



Discussion Forum

Minutes

Monday 25 March, 2019

Forrest Park CC, Perth, Western Australia

ACA Board

Chair - Megan Fardon

Treasurer – Don Close

Jim Nicholls

Mike Cohn

Jacky McDonald

State Delegates

South Australia - Greg Rowberry

Western Australia - Di McGivern

Queensland - John Stokes

Tasmania - Sue Beattie

Victoria - Jim Clement

New South Wales - Rob Elliott

Observer - Max Kewish

Observer - Mary Marsland

Rob Murray – EO and acting ACA Secretary

Meeting Opened – 11.11

Welcome By the Chair – Megan Fardon

Agenda Item 1 - Introduction of new Board member

- Megan Fardon welcomed Jacky McDonald

Agenda Item 2 – ACA Website – Content

Jim Clement from Croquet Victoria (CV) raised the point that there are a number of issues with the website that require urgent attention. These issues are:

- 75% of the website links currently aren't working.
- Handicap Cards need to be located in the resource pages rather than Regulation & Policies.
- Review of the ACA History page. Currently states ACA only began in 1992.
- Change image on Association Croquet page.
- Improve image of how croquet is presented on the website. Some of the images portray a casual approach to the sport. Include images that also show high level competition.
- Website not user friendly.
- ACA need to conduct full audit of website.
- ACA to produce budget for webmaster – including social media.
- States under the heading of Corporate Partners – Has been changed with links to State websites now under the heading of State Associations.
- Croquet Victoria request that ACA update Tournaments drop down to include Tournament program.

Agenda Item 3 – ACA Magazine – Is this defunct or moving to an online model?

Due to an illness to the Editor and a proposed move to an online model, the ACA magazine ceased publication in 2018. The ACA Board does still plan to incorporate a Croquet magazine that will be available online through the website.

- ACA to advertise and Expression of Interest for a magazine editor.

Agenda Item 4 – Constitutional Review

- Jim Clements to draft proposal for amendment to the ACA Constitution.
- Clarification of the appointment of the ACA Chair needs to be tidied up.
- The current Constitution doesn't allow for adequate succession planning in regard to the make-up of the ACA Board. Board to review.

Agenda Item 5 – Why are the States shown as Corporate Partners on the ACA website?

- ACA EO, Rob Murray advised that website provider (Marketing Sweet) set up page with incorrect headings. This error has since been rectified and all links to the State websites is now under the heading of State Associations.

Agenda Item 6 – Why are the States invoiced for affiliation fees months ahead of shareholders receiving their income?

- Croquet Victoria requesting a change to the timing of the invoice for the State affiliation fees. ACA Board to review the timing of the invoices and advise States.

Agenda Item 7 – Other items from the floor.

- Jim Clement raised the issue of lack of information coming from the Board. Example of this type of issue is the States not officially been informed of Board resignations.
- The ACA office has moved address to 2/65 Tennant St, Fyshwick. Address has been updated on the ACA website.
- Don Close updated the University Croquet program that is being implemented in Queensland and run by Murray Tinker. Budget allocation for this program has been set at \$6000. Murray Tinker has advertised for a “Croquet Ambassador”. Facilities for this program will be provided on campus by The University of Queensland.
- Jim Clements advised that with Croquet Victoria (CV) hosting the 2019 Golf Croquet Trans-Tasman, the first two tests will be live streamed by My Sport Live. This is the same company that conducted the live streaming trial of the Presidents Eights. Croquet Victoria looking for commentators to assist in the coverage. CV and ACA are also looking for sponsorship for the event to assist with the running costs.
- Rob Elliott from Croquet NSW suggested a change in the format of the Eire Cup and State Shield. Conduct each event on alternate years so they are held every second year instead of every year in the current format.
- Jim Clement requested that appointed coordinators be listed on the website along with forms for expression of interest.

Meeting closed at 1230pm