

Croquet South East Minutes of Committee Meeting 24th September 2026

Present: Andrew Stewart (AS) Chair, Jon Diamond (JD) Secretary, Ian Cobbold (IC) Treasurer, Bob Clark (BC), Rob Harper (RH), Douglas Shand (DS).

1. Apologies

Matt Cook

RH has taken over from Richard Carline due to family circumstances

2. Minutes of last meeting

Agreed

3. Treasurer (IC)

The balance is likely to be about £5,500 at the end of the year with two new clubs joining. The surplus for the year will be about £1,000, compared to a deficit of £1,024 for 2025, mostly due to a lack of grants this year.

ACTION: IC to contact Clive Hayton regarding audit of accounts

4. Development (DS)

Visited Bexhill., going quite well. Also visited West London for a coaching day - doing quite well (30-40 members). Additionally Ravenscourt Park, but slightly difficult since only one person involved, similarly for East Sheen.

Crawley also keen, but two factions... Caterham in a spot of difficulty due to Council cut-backs, but have large bank balance.

Grant applications in prospect: Ealing for irrigation (£9000), Rottingdean for new clubhouse (£5000?).

ACTION: AS to put DS name forward for CqE funding/grants committee

ACTION: DS to follow up with Caterham following MC resignation

ACTION: DS to talk to Medway regarding possibility of acquiring it for other clubs

ACTION: DS to visit Rottingdean to discuss grant application in about 2 weeks

5. Coaching and Safeguarding (RH)

No report, since RC not present.

Some activities with Croquet Academy, initially 3 courses over winter. Then pathways for AC and GC for next year.

ACTION: RH to sen PDF flyer to JD

ACTION: RH to investigate suitability and price of engraved glass as trophies

6. Webmaster (JD)

All OK

7. Club Registrations 2026

40

8. Leagues (MC)

No report, but seems to be wrapping up nicely.

9. Tournaments (BC)

GC Ladies 14 teams

Carnival 12

SE Challenge South 6

SE Challenge North 6

Short 4

AC Teams 2

Mostly running successfully, but we do need more entrants, especially for the Carnival Day.

Trophies for tournaments was discussed and a new set of procedures was initiated.

Tournament trophies to remain and so be presented at the tournament, but leagues to be replaced by one time trophies to avoid much toing and froing with engraving etc.

ACTION: RC to chase and forward updates to the website

ACTION: AS to look up AGM for Southern Challenge handicap restrictions and circulate

10. Federation(AS)

CqE wants more Federation participation.

11. U3A use of clubs

General discussion.

12. AGM

Saturday 7th November

ACTION: AS to sent out invitation and call for motions

13. CqE update

None - discussed elsewhere

14. Any other business

None.

15. Date of Next Meeting

22nd October 7pm