

WELSH CROQUET ASSOCIATION

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**MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE
WELSH CROQUET ASSOCIATION
HELD AT DYFFRYN GARDENS CARDIFF
ON FRIDAY 25TH JUNE 1993**

PRESENT:

W PRICHARD
J GRIMSHAW
C WILLIAMS
J EVANS
I BURRIDGE
P DORKE
M LLEWELLYN-WILLIAMS
G McELWAIN

ITEM 1 - MINUTES OF THE MEETING 26TH JUNE 1992

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary. J Evans proposed and I Burridge seconded that they be accepted as a true record and the meeting approved.

ITEM 2 - MATTERS ARISING

The committee had discussed the date of future Welsh championships and had concluded that after taking into account other tournament dates and statements of likely availability from the senior players, that the end of June date was the most appropriate.

ITEM 3 - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. He had identified a number of topics for discussion and explained them to the meeting.

a) Clubs. He said that the Welsh CA were currently dependent upon the hospitality of the Dyffryn club, and, while it was nice to have a two-lawn club at which to hold events, he would like to see encouragement for other playing venues in the country. He knew of a group playing at Pen Pergam, near Abergavenny and asked that contact be made with them to establish their strengths and facilities. The Secretary said that a lawn was being laid at Ruthin School and that Llanfairfechan and Knighton were still active. To establish further playing facilities really depended upon the enthusiasm of people in each prospective area and usually the sympathy of the local authority in providing a site. The Welsh CA could give moral assistance in this regard and would also be

prepared to give practical assistance with demonstrations and coaching.

b) Membership. Membership had stagnated at around the twenty mark, although there must be many more entitled to join and perhaps would do so if made aware of the Welsh CA's existence and its aims. After discussion the criteria for membership was restated as any one of

- Birth in Wales
- Birth of parent or grandparent
- Current residence of five years
- Past residence of seven consecutive years
- Second-year membership of any Welsh club and resident in Wales
- Naturalisation

Of these criteria, only the club membership clause did not qualify the individual to represent Wales in an international event.

I Burridge agreed to prepare a brief note for inclusion in the CA magazine to attempt to attract more potential members.

c) Selection. Current method of selection for invitation events, tournaments, international matches etc. was disjointed and unsatisfactory. The Chairman explained that he had selected the team for the Home Internationals and had given special consideration to those travelling to Glasgow for the previous two years' tournaments in arriving at his selection for 1993. Nominated places for the World Championship and other invitation tournaments had been decided by the Committee, the exception being Chatooga which was offered to the winner of the Welsh Championship. The meeting discussed whether places should be allocated on rankings, entry to the Welsh Championship or by some other criteria. I Burridge suggested that there should be a selection sub-committee. This was agreed and J Grimshaw proposed and P Dorke seconded that the sub-committee should comprise W.Prichard, I.Burridge and C.Williams. The meeting unanimously agreed.

The Chairman concluded his report by thanking Peter Dorke for the trophies that he had provided for the winner and runner-up in the Welsh Championship.

ITEM 4 - ACCOUNTS

The accounts for the year to 31st December 1992 were presented to the meeting. It was explained that the income from the Garden Festival and from Llandrindod Wells were donations as a result of demonstrations that the Secretary had put on at those places, and similarly the donation from Swansea WI was for a demonstration undertaken by John Evans. Dyffryn Croquet Club did not accept a fee for use of the lawns by the Welsh CA in 1992 because the club had obtained considerable publicity from

these events and had developed a much improved relationship with the Conference Centre as a result. I Burridge proposed and G McElwain seconded that the accounts be accepted and the meeting approved.

ITEM 5 - INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

The Secretary explained that a disagreement had arisen over the sum required by Dyffryn Croquet Club to host the Welsh CA v English CA game. Consequently the game had been rescheduled at Cheltenham. The meeting were disappointed to hear this and agreed that efforts should continue to try to obtain international fixtures and efforts should be made to reach an agreement with Dyffryn Croquet Club so that these matches could be staged in Wales.

The Secretary informed the meeting that an invitation had been received to once again send the Welsh Champion to Chatooga and he had advised the Americans that the Welsh CA accepted the offer. Invitations had also been received to nominate a player to the French Open and also to the European Open at Milan. There were also two further places available in a qualifying tournament in Paris for the European Open from which four players would qualify.

The Meeting Closed

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Receipts and Payments Account Year Ending 31st Dec 1992

Receipts

Membership Fees	100.00
Tournament Fees	96.00
Donation	3.00
Garden Festival	37.50
Llandrindod Wells	35.00
Swansea WI	69.80

341.30

Payments

World Federation	75.00
Chatooga	78.34
Balls	10.00
Postage etc	17.00

180.34

Surplus Receipts 160.96

341.30

Balance B/f Jan 1st	122.00
Surplus Receipts for Year	160.96

Balance C/f Dec 31st 282.96
