographs in Trophy catalogue also need up-dating. Colin said he will either re-do the lot, or fill in the gaps.

3. New intake coaching - John Dixon has agreed to administer coaching for beginners. This year there will be 2 sessions every morning to choose from. Groups of 4-6 will be ideal. Members other than coaches can do this basic coaching – David Clarke, Roger Hendy.

4. Short Croquet – need a team of 4, there are 8 names on list. (2 members not bothered about going, and Julie Horsley is likely to play for SWF team). The committee agreed that Keith Thorley is asked to be captain and to choose the other members of the team. The team will be able to practice on the half size lawns on April afternoons.

5. Club Handicappers – the club has no CA Handicappers. David is Association Croquet Club Handicapper, helped by Nancy Temple & Philip Harris. There is no Golf Croquet Club Handicapper, but there are currently 4 on the committee – John Coombes, Ian Friedlander, Helen Pryor & Keith Thorley. The CA recommends a committee of 3, so Colin will speak to John Coombes about this. The CA should be given the name of the lead Golf Croquet Club Handicapper (currently accepted as John Coombes)

It is not the job of the committee to appoint handicappers, but they should be advised of any changes, and must agree to them. The lead handicapper would recommend replacements to the committee.

## **7. Committee Members' Reports**

Peter Nelson– nothing to report regarding cash flow.

CA tournaments – 2 entries so far for B level Advanced in August.

Colin Walls – 1<sup>st</sup> draft of new web site now available. Committee asked to look at it\*\*, then send in comments/criticisms within a week. If you don't like any photos they will be removed. After that it will go 'live'. Roger thanked Colin for all the work he has done on the web-site. Colin replied that without the new 'hosting' set up by Roger, the web site could not have been created. The site is not very secure, so there will be no personal data on it, except Rob Mitchell's phone number. E-mails can be vected directly to Sue's and Mike's addresses. Peter opened the site on his lap top for the committee to view later.

\*\*Site address <http://testing06.sidmouthcroquet.org.uk>

Publicity leaflets will be distributed at the end of January;

Marian Harris – So far 34 tickets sold for Richard Wood's talk on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

She asked that the list of committee members, coaches, referees is sent to all members in the Spring mailing. Roger Hendy asked if a list of home matches could also be included, in a revised programme, but the mallet room and the web site coverage was considered sufficient. Roger also asked Marian to arrange meals for 15<sup>th</sup> May – Cliff Jones' coaching session.

Rob Matthews – he is planning his work schedule for the beginning of the season. He will need some help. Sheila Adams has 4 hoops – he will collect. He has the fire alarms to check.

David Temple – the awards boards are all up. Mike Taylor asked to check them.

SWF matches all fixed.

**Managers** - Parkstone – Richard Wood; Federation – Colin Walls; Intermediate – Philip Harris, B League – Pam Bowra; Golf – Helen Pryor (Sub-managers, Keith Thorley - SW Graeme Pryor - SE)

David asked if Shot Game date could be changed - it clashes with Budleigh Seniors. All agreed date change to Friday 26th July.

Roger Hendy – very few tournament applications in yet. He would like a list of handicaps. Helen told him to contact Rob Mitchell.

Mike Taylor – 2 complaints about 'fiddling' with handicaps for internal tournaments had been received.

Peter Hills & Ian Friedlander can now enter for only one advanced tournament.

**8. AOB** - nil

**9. Date of Next Meetings Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013, 9.30am at Peter Nelson's house**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013, 9.30am - provisional)

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**CROQUET SECTION**

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

**Present:** Mike Taylor (Chair), Sue Dent, Roger Hendy, Peter Nelson, Helen Pryor, David Temple.

**Apologies for Absence:**-Marian Harris, Rob Matthews, Colin Walls.

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013 were approved and signed.

**Matter from the Club's EGM on 17th February 2013**

It should be noted that the Hockey Section has withdrawn from being a full member of the Club and has become an Associate Member. The Club is henceforth to be known as the Sidmouth Cricket, Tennis and Croquet Club. This item was not discussed at the meeting.

**CA Tournament Bids 2015**

The CA has invited bids for hosting tournaments for 2015. MT has discussed the process with Liz Larsson of the CA and we can bid for several tournaments of which one may be chosen. MT outlined his rationale for identifying 4 possible tournaments. After discussion it was agreed to bid for The President's Cup, The Chairman's Salver and the Ian Maugham Salver (GB v Ireland). **SD** to respond to the CA.

**Leukaemia Research event request - Sat 1<sup>st</sup> June 2013**

A request has been received from Ian Burrige (Treasurer of the World Croquet Federation) for him and his son to play a game of golf croquet against Sidmouth on the morning of Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> 2013. This is part of a fundraising event for Leukaemia research covering 22 clubs over 5 days, (5 clubs on June 1<sup>st</sup>). Colin Whitehall has offered for lawn 1 to be playable from 9.00am. It was agreed to host this event.

**CW** to book lawn 1 from 10am-1pm. **SD** to respond to Ian Burrige.

**SW Fed Intermediate Final request - Sat 21<sup>st</sup> September 2013**

Previous e-mails have circulated regarding this request. SWFed is keen on this date despite being alerted to the veteran car rally taking place on the cricket field. Other dates offered by Sidmouth were not acceptable. Gill has agreed to do the catering. **DT** has responded to John Grimshaw. **MH** to reserve 2 parking permits. **CW** to book the lawns required.

**Other Tournament Changes**

It was noted that the Federation fixture v Exeter has been changed from Sat June 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup> 2013.

**Prospective New Members Morning - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 10.00am**

**Publicity.** CW reported (by e-mail) that with the assistance of MT the banner is on the fence, a notice is in the Herald and flyers and leaflets have been distributed around town. More posters will be displayed in the next few days. CW has been asked to put a diary entry in the Herald. RH suggested that a paid advert in the Herald to include a photograph could be worthwhile. The committee agreed to a fee of approximately £40. **RH** to create and place the advert promptly if CW is unable to do so.

**Lesson plan.** John Dixon had submitted a proposed lesson plan for mornings in April to exclude tournament dates. MT has viewed and approved the content.

**Fees.** A coaching fee of £25 (as last year) was agreed. A proposal to reduce the membership fee by £10 for anyone who proceeds to join was agreed unopposed.

**Books.** PN reported that of an order placed with the CA for the Know the Game books only 11 had been received as the CA is out of stock with no further books likely to be available before 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Coaches for the lessons to be organised by John Dixon.

Roles and Responsibilities on the day. Following discussion on the structure of the morning MT, DT and John Dixon will do the presentations. **MT** to write a document on content and distribute it. **MH** requested to arrange coffees. **RM** to be responsible for hoops and mallets. **SD** to invite Rob Mitchell as Membership Secretary. **PN** to be involved in receiving lesson fees and issuing lesson plans.

### **New Members Pack – 5<sup>th</sup> lesson**

Welcome letter. The draft previously circulated was agreed subject to the inclusion of the New Member's Welcome Evening on Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup>. **MT** to amend letter.

Lawn Booking guidelines. The draft previously circulated was agreed subject to a minor alteration.

New Season 2013 Information. (see below)

Other documents. Other documents are the same as last year, updated for 2013; etiquette/new members application form (**HP** to update)/membership list/programme/the club's fixture booklet. **SD** to collate the pack and give to coaches in advance of the 5<sup>th</sup> lesson.

