



### **SACA Board Minutes**

### **from Meeting Held at Hutt Rd**

**14<sup>th</sup> of April 4:30pm**

#### **Present**

Kevin, Paul, Jim Sally, Shirley, Kim and Karen Tierney.

Moved by Paul that Minutes from last meeting be accepted. Seconded Sally. Passed

Kevin welcomed Karen Tierney(North Adelaide.) Moved by Kim, seconded by Sally that the Board accepts Anne Woodhouse's resignation. Paul moved that Karen be added to the Board. Seconded by Sally. Both motions passed.

#### **Business arising from last meeting**

1. Hot weather policy- Kim, Ansi and Paul will meet after the GC Gold Medal in two weeks time to discuss.
2. Strategic Plan to be added to the website.
3. North Adelaide's tenuous position continues.

#### **Ansi's report as GC Coordinator**

1. Hot weather policy as noted above.
2. CA are anxious for increased emphasis on members gaining qualification of Umpire. Easier to achieve than referee but will assist in making decisions during tournaments etc.

Ansi suggested that SACA provide a cap and badge as an incentive.

#### **Ansi's report as Facilities Manager**

With Kevin met with Adelaide Council representative and plumber to discuss improving drainage around club house. Council to install new down pipes and a trench to drain water out into the park lands. Work could start In May. Some of the Grant money was used on improving lawn surrounds for Eire Cup, but remainder to be used for work by Council.

3. Flags used during Eire Cup damaged by hedge and could need replacing by next Nationals.
4. Top dressing of lawns needs to be budgeted for.



5. Problem of the dying hedge. Ansi has requested a meeting with Jamie but no response yet.

### **President's Report**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Accepted (moved Paul, seconded Sally.)

Ongoing concern about bar expenditure not being seen in financial statement.

Need to update signatories. Paul moved Kevin, Tracey and Jess be the signatories. Seconded Sally. Passed.

### **Sports Development Report**

Sally requested that minutes and all reports for each Board meeting be put on the website and also sent to clubs.

### **RevSport**

The Board asks that Revsport reps provide a program of proposed club visits. North Adelaide spoke highly of the presentation given at their club. Answered all questions and eased concerns of treasurer.

Shirley asked about tenure for AC selection committee. Not able to confirm length of tenure.



## **President's Report May 2025**

We welcome Karen Tierney from North Adelaide CC onto the the board once she is endorsed. This means that Anne Wood-house is free to resign as her son has been in hospital for many weeks now. Best wishes Anne and thank you for your time on the board.

Karen has strong leadership, decision making skills as is evident in her management work in Centre-link.

Congratulations to the entire South Australian Croquet Community for holding a successful series of national events.

Congratulations to Simon Hockey for winning the Gold Medal against each state's best player. He has done this 5 times.

Congratulations to Dwayne McCormick who won the individual men's event, incidentally against Simon Hockey.

Our Public Liability insurance is very strong now. We also have insurance against molestation or any sex related matter. We have insurance for 6 come and try sessions which must be recorded and signed



before the occasion. This has increased costs which we are currently paying so that may need to be addressed.

We still have the problem of RevSport, Insurance and CA collecting fees by January 1. If we continue to collect in September, we will not know what the real fees will be. We have to guess. Also members may continue to think their National fees are from September.

Peter Martynuik has been recording AC handicap changes as he is doing many, many other things.

Thanks to Paul Ensor for handling any problems occurring while I was overseas.

Kevin



## Treasurer's Report – March 2025

Bank Balances as at 31/03/25:

Trading Account - \$ 78733.65

Savings Account - \$ 87,958.97

Term Deposit - \$ 60,000.00

Again I cannot be at the meeting. David's treatment has been harder on him than we imagined. We now have confirmation that the treatment is working but his immune system is still suppressed and they won't let us go home until it stabilises. Probably another week or so.

The Eire Cup has been and gone, and the financial washup is still ongoing. I will need to talk to the organising committee re a few things before we can finalise things.

There are a few bills that still require to be paid. I thank those who have been patiently waiting for payment, although I will say that there have been a few emails that have not got through to me, but if you have anything that needs to be paid, please contact me personally.

I have started to clean up the account list, and will be starting work on the budget soon, so if you have any requests for special items for the budget, please let me know. I will try to streamline the budget a bit more this year.

Tracey



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## Golf Croquet Coordinators Report

9 April 2025

The Board requested that a sub-committee consisting of the Facilities Manager, Kim Millhouse and Jim Carter to review SACA's current Weather Policy. In response to the extreme heat during the Eyre Cup in March 2025. The sub-committee will review the policy in the coming months, during the cooler weather to be finalised before next summer.

