

## **South East Croquet Federation – 2003 AGM 16<sup>th</sup> February 2003 – Surbiton CC Minutes**

The meeting started at 10:45am with 40 representatives from Caterham, Compton, Crawley, Dulwich, Ealing, Ember, Guildford & Godalming, Hurlingham, Littlehampton, Medway, Merton, Purley Bury, Ramsgate, Reigate Priory, Roehampton, Surbiton, Sussex County and Woking.

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Bexley, Brenzett, Chichester and Fishbourne, Kemsing Sevenoaks, Rottingdean and Michael Hague (SECF RDO/RCO).

### **2. Minutes of 2002 AGM**

The minutes were accepted.

### **3. Matters arising from the minutes**

None.

### **4. Approval of accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2002**

The new treasurer apologized that the accounts had not yet been independently examined, as they had only been prepared the previous day. Clubs would be informed of the result of the independent examination. The accounts showed a surplus of £476 with assets of £7674. The meeting accepted the accounts unanimously. Clubs are reminded that the SECF can use these funds to make loans or grants to clubs for capital projects.

### **5. Annual subscription for 2003**

The subscription was agreed to be unchanged at £10 per club.

### **6. Report on 2002 events and presentation of trophies**

Trophies were presented to the winners of the 3 leagues and the team and ladies events.

### **7. Development and coaching report**

A report from Michael Hague (RDO and RCO) was read. The summer school was a big success with a 50% increase in numbers. Coaching courses were under subscribed. Referees courses were held. Assistance was given to new ventures at Clapham, Bookham U3A, Sevenoaks CC and Folkestone and Etchinghill GC. Croquet displays were run at Polesden Lacey and Leeds Castle. Charterhouse and Eton schools have been contacted.

Crawley reported on their contact with Probus clubs. They ran a successful event bringing together 7 separate clubs to play croquet.

Congratulations were given to Michael Hague who was elected coach of the year for 2002. This title has been taken by the south east for 3 consecutive years now!

### **8. Election of officers and committee**

John Knight and Don Beck stood down from the committee. A particular vote of thanks was given to John who was a founding committee member and has acted as treasurer for the entire 16 years of the SECF. A retirement gift has been arranged for John, a set of croquet prints.

The following were elected unopposed:

Chairman – Bill Arliss

Secretary and Treasurer – Richard Hilditch

Committee – David Collins, Daphne Gaitley, Michael Hague, George Noble, Roy Ware (one vacancy)  
(CA Rep: Quiller Barrett)

Quiller will be standing down as CA rep in October; the committee has nominated David Mooney from Roehampton and Surbiton. He briefly introduced himself and said his interests included coaching and handicap play. Any other nominations should be given to the secretary before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003.

#### **9. Election of auditor**

The meeting agreed to allow the committee to elect an auditor in case it was more convenient to use one nearer to where the treasurer lived.

#### **10. 2003 League rules**

No changes were made for the leagues in 2003.

#### **11. Other 2003 events**

All the SECF events from 2002 would be repeated in 2003 although the short croquet event has moved location. In addition a new level golf croquet event has been arranged. It was hoped that this would attract top players in the south east.

#### **12 Location of future AGMs**

We are getting a little full, however everyone was very pleased with Surbiton CC. It was agreed to keep the location as Surbiton CC for the present while we could still fit.

#### **13. AOB**

A query about recording association games with non-CA members was put forward. I have passed this to the chairman of the handicap committee of the CA.

David Mooney announced the death of Barbara Mansfield, a long-standing active member at Roehampton.

There was a brief discussion of the problem of rogue golf croquet handicaps. Clubs are reminded that they should appoint a club handicapper or handicap committee and actively control handicaps.

There was a request to reproduce material from the croquet gazette in club newsletters. The CA chairman said that there was no copyright problem with this provided that the source of the material was acknowledged.

#### **14 Reminders**

Clubs were asked to check the Godfathers' list due to committee changes.

The meeting ended at 12:00pm and was followed by lunch courtesy of George Noble, the Surbiton club and Fullers. The report of the afternoon club conference is given separately.