### **Croquet Contributions to the Club's Spring Information pack**

Spring Newsletter. The draft previously circulated by MT was agreed subject to the inclusion of the half courts to be used for golf croquet training on a Tuesday afternoon.

**HP** to amend, send a copy to John Goodwin and to MT and SD for filing.

Fixture Details. CW reported (by e-mail) that a couple of minor items in the draft SCTC booklet have been corrected.

Croquet Officers' details. SD reported that John Goodwin was keen to include all officers names, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers in the booklet. The committee agreed to this.

### **Handicappers, Coaches and Referees**

Following discussion at January's meeting MT had drawn up a list of handicappers, formally qualified coaches and referees. This is displayed in the mallet room and has been submitted to Julie Horsley. **SD** to send the committee a copy with these minutes.

### **Spring Lunch Documents**

New Season 2013 Information. This was previously termed the Summer Newsletter. Items for this sheet were discussed. **SD** to redraft it and send to the committee in advance of the next meeting.

Membership List. Rob Mitchell suggests a reasonableness check is undertaken when he gets the list out in March. **SD** to send the list to DT and John Coombes as lead handicappers for validation.

### **Website Developments**

CW reported (by e-mail) that most of the work has been on infrastructure, but minor visible improvements continue. Some better diagrams have been included. The site is receiving about 40 visitors a day and visitors are looking at 3.5 pages per visit on average.

Very positive comments were made by the committee. **RH** is to meet **CW** again to progress various issues and determine to whom items for the website should be sent.

### **Grounds and Equipment purchase approval request**

RM had submitted requests by e-mail for:

-2 fence posts (SW corner of lawn 4). **RM** asked to liaise with John Goodwin as this should be a club matter.

-timber for boundary boards at approx. £60 +VAT. Approved.

-a set of Dawson balls at approx. £750+VAT. Approved.

**RM** to purchase these 2 items and submit invoices to PN for passing to Roger Mills for payment.

### **Hut 3**

MT reported that planning permission for the extension to Hut 3 has been granted subject to various stipulations. **DT** to enquire what would be needed to request a Keith Owen grant from the SVA. **MT** and **DT** to progress the building issues.

### **Chair's Matters:**

GMC.MT reported that the club were again employing Hugh to assist Colin Whitehall with the grounds.

Short Croquet. MT has notified Keith Thorley that he is to captain the short croquet team and should select his team as he sees fit. Rules are posted in the mallet room.

### **Committee Members' Reports**

**Roger Hendy** reported that HP and DT had offered to manage the C&S Handicap Doubles Tournament again on July 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>.

**Helen Pryor** reported that:

1. Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July has been agreed with Ian Simpson for the friendly golf croquet match against his former club. **CW** to book 3 lawns for the full day. Catering to be arranged at a later date.

2. 23 members had attended the coffee morning for prospective golf croquet teams and most had signed up to play in the SW Fed Golf Croquet team.

**Peter Nelson** tabled a paper on the current status of the CA tournament entries. In particular it was noted that the popular B level advanced tournament has only one vacant place with last year's winner still to apply. **DT** to supply PN with that players details so he can be contacted. **PN** to inform Nancy Temple as tournament manager of the position. The committee discussed the issues arising when tournaments were oversubscribed. It was considered that the limit of 5 Sidmouth players was an unofficial limit and that entries are accepted in order of date received. **MT** and **PN** to seek clarification from the CA and other clubs as to whether all applications received by the allocation date should go into a hat.

**David Temple** reported that:

1. The APPS nomination on behalf of Roger Mills had been unsuccessful against an even stronger candidate. DT had been advised to reapply next year.

2. At MT's request the honours boards now record the winners of the Hatherley Cup. The chair thanked DT for his work on this.

**Marian Harris** reported (via SD) that 44 people attended Richard Wood's talk and a profit of £45 had been made. MH and Richard were thanked for a very enjoyable evening.

### **Any Other Business**

Development Course May 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> **MT** will speak to Cliff Jones on the content and fees.

### **Dates of next meetings**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013, 9.30am at Peter Nelson's house

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013, 9.30am (provisional)

## **SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, and CROQUET CLUB**

### **CROQUET SECTION**

#### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

**Present:** Mike Taylor (Chair), Sue Dent, Marian Harris, Roger Hendy, Rob Matthews, Peter Nelson, Helen Pryor, Colin Walls.

**Apology for Absence:**- David Temple.

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013 were approved subject to one amendment:

Grounds and Equipment - amend '2 fence posts' to '2 fence panels'.  
The amended minutes were signed by the Chair.

#### **Feedback on the Prospective New Members Morning**

15 people had attended. The event was well supported by experienced members to assist with the coaching. 13 have signed up for the coaching with a possible further 4 awaited. Trainers and newcomers have been sent details of the coaching sessions.

#### **Arrangements for the Refresher Session (Assoc) – Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

A paper had been previously circulated of topics and tutors. Coffee to be available before the 10.00am start.

#### **Arrangements for the Spring Lunch – Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Demonstration Game** - to be between Mike and Peter in whites (Chair v Vice Chair) on lawn 3 and Gabby v her invited guests on lawn 4.

**Lunch** -MH to arrange. Gabby will be doing a raffle.

**2013 New Season Information** – draft paper circulated in advance. **SD** to action a few agreed changes. Discussion of visitor fees resulted in **PN** being asked to draw up lawn fee proposals for next meeting.

**Membership list** – draft circulated and amendments identified. **SD** to ask Rob Mitchell to ask 3 particular individuals as to what title they choose to be known as for this document. **SD** to send list to Philip Harris and John Coombes for handicap checking.

#### **Charity One Ball – Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Entries** – names previously circulated. **RH** to contact Graham Harford again to ensure arrangements are in place.

**Catering** – MH reported that she had arranged with Liz Matthews to provide soup, roll and butter. Notices will be displayed. The charge on the day will be £2.50. Coffee will be available at midday.

#### **Visiting Medics – Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Lawns 3 and 4 have been booked in the morning for this event. **RM** offered to reset the hoops on lawn 2 as a full lawn. **CW** to make an additional entry on the booking sheets. A fee of £25 was agreed. **SD** to discuss the arrangements with Gabby.

#### **Golf Croquet Skills Refresher – Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>**

HP reported that arrangements in hand with 3 coaches available and a fourth to be asked.

#### **Roles and Responsibilities**

**Hoop setting** – **RM** will again take responsibility with assistance for CW and Philip Harris. Further helpers to be trained up are PN, MT, RH and David Butler with a provisional date of March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am.

Bench Cleaning – **RM** will take responsibility before matches to ensure the environs are clean and tidy. All committee asked to support this on an ad hoc basis with no formal arrangements deemed necessary.

The Refreshments Pram – **MH** to put up notices for assistance as and when required.

### **Chair's Matters**

Hut 3. MT reported that no further permission is required from the council. A sub committee of DT, PN and RM has been set up who will progress the construction arrangements and report regularly back to MT. Work is expected to start in October.

Subscription variations. A fee variation has been requested by a former member unable to play for medical reasons until mid season. MT had taken advice from Neil Gamble and HP in her club secretary role. The Club Rules para 5.5 is interpreted as allowing the croquet committee to determine reduced fees in such a situation. Based on this it was proposed by PN, seconded by HP and agreed unopposed that 'In accordance with Club Rules para 5.5, late joining croquet members would be charged a reduced fee of £30 per month or any part of the month (based on the playing months of April-September) at the discretion of the croquet committee'. **MT** to inform the Club's GMC of this decision at the next meeting.

