

CROQUET TASMANIA
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
Monthly Meeting – 28 March 2023 - Zoom meeting

Present: Sylvia Wing, Peter Tracey, Joan Williams, Jane Hyland, Gina Kirkland, Paul Godard, Leigh Herington, Tony Walker (for item 6.10)

Meeting opened 4.00 pm by President, Sylvia Wing

1. Apologies: Nil
2. Minutes of previous meeting

Moved by Paul Godard that the minutes are a true and accurate account of the meeting. Seconded Peter Tracey. Minutes accepted.

3. Matters arising from minutes

Completed actions were updated on the Action Sheet.

4. Correspondence Report

Outgoing correspondence confirmed.

Peter Tracey raised the issue of the term “Heads of State” that is being seen in email correspondence from the ACA CEO to states, and the fact that it appears to be a defacto board of state presidents/chairs. It was also noted that correspondence seems to be going to “Heads of State” rather than through state secretaries. CT will write to the ACA and seek clarification as to the role of this body.

Action: Jane Hyland/Sylvia Wing.

5. Reports

- 5.1 Marketing report

Marketing has been overtaken by the ACA’s marketing and rebranding project.

- 5.2 Treasurer’s report

The following payments were presented for approval:

Bank Account

28/03/23	Debit card acct	Reimbursement	560.00
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Debit card

02/03/23	Sylvia Wing	GC Men's and Women's prize money	230.00
06/03/23	NTasCC	R McKean Lawn Fees	15.00
07/03/23	Peter Ross	ACA Bronze Travel Assistance	150.00
01/03/23	Callum Hyland	Eire Cup Travel Allocation	200.00
13/03/23	New Town CC	Lawn Fees AC Doubles	55.00
13/03/23	Gina Kirkland	Engraving Trophy	20.00
28/03/23	Peter Tracey	AC Div 3 Prize Money	40.00

Moved by Peter Tracey that the payments be approved. Seconded Gina Kirkland. Payments approved.

5.3 Competitions Convenor's report

There will be a meeting of the CT Competitions Meeting on 13 April 2023. Other relevant matters were addressed at agenda items 6.1, 6.3 and 6.6.

5.4 Southern Delegate's Report

Matters raised by southern members, in writing, were addressed at agenda item 6.6.

5.5 Northern Delegate's Report

Nil to report

5.6 2024 Eire Cup report

The AC Nationals Organising Committee met on 27 March 2023. The committee is still pursuing two extra lawns in the south of the state and it may yet be possible to hold the AC Men's and Women's Opens in the south rather than one of these events being held at NTCC..

6. Other Business

6.1 2024 Calendar for approval

Joan Williams presented the latest version of the 2024 calendar which reflects the change in date for the GC Men's and Women's events to 16-18 February 2024. The Competition Committee has been asked to consider playing weekend events on Saturday to Monday rather than Friday to Saturday. If this goes ahead then the calendar will need to be revised.

Action: Joan Williams

6.2 Amendment to CT By-Laws

An amendment to the By-Laws was tabled to reflect the creation of regional competitions committees to run competitions in the north and south of the state. Two changes were made to the draft to reflect the names of the committees and that more than one member may represent a club particularly where AC and GC representation is required.

The draft will be amended to reflect these changes and will then be circulated to clubs and published on the CT website.

Action: Jane Hyland

6.3 Prize money for CT Events

Joan Williams raised the issue of the disparity between men's and women's events with respect to prize money. This has been referred to the CT Competitions Committee for advice.

Action: Joan Williams

6.4 ACA Affiliation Fees process

The Treasurer noted that the payment and timing of ACA Affiliation fees is under review yet again. Peter has responded to a survey of states on the timing of fee payment and pro-rating.

6.5 2025 WCF GC Teams Championships Tier 1

Sylvia responded to criticism about the state of the NTCC lawns. A plan has been developed with an associated cost of around \$20,000 to bring the lawns up to an international standard in advance of this event. Sylvia will circulate the plan to members of the Executive.

Action: Sylvia Wing

6.6 Matters raised by members

6.6.1 Lack of communication to club members (Graham Keating)

Recently an event was cancelled due to lack of entries but the Tournament Manager was not advised. CT noted that the TM would have been aware that there were only two entries and known that it could not be held due to insufficient entries and also advised affected players.

6.6.2 Lawn conditions for CT events (Graham Keating)

A request was made that the conditions of lawns be ascertained before holding ACA and CT events. The Executive noted that the TCA has a formal requirement to perform checks for Eire Cup / IS and International Events played in Tasmania. The Executive were not keen to monitor each club on a quarterly basis but expected clubs to highlight when they had issues.

6.6.3 Promotion of competitions

A suggestion was made that competitions could be promoted more, particularly to club members who are new to both GC and AC, the point being made that croquet is a sport, not a social outing. This matter can be raised with the Competitions Committee for suggestions as to how this might be overcome..

Action: Joan Williams

6.6.4 Incentives for potential referees

A suggestion was made that CT send a GC rule book to all new members and a free rule book to existing members who are willing to become referees. It was noted that some clubs already provide new members with GC rule books. CT agreed to do this in future.

Action: Jane Hyland to notify clubs

6.6.5 Competition playing days

A proposal was put forward that weekend CT and ACA events be played from Saturday to Monday rather than Friday to Sunday to make it easier for students, in particular, to get the day off to participate if they make the finals. This was referred to the Competitions Committee for advice.

Action: Joan Williams

6.7 CT representation on ACA working groups

The Secretary raised the issue of the plethora of working groups being set up by the ACA where state representation is sought. Jane advised that Ian Smith would be a representative on the Tournament Directors/Management Course - Working Group and this was notified to the ACA. Sylvia advised that Paul Godard would also be a representative.

6.8 Intrastate GC teams competition

The development of a statewide GC teams competition was a suggestion from the last Competitions Committee meeting. The Secretary and John

Lee-Archer put forward a proposal for the event. This will be referred to the Competitions Committee for consideration and, if approved, will be proposed for inclusion in the 2024 calendar.

Action: Joan Williams

6.9 Treasurer/Secretary positions

Jane Hyland offered to take on the Treasurer role if CT could find a replacement Secretary. An EOI was sent to clubs in relation to the Secretary position with little response. June Pongratz has indicated that she will nominate for the position at the next AGM. The CT expressed its thanks to June for her interest.

Action: Sylvia Wing

6.10 Publicity Officer position

Tony Walker was invited to discuss this agenda item. It was resolved to defer the item to the next meeting when Tony is able to consider the roles and responsibilities of the position as set down in the by-laws..

Action: Jane Hyland

7. Other Business

Jane Hyland expressed, on behalf of the Eire Cup team, its thanks for CT's financial support to the team.

Preparations are underway for the May AGM.

8. Next meeting: 18 April 2023, at 4.00pm (Zoom).

9. Meeting closed at 6.00 pm.

Signed: Sylvia Wing, Chair

Date: 18 April 2023