



DISCUSSION FORUM MINUTES

Wednesday, 29th September 2021

Via Zoom

1. Attendance:

- 1.1. **States' Delegates:** Pat Habner (CAQ), Kate McLoughlin (CNSW), Stephen Forster (Croquet Vic), Leigh Herington & Peter Tracey (CTas), Geoff Crook (Croquet SA), Alan Sands (Croquetwest)
- 1.2. **ACA Directors:** Jim Nicholls (Chair), Mary Marsland (Deputy Chair), Max Kewish, Barbara Northcott, Alison Sharpe, Kerri-Ann Organ, Bernie Pfitzner
- 1.3. **ACA Officers:** Jim Clement (Secretary), Rob Murray (Executive Officer)
- 1.4. **Others:** Peter Freer (Chair, Events Committee)
- 1.5. **Apologies:** Kah Yang Loke (Treasurer)

2. Opening: The Chair opened the forum at 18:03 AEST

3. Declaration of Directors' Interests:

- Max Kewish – President, Croquetwest
- Alison Sharpe – Principal of a Croquet coaching business
- Kerri-Ann Organ – Employee of a sponsoring business

4. Items For Discussion:

- 4.1. **Constitutional Amendments:** Mary Marsden spoke to the previously distributed paper.
 - 4.1.1. Consensus was reached that the association's name remain as Australian Croquet Association.
 - 4.1.2. Agreement was reached that better definition of clubs and individual members is required. Croquet Australia to investigate.
 - 4.1.3. Secretary to contact states to ascertain that s6.2 have been complied with and then to delete that paragraph at the next constitutional amendment. Examine possibility of incorporating s6.3 into s5.3. **Action: Sec**
 - 4.1.4. Agreed that a database of individual players is required. **Action: ACA**
 - 4.1.5. Agreed to delete s20.3(d) (iii)
 - 4.1.6. Consensus to allow Chair to extend for a year if appointed as Chair in their final term. Also, to examine rotation of Directors – e.g. one third standing down each year rather than one half.
- 4.2. **Child Molestation Insurance:** Jim Clement spoke to the distributed paper. There was unanimous agreement from the states that Child Molestation Insurance should be pursued. **Action: Sec**
- 4.3. **Membership Categories:** Geoff Crook spoke to the Croquet SA paper. Agreed that Croquet Australia affiliation fees would not be reduced for membership categories other than for juniors.
- 4.4. **Collection of Affiliation Fees:** Peter Tracey spoke to the previously distributed CTas paper. Agreed that ACA review its procedures for the collection of affiliation fees and seek comments from states. **Action: ACA**

4.5. **Criteria for Postponement/Cancellation of ACA Events:** Discussion revealed that a policy is required, with agreement six weeks' notice of postponement/cancellation is adequate. **Action: ACA**

4.6. **Rotation of ACA Events (ISC & ISS):** Discussion of the rotation of the ISC and ISS, and likelihood of ISS being held in Queensland in 2024. It was agreed that these events can be held, as provided for in TRegs, with as few as three teams, and that a contingency plan be developed for each instance of the future hosting of these events.

Alan Sands left the forum at 20:40, after which there was further discussion of Items 4.5 and 4.6

5. **Close:** The Chair closed the forum at 20:54 stating that such forums should be held more regularly, possibly quarterly.