Folk Week Arrangements. MT read out a document received from Roger Mills as Club Treasurer on proposed roles and responsibilities of Shift Captain and Clubhouse Manager for Folk Week. The paper was supported but it was considered that consistency is needed on reduced car park fees and that when an officer had taken a decision in accordance with those responsibilities that must not be overruled. **MT** to give feedback to Roger Mills.

### **Committee Members' Reports**

**Rob Matthews** reported that:

1. The Sanditon soakaway may be sited above the level of lawn 1.
2. Lawns 1 and 2 are unlikely to be available before 8<sup>th</sup> April. (This has implications for the new members coaching; **CW** to liaise with John Dixon).
3. Rob will be setting up lawns 3 and 4 on Monday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am and would welcome assistance. PN and RH volunteered with **MH** offering Philip to also assist.
4. Paving slabs are to be re-laid outside the pavilion on Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>.
5. An update was given of work undertaken and proposed for boards, hoops and pegs.

**Peter Nelson** reported that:

1. The Croquet budget sheet had been previously circulated.
2. The CA Midsummer Tournament and B level Advanced Tournament were now full. Advice has been received from Julie Horsley on how diverse handicapped players will be managed.

**Roger Hendy** tabled a chart of entries across all internal tournaments. Issues of block arrangements were discussed. **RH** to pass draft blocks to MT for review. RH aims to get the blocks posted early this year. Late entries may be feasible for some of the one and two day tournaments later in the year. There has been a good entry to most tournaments.

**Colin Walls** reported that:

1. Booking sheets are now in place
2. The website programme includes lawn bookings for tournaments and should be checked by tournament managers.
3. The website is receiving considerable interest.
4. Few names have been received for the Intermediate League.



### **Any Other Business**

Whist Request. Barbara Clarke had requested an extension of the whist season to include April. This was agreed. **SD** to respond to Barbara.

Croquet Fees due to the CA. The club is required to pay a 2013 fee of £7.95 per playing member (not defined) based on membership as at 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2012. Discussion as to whom should be included. Forms handed to **PN** for completion and payment by May 1<sup>st</sup>

**Dates of next meetings**      Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013, 9.30am at Peter Nelson's house  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013, 9.30am (provisional)

## **SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, and CROQUET CLUB**

### **CROQUET SECTION**

#### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

**Present:** Mike Taylor (Chair), Sue Dent, Marian Harris, Roger Hendy, Rob Matthews, Peter Nelson, Helen Pryor, David Temple, Colin Walls.

**Apologies for Absence:**- none

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013 were approved and signed by the Chair.

#### **Bids for World Croquet Federation tournaments**

The CA has invited bids for the next 10 years. It was decided that, given Sidmouth's limited lawn space, no bid should be submitted.

#### **Leukaemia Research event – Sat 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Confirmation has been received from Ian Burrige that he and his son Euan will be playing a game of Golf Croquet at Sidmouth against two club members on June 1<sup>st</sup> at approximately 10 am. Sidmouth members to be determined at a later date.

#### **Visitors and Lawn Hire Charges**

A draft proposal previously circulated by PN was discussed. A consistent fee/lawn/session was agreed where games are not reciprocated. Such events to be sanctioned by the committee and decided on a case by case basis. After discussion the fee was set as £10 for any matches where no fee has currently been set. (This is in line with the previously agreed personal visitor fee of £5/lawn/session). **SD** to contact Ian Simpson re the Dogmersfield friendly to clarify whether a fee had been agreed and, if not, request a fee of £60 for the use of lawns 2, 3 and 4 for 2 sessions on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Weston Super Mare event request – Wed 25<sup>th</sup>/Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Sept**

Through Julie Horsley we have received a repeat request from WSM for 3 Association and 8 Golf Croquet matches on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September. MT had identified availability as being lawn 1 for the morning of Wed 25<sup>th</sup>, then lawns 3 and 4 for the afternoon of 25<sup>th</sup>, the morning of the 26<sup>th</sup> and the afternoon of 26<sup>th</sup>. **CW** to make a provisional booking for these lawns; **SD** to contact WSM and notify them of a £70 fee in line with decision above.

#### **Mentoring**

Consideration was given to initiating a mentoring scheme in 2013 with the aim of reducing the attrition of potential members following the coaching sessions and to encourage uptake of the Association game. **SD** to draw up a flyer on the club sessions for MT's consideration. Additionally, at the New Members Evening, names would be taken of those interested in participating in a mentor scheme for Association play. **DT** to discuss the matter with John Dixon.

#### **GMC Report**

**Late joining Members Fees.** MT reported on the discussion following the Croquet Committee proposal as minuted at our March 2013 meeting for late joining members fees. The club decision minuted was that:

1. **New** members joining pay a full sub at the beginning of the season and 50% if joining halfway through. (In the case of the Croquet section after 14th July).
2. **Existing** playing members who are **medically unfit** to play at the **start** of the season will pay a non-playing sub of £22. When fit to play the Croquet committee will decide how much is paid pro-rata for the rest of the season, deducting the non-playing sub.

3. No member who has a medical problem during the season, and cannot play for a while, will receive a rebate on any of the year's subscription.'

**SD** was asked to inform the member to whom this issue relates.

Sanditon.MT reported that Neil Gamble has written to KDJ Slade regarding the issue of the soakage tank in relation to lawn 1. He recommends an investigation is undertaken.

### **Treasure Hunt**

SD had been in contact with David and Jean Laidler regarding their proposal for organising a Treasure Hunt. A date in July was preferred with Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July being favoured. **SD** to confirm this date with the Laidlers and notify **CW** for inclusion on the website. No further action needed at this stage.

### **Chair's Matters**

Development Course. To be held on lawn 1. A fee of £20 has been determined for Sidmouth players. The event is open to Budleigh players at £25. Lunch will be available to purchase.

Lawn 1. Colin Whitehall is concerned about the state of lawn 1; it will be at least a week before it is open. Graham Harford and Helen Pryor have been advised of the position in relation to forthcoming tournaments. Budleigh has offered to host the CA Golf tournament on April 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> if necessary, as, depending on playing numbers, 4 lawns may be needed. The Budleigh friendly booked for Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> will now take place at Budleigh with Sidmouth hosting the return match in September. **CW** to amend booking sheets for both dates. **MH** to amend catering requirement with Gill.

Lawn Availability. Elaine Woodward has kindly offered that committee members can contact her to ascertain whether lawns 2, 3 or 4 are in use.

CA Insurance. MT was aware that the croquet club is covered for Civil Liability Insurance under our CA membership. PN responded that he had informed Roger Mills of this but it was unlikely to cause any reduction in the insurance premium paid by the club.

Betty Moores. a former member has died. Her mallet has been offered to the club. **DT** suggested that Nancy could assess the mallet and that consideration be given to donating it to Alsia Dixon whose mallet had gone missing from Hut 3 last season. This was agreed.

### **Committee Members' Reports**

**Rob Matthews** reported that he would be away from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April with responsibility transferred to Ian Simpson for preparation of the hoops for the CA Open Golf Championships on April 27<sup>th</sup> and Philip Harris for checking the settings prior to the second day's play. PN and DT offered to be reserves.

