

Minutes of Meeting of Abbey Croquet Club held on

Tuesday 14th March, 2017 at the Victoria Sports Club

There were 11 members present.

Apologies were received from Wendy Edwards, Jean Middle, Paul Moody, Chris and Julie Spray and John Tapfield.

Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd August 2016 were agreed and signed.

No matters arising not covered by the Agenda.

Treasurer's Report: Annual Accounts: Membership and visitors were down compared with 2015. Victoria Club increased the rent substantially. Present Bank Balance £423.96 of which £125 is on loan which the subscribers have signified they do not wish them to be repaid.

Chairman's Report: The Association Section reached the final but lost to Broadwas. No trophies this year for the Golf Section, the team finished 5th in the Central South League. The Chairman thanked members for their help with the maintenance of the lawn and noted that while not everyone is able to do grass cutting there is always a willingness to help in other ways, eg: hoop painting, match lunches etc. The Chairman also announced a £1000 grant awarded by the Croquet Association and thanked John for the huge amount of work to generate this and other grants towards the new pavilion.

Election of Officers: The present officers being willing to be re-elected they were proposed by Barbara McDermott and seconded by Toby Wright. Carried unanimously.

SW Federation AGM: there were many proposals were submitted by various clubs but only a few were agreed and have been implemented including a change in Golf Matches. Handicaps below 10 cannot play in league matches unless there are not enough players available in which case they play with their true handicap. The free shots awarded for a half size lawn are to be the same as a full size lawn. In Association Federation matches pairings are to be in handicap order and not randomly selected.

Subscriptions: It was agreed that they remain the same for the coming year.

Any Other Business:

National Croquet Day: this is to be on Sunday 4th June and it was field we should make a greater effort this year.

Pavilion: John Hole gave an account of his activities since the last meeting. At the moment he is awaiting the result of a Viridor meeting to be held this week to decide if we are to be given funds.

He produced two plans Scheme 1 and Scheme 2.

Scheme 1: was a Log Cabin which would be supplied by Mercia of Newark, they would provide a builder probably at another date. There would have to be a paved base built probably by a local builder. We would have to pay all costs on agreement of sale.

With the quote of £1159 for the base this scheme exceed the funds available. Although members favoured this scheme it was felt that the risks imposed by Mercia's terms of business made it too risky even if the base could be sourced within budget."

Scheme 5: a Modified Frame Construction from a company called Timberworks in Axbridge. They would build the concrete base, supply and erect the building.

After much discussion John proposed and Mary Jones seconded that he contact the Axbridge Company and gets them to come and inspect the proposed site. If it is satisfactory and they are willing to agree to the contract he will contact all members to enable them to go to Axbridge and inspect the possible pavilion.

David Pennack will email members when we can start playing croquet.

Date of next meeting: 6th June, 2017 at 6.00 pm. at the Victoria Club.

In view of the very noisy club house at this meeting it was suggested we ask if we can hold our next meeting in the Function Room. Mary Jones will contact the club nearer the date.