

Croquet South East

Minutes of Committee Meeting 11th September 2025

Present: Andrew Stewart (AS) Chair, Jon Diamond (JD) Secretary, Richard Carline (RC), Bob Clark (BC), Dr Alan Grundy (AG), David King (DK), Douglas Shand (DS).

1. **Apologies**

John Low, Carol Driver

2. **Minutes of last meeting**

Agreed.

Handicapping Survey circulated, with no response from clubs.

3. **Treasurer's Report**

DK: Report circulated. Entry fees are well down. Grants were approved last year, none this year. Tournament fees were also down.

There was an expected loss of about £1,000, but it's not an issue currently.

4. **Development Officer's Report**

DS: Report circulated. I've made contact with many Development Officers and Club Secretaries to discuss croquet promotion ideas. I've assisted Sussex CC with getting a £10K grant from CqE and we've provided loan mallets to West London and Aldershot. After an evening at Hurstpierpoint College we had a late cancellation of a group visit from Patcham High School. We need to think about how we can get clubs other than Woking involved with Home Schooling.

5. **Coaching and Safeguarding**

RC: Report circulated. Nothing to report on Safeguarding. The Academy Programme had been agreed and would be published shortly. Tony Elkin had joined the Committee and is working on a Club Survey to assess needs.

6. **Webmaster's Report**

JD reported that the site was fine and that the new replacement forms system had bedded down well.

7. **Club Registration for 2025**

39 clubs have registered.

8. **Leagues**

JL: A brief report was circulated, highlighting outstanding fixtures. Should a club having two teams and outstanding fixtures be allowed to have two the following season? **Agreed.**

JL to be asked whether any changes proposed for next year. **Action: AS**

9. **Tournaments**

BC: Report circulated. Entries are slightly down. The SE Challenge was particularly difficult, with ultimately the North having only 5 teams and the South turning into a one day event with 6 teams.

I'm going to be sending out a consultation document about tournaments for 2026. **Action: BC**

10. AGM

Constitution change for Committee membership needed because of CqE changes. **It was agreed to remove clause 7g.**

11. CqE update

AS provided an overview of the new CqE changes.

12. Any other business

None

13. Date of next meeting

AGM: Saturday 15th November 10am.

There will be a short Committee meeting after the AGM finishes.