**Roger Hendy** requested a manager for the Dorothy Toyne tournament. **DT** to ask Nancy to be manager and respond to RH.

**Peter Nelson** gave an update on tournament entry numbers.

**Colin Walls** reported that:

1. Website development continues.
2. Reports are now being submitted and printed in the Sidmouth Herald.

**Helen Pryor** reported that:

1. Tuesday afternoon golf team practices have been well attended
2. For the CA golf tournament at the end of April, a bottle of wine was required for the runner up. **PN** was asked to purchase wine and make presentations of the Haste Cup and wine.

**Marian Harris** reported that:

1. The charity one ball competition had raised £175. RH and Philip Harris were asked to consider participating in the final.
2. New Members attending the New Members Evening would be given a token to exchange for a drink at the bar. **PN** to refund the cost of the drinks to Terry.
3. For the Wine and Shared Buffet evening **MH** to ask Martin McInerney to assist RH and DT with the purchase of drinks and the bar. A charge of £5 would be made to include 2 drinks; thereafter drinks to be charged at £1. Colourful clothes to be worn. **MH** to compose a flyer, **CW** to provide his gazebo.

**David Temple** reported progress with Hut 3 tendering. Where **PN** and **RM** are recommending builders they are asked to meet with DT on site for continuity.

**Sue Dent** reported that:

1. Everyone included on the Membership list issued in March had paid their fees as appropriate. There are therefore 106 club members as at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013.
2. A further 17 are participating in the coaching sessions; information for prospective new members including club application forms are in the mallet room for tutors to hand out.
3. The first aid kit has now been restored to Hut 3.

### **Any Other Business**

As a further complication for the SW Fed Intermediate Finals on Sat 21<sup>st</sup> September with the veteran car rally taking place on the cricket field, the field will be used for the Devon stage of the cycling Tour of Britain on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Dates of next meetings**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013, 9.30am at Peter Nelson's house  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013, 9.30am (provisional)

**SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, and CROQUET CLUB**  
**CROQUET SECTION**

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

**Present:** Mike Taylor (Chair), Sue Dent, Roger Hendy, Peter Nelson, David Temple, Colin Walls.

**Apologies for Absence:-** Marian Harris, Rob Matthews, Helen Pryor.

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013 were approved and signed by the Chair.

**Matters Arising:**

**Lawn Hire Charges.**

Dogmersfield friendly. SD had contacted Ian Simpson. He had not been aware of a charge and wishes to reduce the lawn booking from 3 to 2 lawns to reduce the fee to £40. **CW** to amend booking sheets.

Weston Super Mare. SD contacted Roger Buckley with details of lawn availability and booking fees. He needs to pass these details to the tournament organiser before confirming arrangements with us.

Betty Moores' mallet. The mallet has been handed into Muriel Philpott whilst at the club. Alsia Dixon no longer requires it as her own mallet has been found. **SD** to make enquiries as to where Betty's mallet is now and pass it to Nancy for assessing.

The Treasure Hunt is confirmed for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

The Budleigh Friendly is confirmed for 24<sup>th</sup> September. CW has already been notified.

**Forthcoming events**

**Leukaemia Research event – Sat 1<sup>st</sup> June**

**SD** to ask HP to nominate 2 Sidmouth players as their opponents. DT kindly offered parking. **SD** to liaise with the visiting pair.

**Tournaments**

Of the June tournaments, all are in hand except for the 14 point high handicap competition on June 11<sup>th</sup> and Canton Egyptian on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The former was previously managed by Margaret Piper but she is not available this year. A member of the handicap committee is recommended; **RH** to approach Philip Harris in the first instance. For the Canton Egyptian **RH** to enquire of Keith Thorley as to who managed the tournament last year and make appropriate arrangements.

**Wine and Shared Buffet evening – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

MH reported (by e-mail) that that posters are up; tickets are available from Gabby in May and Marian in June. RH and Martin McInerney have the provision of drinks in hand.

**Mentoring**

Several new members have taken up the offer made by DT at the New Members Evening. Committee members offered to act as mentors and were paired as:

Andrew Thomas	Colin Walls
Richard and Carolyn Croft	Roger Hendy
Barbara Oakes	Peter Nelson
Jane Harrison	Mike Taylor or David Temple

**CW, PN, RH, MT, DT** to make contact with their tutees – a maximum of 1½ hour sessions is recommended. **SD** to inform the tutees of the arrangements. **RH** to place a list in the mallet room inviting more experienced players to request to be mentored.

### **Golf Croquet Referees**

HP raised (by e-mail) the need for more golf croquet referees. **HP** requested to make further enquiries on courses available/location/costs with the expectation that interested persons could then be found from the pool of competitive golf croquet players.

### **Chair's Matters**

Cliff Jones' Development Course. 10 players had participated (all from Sidmouth); a cold buffet had been provided. The coach considered the facilities inadequate partly because of the number of interruptions. **MT** to approach Tony Dustan Smith as to whether the Sidmouth (Snooker) Club facilities adjacent to lawn 1 might be available for a future occasion.

### **Legacies.**

A bequest from Mary Heygate Ellis of £1,700 to the croquet section has been notified by Neil Gamble. The club is considering producing a flyer for members on bequests.

### **Grade 1 Coaching**

MT had approached Cliff Jones regarding holding a coaching course for Sidmouth players. Cliff had challenged the existing coaches to undertake coaching programmes. **CW** expressed an interest in attending a coaching course. **MT** to get feedback from Roger Mills on the coaching course he attended recently.

### **CA National Tournament bids 2015**

The CA has notified us that the Sidmouth bids to host national tournaments for 2015 were unsuccessful. No reasons were given.

### **Committee Members' Reports**

**Peter Nelson** reported that no further applications had been received for CA tournaments.

**Colin Walls** reported that:

1. The website continues to receive 200-300 visits/week with an average of 4-5 pages accessed on each visit.
2. The Sidmouth Herald is printing reports and some photos; there are 6 croquet reports on the Herald's own website.
3. The first Federation League match of the season will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> May.
4. Further volunteers are asked to put their names on the list in the mallet room for organising the Friday club sessions.

**David Temple** reported that:

1. The Budleigh Seagull trophy has been created for the club winning the Budleigh/Sidmouth friendly tournament. The trophy will be placed on a shelf in the mallet room.
2. The refurbishment of the croquet lawn hoop plan is continuing.
3. Quotes for extending hut 3 are awaited.
4. A bottle of wine was purchased for Nancy in recognition of organising the Dorothy Toye tournament. (The committee volunteered to reimburse DT for the wine and recommended that this was an appropriate acknowledgement for all future tournament managers).

**Helen Pryor** reported (by e-mail) the results of the S.W.Fed. Golf Croquet matches played in recent weeks.

**Marian Harris** reported (by e-mail) that the New Members' Evening was attended by 8 new members and 26 existing members. (It was suggested that in future a phone call to the trainees could increase the numbers attending. Different food could also be considered).

**Sue Dent** reported that:

1. Of the 17 croquet trainees, 11 had taken up full membership. With the 106 existing members the club total is now 117.
2. John Dixon is holding a coffee morning for the new members on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May and had invited a committee member to attend. As MT and PN were not available SD had been invited and accepted.