Croquet Australia is to introduce an umpire level of officiating in GC to overcome the lack of referees at club and region level.

The Referee sub-committee is finalising the training requirements for new GC Umpires. Croquet Australia is advocating for umpires who do not need to know all the rules of GC. Umpires will only need to know Rules No. 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12. Umpires will not interpret these rules but decide on matters of fact. They will also need to complete and open book and an oral exam, complete the Australian Sports Commission online Community Officiating Essential Skills Course. and demonstrate their on-court ability for their knowledge, judgement, and application of the rules.

To assist in identifying these umpires we request that the Board approve the expenditure to purchase a green coloured cap and bib and the cost of office materials. Cost approximately \$20.00 per person. A badge may or may not be provided by CA.

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**Facilities Managers Report**  
**To the SACA Board of Directors**  
**9 April 2025**

ON Monday 7 April 2025 met with Kevin LePoidevin, Adelaide Council Project Manager and a plumbing contractor to discuss the rainwater flooding our lawns. Several options were discussed with the most consistent idea is that 90mm plastic downpipes will be installed, a trench to be dug next to the concrete footpath and routed around to the back of the building and exit into the parklands. From there are several options; the stormwater will enter into a soakage pit, enter a holding tank and soak into the ground, enter into a holding tank and then pumped out to the street stormwater drainage system.

Our flooding issues are going to be addressed, and work is expected to begin in May 2025. There is no information if there is any costing at this stage.

I am requesting that the state flags flown during the Eyre Cup and the Interstate Shield need to be replaced as some of the eyelets have ripped from the flag material, and the flags have pulled threads from being caught on the hedge. The hedge has been growing in recent years and the flags keep snagging on the thorns. To address this problem, I would like to be able to purchase extra extension pieces to heighten the flag posts. The flag replacement and the extension pieces would need to be budgeted for.

Costs:

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| • State Flags @ \$25.00 each    | = | \$150.00 |
| • Australian Flag @ \$30.00     | = | \$ 30.00 |
| • Extension flag post @ \$30.00 | = | \$300.00 |

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# Sport Development report March 2025

## Communication with Clubs

- All city clubs were invited to a meeting, 8 attended. Issues raised included:
  1. Need for increased younger membership,
  2. All reported a friendly welcoming atmosphere, Mills wood has a buddy system for new players,
  3. Discussed the various club fee structures,
  4. The issue of social membership,
  5. Confusion regarding Revsport.
  6. The plight of NACC.
  7. Issues regarding CSA included how our fees are spent, clarification re insurance, poor communication with clubs from CSA
- With West lakes CC, we were all organised for a promotion coaches' flyer etc, but the sports club were slow to advertise. To defer promotion till Spring.
- I intend having meeting with all clubs but have had difficulties accessing Microsoft teams, I will remedy this and hopefully report contact with all clubs by next meeting.

## Marketing

- I'm now an admin on the SACA Fb page. This is a valuable cheap advertising tool; I have some skills but need more people to be involved.
- As per the strategic plan marketing is the major issue for me. I've contacted various organisations: Big Sea, Sports SA, ORSR, CA for marketing assistance. Currently CSA is applying for a Google ads grant as well as getting familiar with all the grants that are available.
- With or without a grant I'll use my budget and work with marketing experts to create a development plan for croquet. My goal is to launch a big promotion in Spring

### Eire Cup

- Press releases were sent out on 28<sup>th</sup> February and 7<sup>th</sup> March to 18 various media platforms radio, TV, newspapers, and online platforms, both city and regional. Country platforms were informed of specific country



- players in their region, with permission of the country players.
- Response: The Pirie Recorder interviewed Simon Hockey, who was featured in that paper and a Farmer's publication. A photo of him receiving his gold medal was forwarded. Channel 7 weather person made contact but did not follow up despite another reminder. CA was also involved with FB posts.
- A subsequent press release was issued following the gold medal event, again mentioning the country players with photos, permission granted by players, also contacted the Victor Times regarding Kate Logan and Shirley Howlett participation.
- I also assembled 80 welcome bags for the players. It was impossible to get free samples, I included flyers for the Fringe, Adelaide experience and local companies e g Berenberg, Haigh's.
- I was disappointed with the response, but we were competing with the Fringe, Womad, the Adelaide festival and a car race.

## Sponsorship

I've had contact with C of A regarding the use of the 'hort' wall for signage. This was declined; signage can be placed on the west cyclone fence facing inward. I've had the sponsorship document, and the website updated. I will now proceed to contact the equipment makers and access large statewide organisations for sponsorship.

Thanks Sally Harper - April 2025