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**Minutes of the AGM of the Welsh Croquet Association held at Dyffryn Gardens
on Saturday 20th July 1996**

Present

W Prichard
J Grimshaw
C Williams
J Evans
G McElwain
C Tuthill
S Carter
T Mrozinski
C Prichard
P Pristavec

Apologies

I Burridge
M Evans
A Trickey
B Lewis

Item 1. Minutes of the Meeting of July 21st 1995.

Re Item 3 - The Chairman wished to clarify that the ranking system was used only as an aid to selection and was not the over-riding criteria. With this amendment G McElwain proposed and T Mrozinski seconded that they be accepted as a true record and the meeting approved.

Item 2. Matters Arising.

1. The New Zealand test team had played a match at Dyffryn and the event was very successful.

2. The Secretary read a letter to the meeting (copy enclosed) that he had received from the World Croquet Federation in reply to a letter he had written after a request at the last meeting that he should take up the issue of fees at the World Championship in France. A number of players had still to pay those fees and sanctions remained a possibility. No Welsh players are involved.

Item 3. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. He thanked Dyffryn Croquet Club for the continued use of the lawns and also the gardens staff at Dyffryn for the lawn maintenance, which had been carried out under difficult circumstances since the change of managerial responsibility at the complex.

He was delighted that this year there were two new faces at the Welsh Championship and that seven A Class players had taken part. Whilst it was desirable to

increase the number of participants in this tournament, it is not possible whilst only two lawns are available. Accordingly numbers would have to be limited to twelve for the foreseeable future. He thanked S Carter who had provided the balls for this year's tournament.

The Home Internationals had taken place at Southport and Wales had finished third. New Zealand had been entertained in an international fixture and everyone who took part and spectated had thoroughly enjoyed both the croquet and the camaraderie of the occasion. Lewis Palmer had represented Wales at Sonoma and had reached the knock-out stages.

Item 4. Dyffryn Club

C Williams outlined the problems that had been facing Dyffryn Croquet Club.

On April 1st a local government reorganisation had resulted in a number of unitary authorities replacing the three county authorities in the area of the old Glamorgan. None of these much smaller authorities were prepared to take on the financial responsibility of management of the Dyffryn complex and the premises were handed over to the Residuary Body for Wales, a Government organisation set up specifically for such eventualities. They immediately closed the Conference Centre and put out to tender the upkeep of the gardens. The Vale of Glamorgan were successful in this tender and agreed a one-year sub-lease with the Croquet club. The Residuary Body are seeking a buyer for the premises but are limited by a covenant in their long-term lease which restricts use to educational purposes.

The Vale of Glamorgan have applied for a £2M lottery grant to upgrade the gardens and, if successful, they will take on the gardens only, and the future of the house will be decided separately.

Item 5. Accounts.

The Accounts for the year to December 31st 1995 were presented to the meeting. They showed a deficit of £131.29 for the year principally due to the acquisition of an honours board as approved at the last meeting. C Prichard proposed and C Tuthill seconded that they be approved and the meeting agreed.

Item 6. Election of Officers and Committee.

C Prichard proposed and S Carter seconded that the officers and committee be reelected en bloc and the meeting agreed.

Chairman	W Prichard
Secretary	J Grimshaw
Treasurer	C Williams
Committee	J Evans

Item 7. Any Other Business.

The Secretary reported that J Evans had been selected for the forthcoming European Championship in Jersey. S Carter and C Williams had played in a qualifier for this tournament which resulted in a three-way tie which C Williams won

to take the place available in the finals.

Wales have chosen not to be represented in the World Golf Croquet Championships in Italy as no volunteers had come forward.

Spain are new members of the World Croquet Federation.