### **Any Other Business**

#### **Croquet Balls**

MT reported that we have a total of 184 balls and that 2 lots of 8 in the shed were in a reasonable condition and could possibly be sold. The need for additional Dawson balls was discussed. **PN** to ask Roger Mills about the budget for an additional 16 balls this year.

**Dates of the next meeting** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013, 9.30am at Peter Nelson's house.

No further date was set as 3 members were not present to discuss their availability.

## SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, and CROQUET CLUB

### CROQUET SECTION

#### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013**

**Present:** Mike Taylor (Chair), Sue Dent, Marian Harris, Peter Nelson, Helen Pryor, David Temple, Colin Walls.

**Apologies for Absence:-** Roger Hendy, Rob Matthews,

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013 were approved and signed by the Chair.

#### **Matters Arising:**

**Weston Super Mare.** **SD** to contact Roger Buckley again to ask whether the provisional arrangements for 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> September are going ahead.

**Betty Moores' mallet.** The mallet has been added to the club's mallets for general use.

**Leukaemia Research event.** A donation of £20 was made by the croquet section. This was supplemented by several individual contributions. An e-mail of thanks for the matches and the donations has been received from Ian Burrige and their appreciation passed on to Pam and Ian.

**Mentoring.** A further two trainees have requested mentoring and been allocated a mentor: -

Jane Morrish	Mike Taylor
Michael Cunliffe	John Dixon

**Dawson Balls.** The Club Treasurer has agreed funding of 2 sets of Dawson balls which have now been purchased.

**Tournament Managers.** After further consideration it was agreed that tournament managers would not normally be given a bottle of wine.

**Golf Croquet Referees.** HP has contacted Cliff Jones to ask whether he would consider organising golf croquet referee training locally. **HP** to make enquiries of club members to ascertain who might be interested in being trained as a referee.

#### **Forthcoming events**

##### Tournaments

RH raised concerns (by e-mail) on the low entries for some middle and high handicap competitions. It was considered that this was part of the wider issue with having only a few new members. A pro active approach by the Internal Tournament Manager to individuals is recommended to encourage new players to participate in tournaments. The number of tournaments to be considered next year. **SD** to agenda.

RH is composing an Internal Tournament Manager role specification for future reference. He thanked tournament managers who had stepped in at comparatively short notice.

##### Treasure Hunt

MH reported that several flyers have been placed around the club. Lists are in place for those requiring transport and those offering transport.

##### Folk Week Parking

Roger Mills has asked section chairs to encourage members to participate in the parking and club house arrangements for folk week. The chart can be viewed electronically by a link to Google Docs.; members then need to phone Roger to offer to fill one or more slots. **SD** to place a notice in the mallet room and hut 3. **SD** to liaise with Rob Mitchell for him to e-mail members the link to the Google Docs. chart and request their assistance.



Concern was expressed on the responsibilities of the Clubhouse Representative. **SD** to clarify this with Roger.

### **Internal Tournaments**

RH raised (by e-mail) the need to have a consistent approach, backed up by a written policy, on what is to be done when an entrant falls outside the stipulated handicap range for a particular tournament by reason of his/her handicap having changed after the tournament application was submitted. Provisional wording was agreed as 'handicap levels at 31<sup>st</sup> March will determine continuing acceptability to that competition but that players will play off any changed handicap that occurs either during season-long competitions or tournaments where final stages are delayed.' This wording is subject to confirmation at the next meeting in order to gain the view of RH, Internal Tournament Manager. **SD** to include the final decision in next year's newsletter.

### **CA Federation Working Party Report – March 2013**

MT reported on the background to the document previously circulated. Julie Horsley has requested it be circulated to all members with any comments to be sent to her by 30<sup>th</sup> September. The report will be considered by the SW Fed at their AGM at the end of November. **CW** to place the report on the club's website and request any observations to be sent to SD for collation. **SD** to place a copy of the report in the mallet room.

### **Chair's Matters**

#### **Croquet Balls and their disposal**

MT reported that on receipt of the new Dawson balls he has cascaded the location of the balls in use and assessed all the remaining balls. Even by retaining a complete set there is still a surplus. MT to contact Adam Wimshurst, Development Officer of the South West Federation, and/or Taunton and Barnstaple clubs with a possible charge of £5/ball.

#### **Short Croquet**

Muriel has commented that Nailsea have found short croquet a good introduction to the association game. Consideration to be given to having an internal Sidmouth tournament in April. **SD** to agenda.

#### **Dorothy Toye Tournament**

Barbara Clarke has suggested this be played from a base of 6. Consideration to be given to this at a later meeting. **SD** to agenda.

#### **Club afternoon.**

It has been suggested that changing the club afternoon from a Friday to a Tuesday could increase participation. This was considered but rejected.

### **Committee Members' Reports**

**Peter Nelson** reported that:

1. £243 was in the float.
2. The Midsummer Tournament was successful although Cliff Jones had complained about the lawns and another complaint was passed on by Julie Horsley. No further action to be taken.

**Helen Pryor** reported that:

1. The golf croquet south west team had won 3 matches, lost 1
2. The golf croquet south east team had drawn 1 match, lost 3. It is likely that this team is facing better opposition.
3. There is interest in golf croquet level play and a team may be formed for this in 2014.

**Marian Harris** reported that the Wine and Shared Buffet evening was successful. 46 tickets had been sold raising £230 in ticket sales (39 attended). Martin McInerney had expenses of £35.35 giving a profit of £194.65. Roger Hendy's quiz had been very enjoyable and much appreciated.

**Colin Walls** reported that:

1. The website is frequently updated and continues to be accessed.
2. The Friday club sessions have not been well attended. Some managers are still needed for Fridays later in the season.
3. Mentored sessions have been held with the trainee Andrew Thomas.
4. The Federation League team have won 1 match, lost 2.

**David Temple** reported on progress with the hut 3 extension. Two quotes have been received; both are close to £9,000 including VAT though the VAT may be reclaimable. A discussion took place as to whether the costs should be met by membership request/legacy money/Keith Owen Fund. **DT** to ask Neil Gamble on what value of legacy monies could be used for this project.

**Sue Dent** reported that:

1. Chris Gradwell has now rejoined under 'late joining members fee' arrangements bringing the club membership number to 118.
2. Several enquiries have been received from visitors who belong to other croquet clubs wanting to play at Sidmouth. They are being directed to the club sessions and Gabby informed so that they are made welcome.

### **Any Other Business**

#### **Sanditon soakaway**

MT had attended a meeting at Sanditon to discuss the new soakaway with Andrew Smith, Contracts Manager for K.D.J. Slade. Those attending included Lynne Shwenn, EDDC Planning Officer for Sanditon, their Enforcement Officer, David Harrison, President of the Sidmouth Club, and two ladies representing Fortfield Terrace. The meeting was held in cramped conditions of the site office with maps and drawings proliferating. It seems that the main infiltration tank has been constructed and buried, (not in the presence of a building inspector) and has now been covered in tarmac and concrete. The 2 bore holes that were agreed to be drilled on the footprint of the tank would now apparently have to be drilled to the side of the tank. The tank is said to be 7 metres from lawn 1 and the drainage at this point should be at least 3.5 metres below the lawn. The croquet committee expressed concerns on the impact on our borehole and sprinkler system.

