

**CROQUET SA Golf Croquet Committee Meeting**  
Held at SACA (Hutt Rd) at 1.00pm on 21 September 2016

**Minutes**

**1. Attendance**

**Present: Graeme Thomas, Bernie Pfitzner, Tony Arthur, Karen Magee, Shirlene McBride (on Skype), Jane West**

**Apologies: Robert Weaver, John Arney**

**Minutes of meeting held on 30 August 2016 approved (moved by Bernie Pfitzner seconded by Graeme Thomas).**

**2. Reports:**

**2.1. Director – Graeme Thomas**

**2.1.1. Succession Planning:**

GC Director emailed general list 25/8/16 requesting more nominations for GC Ctee positions.

**Welcome to Karen Magee as the nominated GC Events Coordinator.** Thank you, Karen.

**Shirlene McBride will take on the role of Chair of Selection.** Many thanks to Shirlene for her work in the role of GC Events Coordinator, in particular her work in developing and reviewing the GC management documents.

**Robert Weaver has recently assumed the role of Interim Coaching Coordinator.** Many thanks to Robert.

The above positions will need to be approved at the Croquet SA AGM on Tuesday 27 September.

Thanks are also extended to retiring committee coordinators, **Bernie Pfitzner, Refereeing Coordinator, John Arney, Chair of Selection and also to Barry Haydon, the previous Coaching Coordinator**, for their extensive and tireless contributions to Golf Croquet and the GC Committee. It is greatly appreciated.

**2.1.2. 2017 Program Planning:** On 20.09.16 Graeme emailed to GC Ctee the first draft of 2017 GC Events Calendar for consideration. The Ctee discussed aspects of the draft and it was resolved that Graeme and Karen would liaise on the next draft of the Calendar and also liaise with the AC Events Coordinator.

**Other Business:**

**2.1.3.** The GC Director congratulated the State Team for their efforts in the recent Interstate Shield.

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**2.2. Coaching Coordinator - Interim Coordinator Robert Weaver**

- 2.2.1. **GC Schools Sub-Committee:** Next meeting at Hyde Park 20.10.17.
- 2.2.2. **Coaching Program:** No report
- 2.2.3. **Development Squad:** No report

**2.3. Events & Programming – Shirlene McBride**

**2.3.1. Duration of Matches:** GC Director emailed to those on the General List 14/9/16 regarding Conditions of Play, making specific reference to finishing matches on time and responsibility of those clubs nominated for opening and closing Hutt Rd. The Ctee further discussed late starts of matches. Options canvassed included starting at opposite corners and having set sessions times. The Ctee resolved to trial starting at opposite corners for the remainder of the Weekend Pennants matches.

**\*\*\* Action: Graeme and Karen to liaise and email all clubs advising them of this decision.**

**2.3.2. Fleurieu Pennants:** 2 clubs have applied as at 20.9.16.

**2.3.3. Issue for discussion:** Pennant teams that forfeit

- a) should still pay their fees &
- b) their opponents should receive a refund.

This matter has been agreed to by the Board. It is advised that an affected club should negotiate a refund with SACA.

**\*\*\* Action: The above information be disseminated to the clubs (Karen M).**

**2.3.4. Clarification of Clearance Form Requirements:**

Following reports of some confusion regarding the need for a clearance forms, the matter of clearance form requirements and timing of such was discussed. It was noted that if there were doubt as to whether a clearance for a player was required, the GC Events Coordinator should be contacted.

**\*\*\* Action:**

- **Karen M and Jane W will liaise to draft additional clarifying information that is in line with SACA Regulations and By-Laws and is to be added to the Player Clearance Form**
- **Graeme will liaise with Eileen to ensure that the clearance process is consistent in both codes.**

**2.3.5. Upcoming Events:**

- Women's South Australian Championship Singles 14 – 16 October 2016
- Men's South Australian Championship Singles 21 -23 October 2016
- Spring Pennants Open, 6+, 9+ - commencing early October
- Spring Aggregate 24+ - commencing early October
- Sunday Singles 8+ & 3+ - 9 October.

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### **Events Results**

- Doubles Combined 8+: Congratulations to winners, Helen Cook and Karen Magee and runners-up, Barry & Jenny Haydon
- Midweek Pennants 24+ Final – 12 September Congratulations to the winner, Hyde Park Stars and runners-up Norwood Blue
- GC Sunday Singles 8+ - 3 September: Congratulations to the winner Moya Houlahan and runner-up Margaret Allan.

### **Other Business:**

**2.3.6. Forfeiting:** Process for forfeiting a match was discussed.

**\*\*\*Action:** Conditions of play will be reviewed and then put on website (Karen will liaise with relevant members).

**2.3.7. Disputes Committee:** The Disputes Committee normally comprises the GC Coordinators for Handicapping, Events & Programming and Refereeing. At present there is no Coordinator for Refereeing; in the interim, the GC Director will fulfil this role.

**2.3.8. Provision of supper at home game matches:** The requirement for the provision of supper at home club matches was discussed. It was noted that this often meant that players did not leave until 10.30 and resulted in late nights for many.

**\*\*\*Action:** Karen to produce and distribute a survey on Survey Monkey to ascertain players' position on this matter.

### **2.4. Handicap Coordinator : Tony Arthur**

**2.4.1. Handicapping: World Ranking for Events**

**\*\* Action:** Graeme to further discuss with Steve Mullinar

**2.4.2. Standing Item - New Handicapping System:**

- Information about the new GC Handicapping System including information about the GC Handicapping Regulations and GC Rule 16 Australian Version can be found on the Croquet Australia website.  
<https://croquet-australia.com.au>
- The new Handicap Card is being reviewed.

### **2.5. Refereeing Coordinator: Bernie Pfitzner**

**2.5.1. Referee Sub-Ctee:**

- GC Referee SubCtee Rules Presentation Workshop at Glenunga due to be held on 13 September 2016 was postponed due to bad weather. A new date has been set for 25 October 2016.
- The SubCtee met on 21 Sept. Positive feedback on the standard of SA Referees at the ACA Singles and Interstate Shield was received.

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SA Referees who participated were Graeme Thomas, Anne Woodhouse, Judy Stewart (a former SA referee) and Stewart Kingsborough.

The GC Ctee thanks those referees who represented Croquet SA so well.

- The GC Ctee also wishes to thank Bernie Pfitzner for her excellent training and advice in this area over the past years.

**2.5.2. An Advanced Rules Course and Referee workshop** will be on a date and venue to be advised.

### **2.6. Chair of Selection: John Arney**

**Shirlene McB on behalf of John A provided the following report.**

**2.6.1. State Squad:** The State Team will have a final get-together for 2016 on 28 October for a debrief and hit up (Pizza). The Coach and Captain will provide reports to the Board.

#### **2.6.2. Selection Ctee:**

- On 18 November 2016, the first session for the next State Squad will be held.
- Advertisements for the new State Coach and Team Manager will be in Hoop Points next week. Applications close on 10 October 2016. The Selection Ctee hopes to have these positions in place for the first State Squad session on 18 November.

**2.6.3. GC Selectors Invitation Event:** This event has been postponed due to many players not being available due to Winter Pennant matches on Sunday. The event will be reviewed at the next Selection Ctee.

Jane West

Approved 11 October 2016