

# **WELSH CROQUET ASSOCIATION**

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MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE  
WELSH CROQUET ASSOCIATION  
HELD AT DYFFRYN GARDENS CARDIFF  
ON SATURDAY 2nd JULY 1994

**PRESENT:**

W PRICHARD  
J GRIMSHAW  
C WILLIAMS  
J EVANS  
D ARTHUR  
I BURRIDGE  
S HARDING  
M LLEWELLYN-WILLIAMS  
G MCELWAIN  
D REGAN  
M REGAN  
C TUTHILL

**ITEM 1 - MINUTES OF THE MEETING 25TH JUNE 1993**

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

**ITEM 2 - MATTERS ARISING**

The Secretary reported that eight people had responded to the advertisement in the Croquet Gazette and that six of those had now joined the Welsh CA.  
The meeting agreed that the National Championship should remain at the end of June subject to other major national tournaments.

**ITEM 3 - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. He thanked Dyffryn Croquet Club for use of the lawns and praised the continuing improvement in standard of playing surface. He asked that these comments be passed on to the club committee.

With regard to club development, he reported that Pen Pergam were moving to a new lawn. The Secretary reported that Swansea was proving slow to develop but could still happen.

The format of the Welsh Championship needed consideration. The larger entry this year and the growing membership could present problems at a two-lawn club. It was agreed that the maximum number should be twelve. If

entries exceeded this number then some sort of qualifying event would be organised to fill the bottom four places. He then introduced discussion of a national selection criteria proposal being brought forward by the CA in support of a paper by the Scottish CA.

1. Residence for 24 consecutive months.
2. Worked on a daily basis for 24 consecutive months.
3. Citizenship.
4. Parentage.

Further, and perhaps more controversial, were the proposals for changing representation. The CA proposal was for a three-year period without having represented another country before the individual became eligible and that this rule should apply to the Home Internationals also. The meeting was informed by the Secretary that these proposals were at odds with the current Welsh CA constitution, but the meeting agreed that should the policy be adopted by the WCF then a change of constitution could be considered at the next AGM.

#### ITEM 4 - ACCOUNTS

The accounts for the year to 31st December 1993 were presented to the meeting. J Evans proposed and I Burridge seconded that the accounts be accepted and the meeting approved.

The meeting then considered the issue of accommodation of visiting teams. It was agreed that future visitors could only be accommodated at Welsh CA expense on the basis of sponsorship funds.

I Burridge proposed and G McElwain seconded that the Welsh CA should pay the entry for future Home International Championships. The motion was passed 8-0 with four abstentions.

J Grimshaw proposed and D Arthur seconded and the meeting agreed that the entry fee for the 1995 Welsh Championship should be £15. In the event that a qualifying competition is necessary, then the entry fee to that should be £5 with the qualifiers paying the balance on entry to the Championship proper.

The Secretary reported that he had negotiated rates with Dyffryn Croquet Club for the use of the lawns by the Welsh CA.

Welsh Championship £80

Midweek internationals and non-international representative matches £15 per day

Weekend internationals £25 per day

He proposed, S Harding seconded and the meeting approved this arrangement.

#### ITEM 5 - INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

The Secretary reported that an international match had been arranged against Switzerland at Dyffryn. The meeting agreed that the Secretary should recruit a team with handicaps roughly similar to those of the visitors.

Approaches had been made to Australia and New Zealand with a view to an international match during their visit to the UK for the MacRobertson Shield in 1996. The Secretary informed the meeting that the Welsh CA would no longer receive an automatic invitation to participate in the Chatooga tournament in the USA. The organisers had amended the entry criteria to include fewer overseas players.

#### **6.ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

J Evans proposed and I Burridge seconded that the officers be reelected en bloc and the meeting agreed. J Grimshaw proposed and S Harding seconded that J Evans should be reelected to the committee and this was also agreed.

**The Meeting Closed**

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Receipts and Payments Account Year Ending 31st Dec 1993

## Receipts

Membership Fees	110.00
Tournament Fees	96.00
Donation	127.00
1994 Memberships	40.00

## Payments

World Federation	75.00
Lawn Hire	75.00
Trophy Engraving	10.00
Postage etc	47.61

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373.00  
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Surplus Receipts	165.39
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Balance B/f Jan 1st	282.96
Surplus Receipts for Year	165.39
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Balance C/f Dec 31st	448.35
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