**Date of the next meeting** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2013, 9.30am at Peter Nelson's house.

**SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, and CROQUET CLUB**  
**CROQUET SECTION**

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

**Present:** Mike Taylor (Chair), Sue Dent, Marian Harris, Roger Hendy, Rob Matthews, Peter Nelson, Helen Pryor, David Temple, Colin Walls.

**Apologies for Absence:**- None

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 were approved and signed by the Chair.

**Matters Arising:**

**Weston Super Mare.** The club has confirmed their interest in matches on 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> September. **SD** to ask the Clarkes whether they would manage the event and report back to MT.

**Golf Croquet Referees.** Cliff Jones will consider arranging a course jointly for several local clubs. Some Sidmouth members have expressed an interest in being trained.

**Internal Tournaments.** The provisional wording suggested at the last committee meeting was agreed subject to further discussion in October when next year's tournaments are considered. This is that 'handicap levels at 31<sup>st</sup> March will determine continuing acceptability to that competition but that players will play off any changed handicap that occurs either during season-long competitions or tournaments where final stages are delayed.' **SD** to agenda for October.

**Forthcoming Events**

**New Members Tournament – August 12<sup>th</sup>.** SD reported that 8 members have now agreed to play and are signed up. David Baldock and John Dixon have been informed.

**CA B- Level Advanced Tournament – August 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.** PN reported that one player has dropped out and a reserve contacted. In discussion with Nancy Temple, PN has offered to play if required. **MH** to put up a poster to encourage spectators. **CW** to photograph the Regency Salver prior to the event by arrangement with John Dixon (the silverware) and Nancy Temple (the base). **SD** to check the trophy book for any other unphotographed trophies and liaise with CW.

**Golf Croquet Internal Tournaments – various dates.** HP reported that arrangements are in hand.

**CA Selectors' Tournament – September 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.** Sidmouth responsibilities are unknown. **MT** to contact the CA to ask what is required and be around to meet and greet. **RM** and **DT** to be available before the start to ensure hoop settings are appropriate.

**CA Handicap Weekend – September 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>.** PN reported that Brian Pollock has withdrawn; there are now only 9 players. Late applications can be accepted.

**Association friendly with Budleigh – September 24<sup>th</sup>.** As Graham Harford is unwell **RH** to find a replacement organiser for this event. **SD** to ask Pam Bowra to send a card to Graham.

**Croquet Hoop arrangements in Folk Week**

Following discussion it was agreed that hoops on lawns 2, 3 and 4 be removed in the evening and replaced in the morning. **RM** to organise helpers.

**Requests for Croquet Lawn Hire**

Requests have been received from Mike Hide on behalf of SADS and David Baldock indirectly on behalf of the Rotary Club for the use of lawns for a social event. It was considered these could be useful for recruitment and a 4pm session could be offered. **SD** to contact both of the above to progress these issues.

**Chair's Matters** - none

## **Committee Members' Reports**

**David Temple** reported on progress with the hut 3 extension. He was now aware that the third quote via RM would not be forthcoming, the contractor being too busy. Neil Gamble was not prepared for the Club to fund the projected costs of £9,000 and had suggested a store shed in the far corner. The committee did not like this alternative and encouraged MT and DT to put the original proposal forward stressing the advantages.

**Peter Nelson** reported that the cash flow situation is positive.

**Rob Matthews** reported that:

1. John Coombes had helped to water the new hedge behind lawn 1. The hose is lying alongside lawn 1.
2. The hoops would need moving before the B-Level Advanced Tournament. **DT** and **RH** offered to assist on Wed 14<sup>th</sup> August.

**Helen Pryor** reported that:

1. Both Golf Croquet teams have one more match to play.
2. Pam Bowra would be prepared to come back onto the committee as the Golf Croquet representative but not to manage the South West teams.

**Marian Harris** reported that:

1. The Shot Game was successful but the rush and peg out event was too time consuming and was likely to be reduced to two attempts next year.
2. Some advance arrangements were needed for the AGM. Agreed that the meal would be at 7.30pm. **SD** to invite Sheila Adams to present the trophies. Christmas lunch agreed to be at The Bedford with tickets on sale at the AGM.

**Roger Hendy** reported that:

1. The 14 point tournament had attracted only 4 entrants; the Canton and Sheila Adams tournaments were also poorly supported. Consideration to be given to tournaments status for next year. **SD** to agenda for October.
2. Participants need to be encouraged to stay for the whole event even if not participating in the final. This information to be included on next year's entry form.

**Colin Walls** reported that:

1. The website is receiving 100 hits/day on average with 6 pages accessed/visit.
2. The Federation League team has finished their matches with 2 wins and 2 losses.
3. The Friday club sessions continue to be poorly attended.
4. The Sidmouth Herald has, in general, given good coverage to Croquet.

**Sue Dent** reported that the Treasure Hunt was very much enjoyed by the 19 participants. Income of £25 was offset by £8 in prizes giving a profit for the Club of £17.

## **Any Other Business**

**Bench cleaning.** The poor state of benches was commented on. A rota to be reintroduced but on a fortnightly basis. **SD** to arrange. This would be to clean benches, clear rubbish and tidy huts as necessary. **MT** offered to August 11<sup>th</sup>. **DT** offered August 12<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>.

## **Date of the next meetings**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2013, 9.30 am at Sue's house – Redleaf, Knowle Drive.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013, 10.00 am at Peter Nelson's house to be followed by lunch at The Bedford. (**MH** to book).

**SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, and CROQUET CLUB**  
**CROQUET SECTION**

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

**Present:** Mike Taylor (Chair), Sue Dent, Marian Harris, Roger Hendy, Rob Matthews, Peter Nelson, Helen Pryor, David Temple, Colin Walls.

**In Attendance:** Julie Horsley attended for the 'CA Tournaments 2014' item.

**Apologies for Absence:** None.

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2013 were approved and signed by the Chair.

**Matters Arising:**

Weston Super Mare. The Clarkes are unable to manage the matches on 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> September. Pam Bowra has agreed to be Manager with Muriel Philpott available to assist if required.

Association friendly with Budleigh – September 24<sup>th</sup>. Pam Bowra had previously agreed to manage this tournament.

**CA Tournaments 2014**

As PN needs to submit dates for Sidmouth's CA 2014 tournaments to the CA by the end of September there was a need to decide the dates and formats of these events within the Sidmouth 2014 programme. Julie Horsley gave feedback from the Midsummer Tournament that if we want to attract low handicap players, 3 games/day need to be planned. It was agreed that:

CA Midsummer Tournament to continue in early June (4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> for 2014). **JH** to consider the format and entry numbers and feed back to PN and MT.

CA Handicap Weekend to be moved from mid September to July (when the CA calendar is light) and reduced to 2 days either at a weekend or midweek.

C-Level Advanced Tournament to be introduced as a CA event at the end of August or beginning of September. **JH** offered to circulate a flyer to club representatives as this would be the first year of this tournament.

CA Open Golf Championship and CA B-Level Advanced Tournaments to be unchanged.

Fees. PN tabled a list of current charges made by clubs in the South West for CA Open Events. It was decided to increase the fee for 3 day tournaments to £20 and the 2 days of the CA Handicap Weekend to £16 with no reduction for Sidmouth players. The Golf Croquet tournaments to be £16.

