



**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION
INC.**

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2022 AT 11.00 AM

1. **Those Present.** Lyn Parnell (President and Chair), Linda Kinch (Vice President), Geoff Crook (Treasurer), Ansi Baumanis and 22 delegates and 7 proxies as per attendance record.
2. **Apologies:** Coobowie and Meningie.
3. **Minutes of Previous A.G.M.** held 26th October 2021. Moved that the Minutes be approved by Mary Marsland (Naracoorte) seconded by Ken McHugh (Coromandel Valley) . Vote carried.
4. **President's Address.** President's address - President advised no address but would cover Address in the President's Report..
5. **Reports (all attached):**
 - a. Presidents Report tabled and attached. Moved that the report be adopted by Kevin Le Poidevin (North Adelaide) and seconded by Di Hellier (proxy for Port Lincoln) . Questions were invited, no questions. Vote carried
 - b. Treasurer's Report tabled and attached. Moved that the report and that the accounts Y/E 30/6/22 as presented be adopted by Roger Buddle (Keith) and seconded by Kevin Le Poidevin (North Adelaide). Questions were invited, questions were addressed. Vote carried.
6. **Appointment of Auditor.**

The Resolution to appoint Kylie Bosnjakovic as the auditor for the forthcoming year was adopted by Harley Watts (Moonta) and seconded by Claire Wilson (Mount Gambier).

 - a. Director Golf Croquet Report tabled and attached. Moved that the report be adopted by David Wise (Crystal Brook Proxy) seconded by Philip Wise (Port Augusta). Questions were invited, no questions. Vote carried.
7. **Election of Directors**

The Board appointed Peter Martyniuk as Returning Officer for the voting process. The Returning Officer announced that with a clear majority Geoff Crook was supported. Adopted by Ken McHugh (Coromandel Valley) and seconded by Kevin Le Poidevin (North Adelaide).

8. Election of Director :

Ansi Baumanis was nominated by Colleen Lane (Norwood) seconded by Kevin Le Poidevin (North Adelaide) supported unopposed to be a Director.

Election of President:

Election of Ansi Baumanis - nominated himself it was seconded by Claire Wilson (Mt Gambier). Moved by Claire Wilson that vote would be by a show of hands.

9. Honoraria

10. A resolution that the Members approve Honoraria in accordance with the current Honoraria and Expenses Policy for 2021/22 and 2022/23. Adopted by Colin Broom (Holdfast Bay) seconded by Marga Podnieks (Tumby Bay).

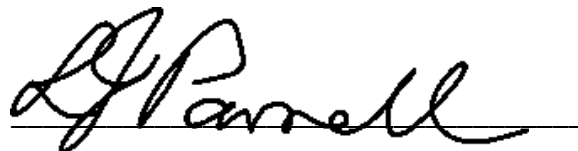
11. Life Membership

For Shirley Carr. 18 consecutive years. President read out a biography. Moved by Marga Podnieks (Tumby Bay) seconded by Roger Buddle (Keith).

12. Motions

Nil.

13. **Close.** The President declared the meeting closed at 11:48am.

 (Chair)

26th October 2022

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As my 2 year term comes to an end I am very proud of what the Board has achieved under my leadership. It has been a very challenging period.

COVID had a significant impact on everyone and I congratulate all Clubs on the manner in which they were able to keep their Clubs viable given the restraints that were placed upon all of us. Our events and competitions have now resumed and we are now back on track and must learn to live with this virus.

At the last AGM Linda Kinch was elected as the Vice President. During her one year term Linda has been an active voice for the Country Croquet Clubs. 20 of our 34 member clubs are located in regional areas. Linda, often accompanied by her husband Malcolm, has travelled extensively and visited all 20 regional clubs and developed a good rapport with the Presidents and club Committees.

It has been a very positive step for the SACA Board to have a country-based Board member. Thank you Linda for your personal support and the incredible job you have done to ensure country clubs are now well informed and aware of SACA activities.

Following extensive consultation, the new Constitution was approved at a Special Meeting on 22nd June 2022. This was a priority I committed to and am pleased the new Constitution has now been adopted.

A number of policies have been reviewed in the last 12 months and these can be found on the website.

The Safety and Facilities Audit is ongoing. There are still areas needing attention but this work cannot all proceed without significant funding grants. Recently hand rails have been installed on the entrance ramp, new outdoor furniture and BBQ purchased.

Adelaide recently hosted the Interstate Shield. A special thank you to Eileen Ferguson who was the Event Manager and did an excellent job. To everyone who volunteered their time to ensure the success of this national event I sincerely thank

you. The setting of the hoops each day, the committed referees, the Club Event Managers and club committees, caterers, everyone who volunteered their time - your work was greatly appreciated and contributed to the success of the event.

Discussions are on going with the Adelaide City Council in respect to additional court options. Thank you to Philip Hadley who has been pursuing this project over a number of years. A significant grant would be required for this work to proceed .

Work on a new Strategic Plan has been progressing over the past 6 months. A Consultant was engaged and responses to the survey sent to all club members were encouraging - almost half the membership returned a response. Member comments are now being collated and the new Board will continue to work with the Consultant to identify priorities and prepare a new 3 year Strategic Plan.

States are being encouraged to join a national croquet data base. The Australian Sports Commission and Federal Government are promoting the concept that national sports have a national data base to readily identify memberships, reduce duplication and streamline governance and administration processes. Future funding could favour sports who adopt a national data base platform.

