



MINUTES

Board Meeting – Wednesday 16 December, 2015 at 1700 ESST via Skype
(continuation of the meeting held on Wednesday 9 December)

1. Roll Call

In attendance Bob Godfrey, Deputy Chair
 Jim Clement
 Don Close
 Megan Fardon
 Tricia Vierra
 David Taylor

 Susan Linge, ACA Secretary/Administrative Officer

Apologies Robyn Wallace, Chair
 Jim Saunders

2. Welcome

The Deputy Chair thanked Directors for their attendance and confirmed that the meeting was a continuation of the one held during the previous week, and the items to be discussed would be those that had been deferred from the agenda dated Wednesday 9 December.

3. Minutes

3.1 No minutes to adopt

4. Recording of Motions sent and agreed to by Email

Dealt with 9 December

5. Review of Action Items

Dealt with 9 December

6. Board – Roles and Responsibilities

Dealt with 9 December

7. Board Priorities

Dealt with 9 December

8. Board Representation at ACA Events

Tricia Vierra offered to represent ACA at the Inaugural Under 21 GC Championships and Jim Saunders was nominated to attend the President's GC Eights in absentia.

	Event	Dates	Representative
8.1	Inaugural Under 21 GC Championship	Friday 15 to Sunday 16 January, 2016 (Maitland CC, NSW)	Tricia Vierra
8.2	President's GC Eights	Friday 5 to Sunday 7 February, 2016 (Cairnlea, VIC)	Jim Saunders
8.3	AC Gold Medal	Wednesday 9 to Friday 11 March, 2016 (Cairnlea, VIC)	
8.4	AC Men's and Women's Singles	Saturday 12 to Tuesday 15 March, 2016 (Cairnlea, VIC)	
8.5	Eire Cup	Wednesday 16 March to Sunday 20 March, 2016 (Cairnlea, VIC)	

9. Strategic Plan

Nothing to report but an update will be forthcoming at either the January or February meeting.

10. Policies

10.1 Board Election Policy – Draft

This item was dealt with on Wednesday 9 December but as David Taylor was unable to attend there was a brief recap of the discussion and decision.

11. Tournaments

11.1 GC Gold Medal, Men's and Women's Singles and ISS – Report Tournament Referee

11.2 GC Handicap Open Doubles and Singles – Report Tournament Referee

11.3 AC Open Doubles and Singles – Report Tournament Referee

The Reports listed in items 11.1, 11.2, 11.3 were distributed under separate cover by email on 7 December - 'Agenda 9 December – Reports' and as there were no comments the three reports were taken as read.

11.4 Inaugural Under 21 GC Championship

11.4.1 Dates are now Friday 15 to Sunday 17 January, 2016 at Maitland CC.

For noting.

11.4.2 Number of Players

To date five players have entered and there may be a sixth.

11.4.3 Flyer

An advertising flyer for the Inaugural Under 21 GC Championship was placed on the ACA website and sent to State Secretaries asking if they could distribute to their clubs on 1 December.

11.5 Golf Croquet Trans-Tasman – Update - Bob Godfrey

Dealt with 9 December

11.6 Quadway Hoops

The Board was informed that Croquet Victoria has purchased 12 sets of Quadway Hoops and unless otherwise indicated by ACA, these hoops will be used for all national events held at Cairnlea.

David Taylor also reported that the Board of Croquet South Australia has agreed to purchase a set of Quadway Hoops which may increase to a total of three.

It was briefly mentioned that if St Leonard's hosts the AC Trans Tasman in 2017, eights sets of Quadway Hoops will be needed and ACA should not require nor expect Croquet Tasmania to make such a purchase.

Secretarial Note: Megan Fardon joined the meeting.

11.7 2016 President's GC Eights

Both 11.7.1 and 11.7.2 were dealt with 9 December.

11.8 2016 AC Gold Medal, Men's and Women's Singles and Eire Cup

Both 11.8.1 and 11.8.2 were dealt with 9 December.

11.9 2016 WCF Golf Croquet Teams World Championship

The GC Selection Committee met on Monday 14 December to select the players to represent Australia in the GC Teams World Championship. The players selected – Chris McWhirter, Wendy Dickson, Lester Hughes and Anne Quinn. The Board had previously agreed that the Team Manager would also be the playing reserve and selectors nominated John van der Touw.