**PN** to notify the CA of tournaments, dates and charges and name Roger Hendy as Sidmouth CA Open Tournament Secretary.

**Internal Tournaments**

Discussion deferred. **SD** to agenda for October.

**Forthcoming events**

Selectors' CA Tournament – September 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. **MT** is the named contact and will be at the lawns prior to play starting. **RM** and **DT** will set hoops and check as necessary. **MH** to notify Gill of 14 or 15 for lunch.

CA Handicap Weekend – September 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. **PN** to confirm lunch numbers to MH. Teas will be available.

SW Federation Intermediate Finals – September 21<sup>st</sup>. **DT** to clarify start time with MH (likely 9.30 am) and speak to Colin Whitehall. **MH** will arrange pre-start coffees and book afternoon teas with Gill.

## 2014 Programme

Illustrated Talk. Agreed as Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. **DT** was asked and agreed to give the talk which will be titled 'A Vet's Life'. **MH** to arrange for the bar to be open from 6.30 pm with the talk at 7.00 pm. Likely that nibbles will be made available plus for 2014, tea, coffee and biscuits.

Wine and Shared Buffet evening. To be delayed by 2 weeks in the hope of better weather to Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

Cunningham Salver – August 18<sup>th</sup>. **SD** to add 'no golf session'.

## Hut 3 / Hut 2

Detailed discussion deferred. DT's preferred option was now for:

- an upgrade of hut 3 on the existing footprint to include the area currently used as hut 2.
- a 'summerhouse' to serve hut 2.
- a store to be placed alongside the fence beyond lawn 4.

**RH** volunteered to contact EDDC with regard to what, if any, planning permission would be needed. **RH** to then progress the matter with **CW** and **DT**.

## Notice for serving on the 2014 committee

MT and DT stated that they would not be standing for re-election to the committee. DT offered to continue as SW Federation Fixtures Secretary. All other members of the committee were prepared to be nominated for re-election. Following discussion, roles were provisionally agreed as:

Peter Nelson	Chair
Sue Dent	Secretary
Marian Harris	Social Secretary
Roger Hendy	Open Tournament Secretary
Rob Matthews	Grounds and Equipment
Helen Pryor	Internal Tournament Organiser
Colin Walls	The Website/Publicity/Booking sheets/Library with a particular interest in developing lawn bookings electronically.

Pam Bowra has agreed to be nominated for the committee as the Golf Croquet Representative.

Following discussion **MT** to ask David Butler and Ian Simpson to be nominated with Ian likely to be Treasurer.

## The AGM arrangements – October 9<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm

Sheila Adams has agreed to present the trophies.

**ALL** the committee are asked to attend at 5.00pm to assist with setting up.

**SD** to put up in the mallet room asap the chart of committee nominations, the narrative and the notice for any items for discussion to be submitted in writing. All closing dates to be September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**SD** to put up in the mallet room a copy of the minutes from the 2012 AGM and forward to **CW** for inclusion on the website.

**SD** to request all holders of trophies won in 2012 to be passed to John Dixon by 16<sup>th</sup> September.

**DT** as Association Croquet Handicapping Lead to determine the most improved HH and LH Association player.

**SD** to ask John Coombes as Golf Croquet Handicapping Lead to determine the most improved Golf Croquet player.

**RH** to provide John Dixon with trophy winners list by 16<sup>th</sup> September where possible. Winners decided at the Finals Weekend to be notified soon after 29<sup>th</sup> September.

**ALL** committee members to bring their draft reports to the next meeting.

**SD** to ask SW Federation League Managers to give a report at the AGM.

**SD** to update the AGM agenda. As usual a collection will be made for Colin and Lyn Whitehall.

### **Chairman's Matters**

#### **The Bar**

Terry Riding is leaving at the end of September. A decision on a collection for Terry was deferred. Neil Gamble has asked the section to recommend core hours for the post.

Agreed that core hours were not needed by the croquet section; MH's list of 2013 bar opening requests given to MT for Neil Gamble's information.

#### **Croquet Balls**

MT reported that 2 complete sets had been sold for £80

4 secondaries had been sold for £20

4 secondaries had been given to Adam Wimshurst for West Buckland School at no cost

A further request has been received for 1 primary and 1 secondary set

#### **Lost Green Ball**

**RM** offered to make a further search for a lost secondary green Dawson ball before any replacement is considered.

### **Committee Members' Reports**

**Roger Hendy** reported that:

1. Advice on etiquette should be considered for inclusion in next year's internal tournament details.
2. A chart for the Finals Weekend Bookings will be put up in the mallet room for the information of participants and spectators.

**Colin Walls** reported that:

1. The website has recently had 500 visits/week; 10% of these are from mobile phones.
2. The Sidmouth Herald has recently published 3 columns on croquet matters.

**Rob Matthews** reported on his experiences as Folk Week Club House Representative. His written report has been sent to Roger Mills. As a committee we need to be aware that, contrary to what we were led to believe, it was a 'yellow glove' role. Croquet representatives on the GMC may like to insist that more frequent cleaning of the washroom facilities is purchased in future years.

**Helen Pryor** reported that Golf Croquet players have expressed an interest in:

1. Participating in a SW Federation level play Golf Croquet competition in 2014. **DT** to inform John Grimshaw.

2. An internal Level Play Golf Croquet Tournament in 2014 along similar lines to the Humphrey Hicks Tournament.

**Marian Harris** reported that lunch would be booked for the committee for 12.30 at the Bedford Hotel on Monday October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Any Other Business**

MT reported that David Temple has been elected a life member of the CT&C Club. The committee congratulated him on this award.

**Date of the next meeting**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013, 10.00 am at David Temple's house to be followed by lunch at The Bedford.



**SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, and CROQUET CLUB**  
**CROQUET SECTION**

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

**Present:** Mike Taylor (Chair), Sue Dent, Marian Harris, Roger Hendy, Rob Matthews, Peter Nelson, Helen Pryor, David Temple, Colin Walls.

**Apologies for Absence:** None.

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were approved and signed by the Chair.

**Matters Arising:** - None.

**CA Tournaments 2014**

PN reported that following discussion with MT and Julie Horsley, CA tournament dates and formats had been agreed and submitted to the CA. The Midsummer Tournament, Open Golf Championship and B-Level Advanced Tournaments remain largely unchanged. The Handicap Weekend has moved from mid September to July and reduced to 2 days. AC - Level Advanced Tournament has been introduced in early September. Fees have been set as £20 for 3 day tournaments and £16 for 2 days.

DT commented that the Sidmouth programme is now light in early September and asked the new committee to consider moving the Finals Weekend (if it is held) forward to the end of August or beginning of September. **SD** to agenda for the next meeting.

**Forthcoming events**

The Christmas Lunch – December 11th

MH reported that the Christmas lunch is booked at The Bedford. The menu has been displayed; tickets, priced at £21, are available from Marian at the AGM.

**Hut 3 / Hut 2**

RH talked to a paper previously circulated. RH, CW and DT had met to progress the issue. The rearrangements of hut 3, a hut at the side of lawn 2 and a shed at the bottom of lawn 4 had been informally discussed with a planning officer from EDDC. Although the committee had not decided on the need for a shed below lawn 4 the planning officer recommended it be included in the planning application. Neil Gamble was broadly supportive of the proposal. The committee agreed to proceed with the application for planning permission. (A cheque to cover this from RH to be reimbursed by the club treasurer). The new committee to take the matter forward. **DT** to ask John Palmer for assistance in the adaptation and erection of the facilities.

