

# MINUTES OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION INC.

## BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY 28 JULY AT 1:30 PM AT HUTT RD

<b>1.</b>		<b>Welcome</b> - Meeting opened at 1:30pm
<b>2.</b>		<b>Present</b> Graeme Thomas Lorraine Smith Ansi Baumanis Linda Kinch Eileen Ferguson Minute Secretary Trish Fazackerley
<b>3.</b>		<b>Apologies</b> Jane Horton
<b>4.</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>Confirmation of Minutes</b> 29 June 2023. Confirmed by email.
	<b>4.2</b>	<b>Business Arising from Minutes</b>  4.2.1 Australian Masters Games – North Adelaide to host.  4.2.2 Strategic Plan Report – Ongoing (awaiting ACA Policy)  4.2.3 Complaints Policy – still awaiting ACA Policy  4.2.4 Grants – Trish has submitted grant acquittals for Covid 19 grant and State Sport & Recreation Development Program. A second development program grant should be paid in August.  4.2.5 Technology Management Access –ongoing.  4.2.6 Facility – Development and Maintenance – Development Plan and Business Plan have been sent to the Council and we should receive a response by 7 August.  4.2.7 Constitution – President has had a meeting re the Constitution and issues arising. We will work towards a Strategic planning consultation to be delivered before the end of the year. Ongoing  4.2.8 Risk Assessment form approved to be published on the website.  4.2.8 Sport SA SACA will join in July – awaiting an invoice.
<b>5.</b>		<b>Health and Safety</b> 5.1 Incident reports - nil 5.2 Hutt Rd maintenance and security – refer to GC Director’s report

6.		<p><b>Reports</b></p> <p>6.1 President’s Report - ACA is working on a re-badging project and new National and matching State logos are being developed. The Board has approved the use of the new logo on shirts, tracksuits and letterhead but the State Blazers will continue with the piping shrike.</p> <p>President is preparing a fee schedule to be sent out to clubs. Player registration fees for the coming year will be included. Event entry fees will take effect from January 2024.</p> <p>6.2 Country Clubs Report – This was Linda Kinch’s last board meeting as Vice President and she was thanked for her efforts over the last two years.</p> <p>6.3 Treasurer’s Report - reports presented to the Board are draft only pending completion of the audit. Final reports will be circulated once the audit is completed.</p> <p>6.4 AC Director Report – verbal report</p> <p>6.5 GC Director Report</p> <p>All reports accepted by the Board.</p>
7.		<p><b>General Business</b></p> <p>7.1 Facility Hire Draft notes – ongoing</p>
8.		<p><b>Correspondence in/out</b></p> <p>Email from Tea Tree Gully</p> <p>Email from South Tce</p>
9.		<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p>
		<p><b>MEETING CLOSED at 3.40 pm</b></p> <p><b>NEXT MEETING – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August Pre AGM meeting 2023 at Hutt Rd 10.30am</b></p>

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Graeme Thomas

President

## President's Report – July 2023

- Development Plan and Business Plan for the fourth lawn have been submitted to CoA. Response promised by 7 August – not sure that is a yes/no but probably an indication of what they need.
- Plumbing issues re water flow from the clubhouse roof remain with CoA.
- Discussed Constitution and my concerns with Mark Stevens. He will review. I recommend we hold a strategic planning session in early November with focus on addressing the issues.
- Craig Westbury is back from holidays and will be working with Peter Martyniuk to address technology issues. Priority is cloud storage and a security vault to hold key passwords. His contract has been signed.
- Session held with State heads and ACA re re-badging and the new logo. The likely outcome is 4B but there was some discussion about putting the ball behind the hoop. Decision expected very soon. The new logo will allow for Gateball to replace Croquet and for clubs to replace the State name with their club name.
- I am working on a googlegroups email spelling out the fees for 2023-24. I need to confirm the prices before sending the email.

## **COUNTRY CLUBS REPORT 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

- **I HAVE READ AND GIVEN FEEDBACK TO BOARD ON SEVERAL ISSUES SINCE THE LAST MEETING.**
- **AS I AM NOT SEEKING RE ELECTION AT THE UPCOMING AGM IN AUGUST, THIS WILL BE MY LAST BOARD MEETING.**
- **I WANT TO THANK ALL MY FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS DURING THE LAST 2 YEARS FOR THEIR ADVICE, ENCOURAGEMENT AND FRIENDSHIP.**
- **IT HAS BEEN VERY INTERESTING TO BE INVOLVED IN THE GOVERNANCE OF CROQUET IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND IN PARTICULAR I HAVE ENJOYED LIAISING AND GETTING TO KNOW THE COUNTRY CLUB MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.**
- **I DO THINK THAT THESE REGIONAL CLUBS HAVE GREATLY APPRECIATED THE EFFORTS THAT THE BOARD HAS MADE TO LISTEN TO THEIR CONCERNS AND REQUIREMENTS. THEY DEFINITELY FEEL MUCH MORE PART OF THE SA CROQUET COMMUNITY AND NOT JUST FORGOTTEN 'OUT IN THE STICKS'.**
- **I WISH THE BOARD GOOD LUCK WITH ALL THEIR UPCOMING PROJECTS AND THANK THEM FOR THE HARD WORK AND TIME THAT THEY GIVE TO THE RUNNING OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION. IT IS NOT AN EASY TASK.**

**LINDA KINCH**

## GC Director's Report to Croquet SA

28 July 2023

- After the recent Appeals Committees decision to reject the three appeals by members of the GC State Team Edward Wilson has decided to withdraw from the GC State Team with immediate effect.
- The 3 plus GC Singles competition was held over three days in wintery conditions, cool with light showers. The eventual winner was Ansi Baumanis from Anne Woodhouse.
- Two complete sets of Gateball equipment have been delivered and has been packed away in the office storeroom.
- The GC competition entry fees have been provided to Graeme Thomas for dissemination to all members. A meeting with the AC Director, the AC Events coordinator and the GC Events coordinator is to be arranged shortly to look at the 2024 playing calendar.
- I had a meeting with David Watchman, lawn maintenance contractor recently to discuss the upcoming new contract that is to continue for the next two years and if there were any issues or complaints that he needed to address.
  - Croquet SA to write up the contract with a 10% increase in costs to the last contract.
  - Normal day to day mowing will take place on Monday mornings before scheduled games usually before 9.00am.
  - Any use of pesticides or herbicides to be advertised on the white board at the front door.
  - From March through to August during the slow growing season we are free to the Fridays for games. However, if games or competitions are required to be played on other Fridays of the year, he would like to have at least two weeks' notice.
  - David has requested that any special treatment for major competitions be requested at least three to four weeks ahead of time.
  - Replacement of the irrigation controller is to be replaced asap and the leaking valve on the northern side of lawn three is to be fixed shortly.
  - David has asked if the Board would like to have deep tining done on the lawns to help prepare the lawns for the upcoming warmer weather. Normal tining is only three to four inches deep and the deep tining is six to seven inches deep. This provides more air to penetrate the ground and improves the growth of the lawns. Cost would be approximately \$1,500 - \$2,000.

Ansi Baumanis  
GC Director  
Croquet SA