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The Board accepted the recommendations made by the GC Selectors and the Administrative Officer would inform the players accordingly. The Board also agreed to the appointment of John van der Touw as Team Manager.

Terry Ericson had been co-opted as a member of the GC Selection Committee and the Board took the opportunity to confirm his position until the AGM in March, 2016.

11.10 2016 GC Handicap Doubles and Singles.

Jim Saunders had asked that this item be listed as he had received a letter from Deniliquin Croquet Club seeking to host the 2016 GC Handicap Doubles and Singles. This item has been overlooked but with the flux of time the Events Committee has worked with the Deniliquin Croquet Club and the dates are now – Monday 24 to Friday 28 October, 2016.

12. (a) Matters arising from Committees and Working Groups

12.1 State Directors Under 21 Croquet Meeting – Minutes 22 September
The Minutes were taken as read.

12.2 WCF Under 21 Development Working Group Meeting

12.2.1 Minutes 22 September

12.2.2 Minutes 15 October

Minutes dated 22 September and 15 October were taken as read.

12.2.3 ACA U21 Development Squad Communication Strategy
Dealt with 9 December.

12.3 Croquet Australia Coaching Committee

12.3.1 Minutes 2 November

12.3.2 Proposal for ACA Participant Map (Reports – Appendix 1 was distributed by email 9 November)

12.3.4 Proposal for New Coach Logo

The Board has previously agreed the items 12.3.1, 12.3.2 and 12.3.4 be deferred to the first meeting in January 2016.

12.3.5 Report meeting between NCDAC, Greg Whymark and ASC, Natalie Menzies. Greg Whymark provided a report to the Board on his meeting with the ASC's representative Natalie Menzies at which was discussed the framework of the *Strategic Coaching Needs* document. Don Close reiterated that the development of the program was in full momentum and a pilot session had been held earlier in the month.

Jim Clement queried what correlation there was between the existing levels and the new levels. Don Close replied that the determination of a level was based on recognition of prior learning skills.

12.4 Events Committee and Tournament Committee – TReg 12.7

Much discussion has already occurred on the re-wording of TReg 12.7. Concerns were raised again that 'daggy' clothing was not selling a good image. Don Close said the requirement of 'predominantly white clothing' was a 'turn off' for younger players.

The Board voted on the motion and the wording of TReg 12.7 was accepted.
The Clause to read –

"Players will wear foot wear which will not mark the court and provides adequate protection for themselves both on and off the court; and neat, clean attire which the Tournament or Venue Manager judges will not cause significant offence to others. A player in unsuitable clothing or foot wear will be given the opportunity to dress appropriately or will not be permitted to participate in the event"

Tournament Regulations to be updated accordingly.

12. (b) Matters Arising from Appointed Officers

Dealt with 9 December,

13. WCF

13.1 WCF GC WC and WCF Under 21's and Qualifiers

Administrative Officer reported that the format and size of field was still being discussed with the WCF's Australian Representative.

13.2 Elections to the WCF Management Committee.

The Administrative Officer confirmed the results that had been forwarded by the WCF Secretary General –

Amir Ramsis Naguib was re-elected as President

Luis de Gortazar (Spain), Mike Orgill (USA) and Samir Patel (England) were appointed to the three vacancies on the Management Committee.

14. Finance

Dealt with 9 December.

15. ACA Website

The Administrative Officer shared her screen with the Directors to show how the on-line entry form for the Men's and Women's Singles would look and the ease with which it will be able to be completed. Implementation date is still on schedule for Monday 22 December.

16. Appointed Officer Positions

16.1 Appointments for 2016

The details for this discussion was sent as a separate paper by email on 8 December.

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17. New Business

17.1 Scholarships

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17.2 ACA Grant to New Clubs

The Board agreed to increase the one-off grant for new clubs from \$1,000 to \$1,500. It is anticipated in 2016 at least four clubs will eligible to seek a New Club Grant.

Secretarial Note: Tricia Vierra left the meeting at 1934

18. Recommendations from Discussion Forum

It was agreed that the Deputy Chair and the Administrative Officer would review the list of Action Items arising from the Discussion Forum topics held on Monday 28 September.

19. Issues from State Associations

19.1 Coaching Accreditation – Secretary of Croquet Victoria would like to report ACA's position at their next Council Meeting

Dealt with 9 December.

20. Next Meeting

The next meeting is Tuesday 19 January at 1630 ESST (1600 SA; 1530 QLD; 1330 WA)

21. Meeting Closed

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