



DISCUSSION FORUM MINUTES

Saturday, 19th March 2022

at Concordia Club, 1 Richardsons Crescent, Marrickville NSW 2044

1. Attendance:

- 1.1. **Delegates:** Pat Habner (CAQ), Kate McLoughlin (CNSW), Stephen Forster (Croquet Vic), Sylvia Wing* (CTas), Greg Rowberry (CroquetSA), Alan Sands* (Croquetwest)
- 1.2. **Board Members:** Jim Nicholls (Chair), Max Kewish, Barbara Northcott, Kerri-Ann Organ, Pat Habner (also CAQ Delegate).
- 1.3. **Board Officers & Appointees:** Jim Clement (Secretary), Rob Murray (EO), Greg Bury (Academy General Manager), Peter Freer (Chair, Events Committee), Barb Piggott (ANCC)
- 1.4. **Other Attendees:** David Housden (CAQ Treasurer), Peter Tracey* (CTas Treasurer), Ray Chapman (CNSW), Don Close, Rik Mills (Orange CC), Alison Sharpe, Mary Marsland
- 1.5. **Apologies:** Kah Yang Loke (ACA Treasurer)
(*Attendance via Zoom)

2. Opening:

The Chair opened the meeting at 09:55 AEDT

3. Declaration of Interests:

All attendees are croquet players, some holding positions in state or national level management.

4. For Discussion:

- 4.1. **Collection of Affiliation Fees:** Peter Tracey spoke to his paper, which had been distributed prior to the meeting. After discussion, it was agreed that working party comprising each state treasurer and the Croquet Australia treasurer be formed to provide a recommendation to the Board.
- 4.2. **ACA Insurance Matters:** Agreed that the offer from Lyndon Parnell to review the Croquet Australia insurance policies be accepted.
- 4.3. **National Membership Incentive Program:** Jim Nicholls spoke to the Board's proposal, distributed prior to the meeting.

(Secretarial Note: Alan Sands left the meeting at 10:45 AEDT)

After much discussion regarding possible methods of increasing membership, it was agreed that the proposal be accepted, a financial impact statement be developed, and the matter be referred to the Board.

- 4.4. **Concerns Regarding Academy Matters:** Pat Habner spoke to the CAQ paper, emphasising that little input has been requested from the State Associations and there is a lack of transparency.

(Secretarial Note: Stephen Forster left the meeting at 12:05 AEDT)

The Chair advised that the Board had viewed the overall tasks envisaged for the Academy which would take some 2½ to 3 years; the Board was to devise an overall timeline and costing.

- 4.5. **Reimbursement for Hosting National Events:** Kate MacLoughlin spoke to the CNSW paper. The Chair advised that he had spoken to players regarding this, with a majority supporting an increase. Peter Freer asked what was the intention – to increase payments to officials and thus gain more for any event, or to compensate club members for the days that they cannot play due to an ACA event. The Board is to consider increasing the court hire fee to \$50/day and also increasing officials per diem.

5. Close:

The Chair closed the meeting at 12:22 AEDT.