The Board has not yet joined the Croquet national data base platform. SACA need a person qualified in this field who can examine and audit all the data requested and ensure the integrity of our membership is not compromised. If anyone with these skills is a member of your Club, or you have a friend with data base skills (or skills in seeking Grants), please speak to the Treasurer.

Joan Glastonbury resigned from the Board in the last 12 months, but kindly agreed to continue to assist the Treasurer Geoff Crook, in the ratification of accounts. Joan provided valuable input to the Board as the GC Director, and her continued support to the Treasurer is greatly appreciated.

Roger Buddle resigned from the Board as Association Croquet Director but will continue as Webmaster and AC Handicapper. Roger has also worked closely with the Greenkeeper, David Watchman keeping a watchful eye on the Hutt Street lawns. As Roger lives at Victor Harbor it is not practical for him to continue to do this - thank you for your commitment to croquet over many years Roger.

Diana Helier after some 19 years as the AC Event Co-ordinator advised of her intention to step down at this AGM. Di has done an outstanding job and her

dedication to croquet administration in general has been greatly valued. Joan Kelly kindly agreed to take over this role.

Ken McHugh was the Grants Officer but recently advised he was unable to continue in this role due to the workload at his own Club. The Board is grateful he has agreed to continue as the Registration Officer. Thank you Ken for your commitment.

It is important to find someone to be the Grants Officer. This is a specialised area and SACA could miss out on Grants that become available through both Commonwealth and State Governments and the Adelaide City Council.

To Jill Millhouse, Editor of our monthly Hoop Points publication thank you. It is always an interesting read and Jill relies on news and input from members.

I have already acknowledged the significant contribution that Linda Kinch has made to the Board. I take this opportunity to also thank the other Board members. Ansi Baumanis the GC Director who works tirelessly doing a range of jobs at the SACA headquarters in addition to his GC role. Also to Geoff Crook our Treasurer who puts in countless hours. Thank you all for the time you volunteer to croquet. I would also like to thank Trish Fazackerley, our Administrator for her dedication to the job.

In closing I leave you with a few of my own thoughts that need to be addressed in the future. We are a minor sport with our Association running a headquarters. Running a venue adds significant cost and this is currently supported by the membership.

Our membership is 966 with an average age profile of 70. As members leave, we are not attracting sufficient new members, particularly in the Country regions. It is likely a number of Croquet Clubs will be forced to close within the next 2 years. Membership decline is not isolated to croquet but an issue many minor sports are dealing with.

If the Association continues to run the Hutt Road Headquarters, and also pursue additional courts, this can only be achieved if significant grants are obtained, sponsorships are found, or other revenue streams established (eg hiring the venue). These are all challenges for croquet but with challenges come opportunities.

I intend to continue to be involved in croquet in some capacity, particularly finding more time to play, but need some time out now on what has been a difficult personal two years for me and my family.

I wish you all well for the future and sincerely thank you for the support I have received as your President.

Lyn Parnell
PRESIDENT

24/10/22

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Kept the committee meetings on track

After my resignation as the Sports Development Director, I was appointed as the Golf Croquet Director in April 2022.

As the chair of the GC Committee, I would like to thank the members, namely;

- Karen Magee who has been responsible for GC event planning, juggling the calendar with the various demands from all sides, and heading up the disputes arena;
- Jim Grindrod who has been diligent in maintaining everyone's handicaps and index's;
- Jane West who has kept the committee on track and up to date;
- John Arney with assistance from Anne Woodhouse for looking after the refereeing coordination and the training of new referees and the onerous task of finding interstate referees and allocating venues for the ACA's National Championships;
- Graeme Thomas for heading up the State Team Selection Committee and putting together a very strong team for the ACA's National Championships;
- Mick Reidy for his role of Coaching Coordinator.

The Coaching Coordinator roles for both AC and GC are currently vacant and we are investigating the possibility of combining both croquet codes into one position.

As a member of Croquet SA's board, we all have been working together in reviewing policies, establishing a Casual Membership, Country fee for new registered players, creating a new improved Strategic Plan, addressing the issue of Covid`. Looking at the financial issues with pursuing to obtain a fourth lawn or the tennis courts which would provide at least another three lawns.

As of 1 July 2022, new Golf Croquet Rules came into effect. There were no major changes made. Minor changes to some rules, clarifying texts and adding words to the glossary. New rule books have been purchased and distributed to all clubs and referees free of charge. New rule books are available for purchase from the office.

I am a member of the Referee subcommittee, with John Arney and Anne Woodhouse.

I am also a member of the ACA's National Championships Committee assisting in the hosting of these games in Adelaide. These games have

been overwhelmingly described as a success by players and officials alike. While on this topic, I would like to thank:

- Eileen Ferguson for her dedication in being the Tournament Manager, chairing the committee and working to organise everything, organising Venue Managers, Catering Managers, seeing to having all documents and forms up to date and available, obtaining necessary groceries, preparing food etc.
- Peter Martyniuk for organising scoring and electronic access, organising the BBQ, two Dinners and chasing up the scores and sometimes when the milk ran out going out and purchasing some more.
- Pat Semmens for being the secretary of the committee and the Venue Manager at Hutt Road for the Gold and Silver Medals and the Interstate Shield.
- Barry Haydon for organising the welcome packs and goodies curtesy of Southern Cross Homes and his invaluable advice of past experiences in these tournaments.

I have also undertaken the role of maintenance at Hutt Road.

Thank You

Ansi Baumanis

Director
Croquet SA

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