The Minutes of the 40TH Annual General Meeting of the Croquet South East held on Saturday 13th November 2026 by Zoom.

Committee members present were: Andrew Stewart (Chair), Ian Cobbold (Treasurer), Jon Diamond (Secretary), Bob Clark (Tournament Organiser), Rob Harper (Coaching & Safeguarding Officer), Douglas Shand (Development Officer).

The following clubs were represented: Ann Alecock (The Croqueteers), Sara Anderson (Woking), James Bourne (Ember), Bob Clark (Littlehampton), Ian Cobbold (Cheam), Neil Coote (Ealing), Martyn Daniels (Bromley), Jon Diamond (Royal Tunbridge Wells), Carolyn Doswell (Merton), Fiona Fall (Compton), Clive Hayton (SCCC), Rob Harper (SCCC), Shirley Kavanagh (Merton), Simon Ling (Reigate Priory), Adam & Karen Newbould (Bromley), Nira Scutt (SCCC), Douglas Shand (Guildford & Godalming), Julie Sheahan (Merton), Andrew Stewart (SCCC,West Worthing), Simon Tuke (Ealing), Fiona Walker (Aldershot Traction), Penny Hinton(Purley Bury), Vincent L'Estrange (SCC)

1. Apologies
None has been received

2. Minutes of the previous AGM
This was held by Zoom on 16th November 2025 and were adopted with no objections.

3. Elections
Chairman: Andrew Stewart, **Secretary:** Jon Diamond, **Treasurer**: Ian Cobbold were re-elected unopposed.

Committee: Bob Clark, Matt Cook, Douglas Shand and Rob Harper replacing Richard Carline who resigned for personal reasons, were all re-elected unopposed.

4. Treasurer
The Accounts plus Report showed a surplus of £833 and funds of £5,295. These were accepted unopposed. A review of grant policy would be made to support new and small clubs.

Appointment of Independent Examiner. Clive Hayton was thanked for his work in examining the Federation Accounts and he confirmed that he would continue in this role for another year.

Annual subscription. The committee proposed that the annual subscription per club should remain at £25 per annum. This was accepted by unopposed.

The amount of tournament and league fees for 2025: The Committee proposed no change (at £5). The was accepted by the meeting unopposed. Tournament entry fees will be fixed when the lawn hire charges have been published by CqE.

5. Chairman
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The start date for registration being earlier was raised by Karen Newbould, discussed and remitted to the Committee. ***[A subsequent meeting has reaffirmed the commencement***

date for registration being 1st Feb, as many committees were not in operation over the winter.]

6. Coaching/Safeguarding
Rob Harper reported another successful year with 25 courses and 174 attendees. This years there would be three new developments - a new website, coaching pathways and expanded outreach.

He also expressed his appreciation for the work done by the retiring Richard Carline.

7. Website
Jon Diamond reported that the website is operating well. The worldwide security alert had been handled perfectly by our ISP.

8. Development
Douglas Shand reported that a few clubs had achieved his target of 10% increase in membership, including Guildford & Godalming, Sussex County, Ember and Lodsworth. Overall membership had increased by 1% to 2,300.

9. Leagues
Matt Cook was unable to deliver a report, but all leagues had completed satisfactorily.

Given the difficult logistics of distributing trophies, since there was no longer a face-to-face AGM, the Committee had decided to produce individual ones to be collected, albeit at an extra cost.

10. Tournaments
Bob Clark reported that most tournaments were completed, except the AC teams ehich had not received sufficient entries. GC Ladies day was oversubscribed, but Carnival Day could accommodate more teams. The Southern Challenge South change to one day had proved successful.

One change for 2026/7 would be that the winning clubs would need to organise the engraving of their trophies.

Adam Newbould raised the issue of Dgrade and Handicap conversion which had caused confusion this year.

11. AOB: None

The Chair closed the meeting.