**The AGM – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

A draft Agenda was used as the basis for discussion with roles and responsibilities identified. **SD** to finalise the agenda and send to **HP** for printing. **SD** to circulate a committee version. **RH** to provide a collection box for Colin and Lyn Whitehall.

**Chairman's Matters**

The Bar

Terry Riding has now finished as barman. He has expressed an interest in playing golf croquet. In recognition of his services to the club **DT** has offered to find a suitable mallet from the club mallets and it is suggested he maintain honorary membership of the croquet section. Neil Gamble is happy with this but has also requested donations from sections. The committee has authorised £100 from section funds to be added to a club collection to be given Terry at a special club event on 25<sup>th</sup> October. **PN** to talk to Neil Gamble on this matter.

### Internal Tournaments 2014 Issues

A number of issues mentioned at previous meetings deferred to the next meeting for consideration by the new committee. **SD** to agenda.

#### Keith Ross (e-mail)

MT read out a very complimentary e-mail from Keith Ross – participant in the Selectors' Tournament. Various aspects of the club and the hospitality received were praised.

#### Lawn Preparation

MT had received a member's query as to whether lawns needed to be out of use for a full day prior to a CA Tournament. This was raised with Colin Whitehall who was not supportive.

### Committee Members' Reports

**Rob Matthews** commented that the draft 2014 programme needs to be discussed with the groundsman and that Colin Whitehall would like to comment on which lawns are to be used for tournaments. **RM** to share the draft programme with the groundsman and obtain feedback.

**Marian Harris** asked whether a lawn would be available in March for short croquet training. MT considered that lawn 2 would be available as half lawns on April afternoons. A discussion on whether the Budleigh friendly at the beginning of the season should be home or away was deferred to the next meeting.

#### Date of the next meeting

Provisionally arranged for Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2013, 9.30 am at Peter's house subject to new committee members availability. [n.b. – date under review].

## SIDMOUTH CRICKET TENNIS and CROQUET CLUB

### Minutes of the Croquet Section AGM

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Chairman Mike Taylor welcomed nearly 50 members to the meeting.

Members then stood in silence to remember deceased former members Iris Dwerryhouse, Peter Hewetson, Mary Ellis, Betty Moores and Millicent Gibbs.

**Apologies for absence** were received from Kelvin Dent, Chris Gradwell, Paul Griew, Vera and Rowland Henderson, Derek Hewett, Gabby Macadam and David Ridlington.

**Minutes of the 2012 AGM** had been available for inspection for the previous month in the mallet room and on the section's website. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Tony Dustan-Smith and seconded by Barbara Clarke. The minutes were then signed by the chairman, Mike Taylor.

#### **Treasurer's report**

Peter Nelson spoke to a financial report, copies of which were available at the meeting. Essentially the main Cricket, Tennis & Croquet Club holds the accounts which receives all the subscriptions. The section undertakes more of a petty cash role with income and expenditure being identified.

#### **Secretary's Report**

Sue Dent identified the membership as being 118 at the end of the season and thanked Rob Mitchell for his work as Membership Secretary.

#### **Committee members' reports**

- **Marian Harris**, Social Secretary, spoke of a busy and well-attended social year.
- **Rob Matthews**, with Grounds and Equipment responsibilities, commented on the good state of the lawns this year and thanked those who had assisted in moving hoops.
- **Peter Nelson**, Open Tournament Secretary, gave an account of the CA tournaments hosted by Sidmouth in 2013.
- **Colin Walls**, with publicity and website responsibilities among others reported on the updated website and the increasing use made of it. He also mentioned the coverage that croquet has been given by the Sidmouth Herald.
- **Roger Hendy**, Internal Tournament Organiser, reported on the busy 2013 season and made suggestions for the future.
- **David Temple**, South West Federation Fixtures Secretary, gave a resumé of the SW Federation matches for the Association and Golf Croquet teams.
- **Helen Pryor**, with responsibilities for Golf Croquet, reported on the upskilling of the golf croquet players and the increasing popularity of competitive play.

**The Association Handicap Committee Report** was given by David Temple. He reported that some players handicap would be amended for the next season.

#### **Chairman's Report**

Mike Taylor mentioned the concerns about the Sanditon build adjacent to lawn 1. He also introduced the proposal of refurbishment of hut 3, the erection of a hut for lawn 2 and possibly a shed below lawn 4. He thanked the committee members for their work and support over the last year.

### **The retiring committee**

Muriel Philpott gave a vote of thanks to the retiring committee especially to Mike Taylor as Chair and long-standing committee member and to David Temple who had served on the committee for many years including Chair in 2006 and 2007.

### **Nominations for the new committee**

Mike Taylor reported that nomination list for the 2013/14 committee had been on display in the mallet room and that 10 nominations had been individually proposed and seconded. These were:

Peter Nelson <i>Chairman</i>	Sue Dent <i>Secretary</i>
Marian Harris	Roger Hendy
Robert Matthews	Helen Pryor
Colin Walls	David Butler
Pam Bowra	Ian Simpson

These nominations for the new committee were proposed en bloc by David Clarke, seconded by Nancy Temple and endorsed by the members.

The newly elected Chairman, Peter Nelson, chaired the remainder of the meeting.

### **Any Other Business as previously received.**

Peter Nelson reported that a written proposal had been received from Ian Friedlander that the Club Association Sessions be changed from a Friday afternoon to a Tuesday to encourage greater participation. As there would be several ramifications if this proposal were adopted, Peter requested that the committee give this further consideration over the winter. Members were invited to contact the Chair or Secretary with their views, preferably by e-mail.

### **Presentation of Trophies by Sheila Adams**

Peter Nelson introduced Sheila Adams, President of the CT&C Club and Honorary Member also currently a croquet member and former player. Sheila expressed pleasure at being invited to present the trophies. Trophy runners up and winners were announced by Roger Hendy. At the end of the presentation Roger expressed the section's thanks to Sheila Adams for the presentation and to John Dixon for his work in getting the trophies ready for presentation.

### **Any other business**

Hut 3/Hut 2. Roger Hendy gave further details of the proposals and confirmed that planning permission was now being sought.

Coaching. Richard Wood offered to give further coaching in short sessions for different handicap groups. He asked that members supply him with topics they would like covered.

### **Notices**

An ISCA concert is taking place at the Parish Church on Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30. Tickets are available from Roger Hendy.

The Croquet Christmas Lunch is being held at the Bedford Hotel on Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>. Tickets, priced £21, are available from Marian Harris.

An Illustrated Talk will start the season on Tuesday February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. with David Temple talking about 'A Vet's Life'.

### **New Chairman's closing remarks**

Peter Nelson reported that Terry Riding had retired as barman after 20 years at the Club. As he is interested in golf croquet, he will be donated an appropriate mallet and given Honorary Membership of the croquet section. Additionally, the section was contributing an amount to his retirement collection which could be supplemented by any individual contributions that members chose to give. A presentation is to be made to him on 25<sup>th</sup> October which is open to all members.

The Chairman mentioned that the Folk Week Car Parking contributed £30,000 to club funds and that, without it, subscriptions would be higher. He asked therefore that more members volunteer for Folk Week duties.

The Chair thanked the members for attending, closed the meeting and invited members to share in the buffet meal.

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