



**MINUTES OF CROQUETSA BOARD MEETING
HELD ON 12th OF MAY 2025
AT 2 pm AT HUTT ROAD**

Present:

Kevin Le Poidevin, Paul Ensor, Kim Millhouse, Jim Carter, Karen Tierny, Shirley Howlett, Sally Harper, Jess Pulford.

Apologies:

Tracey Sincock.

1. Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting:

The Board agreed at its last meeting to pay for vests and hats for the new category of umpire. Badges will be provided by ACA.

The Board supports the notion of flagpole extensions and flags but this should be actioned closer to when they are needed.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Hot weather policy. The subcommittee has not met yet.

Strategic plan available on website. Kevin Le Poidevin to follow up with Peter Martynuik.

Update of North Adelaide Croquet Club. Members will be attending a prospect council workshop on the 13th of May, however, any resolutions will be made at the future open council meeting 27th of May.

Drainage works around club house. Drainage works have commenced and are ongoing.

Dying hedge. Ansi Baumanis has been in contact with a representative of Adelaide City Council, who has stated the department will come to investigate.

3. Health and Safety:

- 3.1 Incident reports.** Noted from a lodged incident report that a member of the Glenunga Croquet Club has tripped over a fixed halfway marker peg. The Board determined that current fixed marker pegs present an injury risk and recommend that, where possible, all clubs consider transitioning to magnetic peg holders that are available in Adelaide. Jess Pulford to follow up with Glenunga Croquet Club to ascertain if they will pursue insurance for this incident, and their desirable outcome.

4.Reports:

4.1 Presidents Report. Kevin Le Poidevin tabled the president report. The board agreed no competitions to be ran on mothers day or fathers day, to avoid withdrawals of entrants. Kevin Le Poidevin moved that the President's report be accepted. Paul Ensor seconded the report. Passed.

4.2 Treasurers Report. The Treasurer was absent. No reports from the Treasurer.

4.3 GC Coordinator Report. GC Coordinator was absent. Kim Millhouse to write up a document for the Treasurer regarding the reduction of fees for Autumn and Spring pennants Gold medal event. Change in event length requires crediting participants. Players to receive a \$12 account credit. Full refunds to be issued for withdrawal of events based on medical grounds to be discussed with the Treasurer. Jess Pulford to follow up bank account access and reconciliation of expenses with the Treasurer.

4.4 AC Director Report. Shirley Howlett tabled the AC Director Report. Shirley Howlett moved that Mark Senior, Mary Marsland and Lyn Parnell be appointed to the selection committee for AC state team. Approved unanimously by the board. Shirley moved that the AC Director Report be accepted. Seconded by Sally Harper. Passed.

4.5 Sports Development Report. Sally Harper tabled the Sports Development Report. Sally Harper moved the report will be accepted. Seconded by Shirley Howlett. Passed.

4.6 Facilities Manager Report. The facilities manager was absent. The facilities manager report was tabled by Kevin Le Poidevin. The board nominated Ansi Baumanis to take the role of bar manager and coordinator. Kevin Le Poidevin to clarify licencing arrangements with Ansi Baumanis and ask if he is prepared to take the role of bar manager and coordinator.

5. General Business:

5.1 Cost of Spring and Autumn Pennants. Discussed. See item 4.3.

5.2 Reconciliation of Invoices. Discussed. See item 4.3.

5.3 Sponsorship. Sally Harper to investigate potential sponsorship opportunities and prepare a proposal outlining the projected sponsorship income for SACA. Proposal to be presented at the next Board meeting.

6. Any Other Business:

- a. Public liability insurance and coverage. Kevin Le Poidevin to follow up.
- b. RevSport Progress. RevSport meeting to be conducted by Graeme Thomas and David Magee on the 23rd of May 2:30 pm at South Terrace Clubrooms.

7. Next Meeting: At Hutt Rd on Monday the 16th of June at 2pm.

Meeting closed 3:30pm.

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 t 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 occuring while I was overseas.

Kevin Le Poidevin

GC Coordinator's Report May 2025

The GC Committee at its last meeting on 2 May 2025 unanimously agreed to request that the Board to reduce the playing fees to \$10 from \$45 for teams entering the Autumn and Spring pennants. These pennant games are played at club venues and do not incur any cost to the Board except to finance and pay for the winner's pennants.

The GC Committee also have raised a concern that not all players have paid their entry fee for SACA competitions in a timely fashion and request who is responsible to ensure player's fees have been paid prior to playing in the competition.

The GC Committee request that when SACA competitions have been reduced from three days to two that a reduction in the fees already paid be returned as a credit to encourage players to enter future competitions rather than receiving a refund.

Ansi Baumanis

AC Director's Report May 2025

Applications for members of the AC State Selectors were called for. The AC Committee then met to consider the applications. As a result we are recommending three applicants to the Board, namely, Mark Senior, Mary Marsland and Lyn Parnell.

Greg Rowberry from Norwood has accepted the vacant Coaching Coordinator position on the AC Committee. We are still looking for a Handicapper. Thanks to Peter M for filling in. I have sent emails to all State team members who played in the recent Eire Cup, seeking feedback on preparation and performance. There have not been many responses so far. The most recent AC competition, the Harvey Bronze was well subscribed, with competitors from Moonta, Victor Harbor, Norwood and Millswood. Thanks to Joan Kelly who does a great job encouraging entrants as well as organising each event.

Sports Development Report May 2025

Communication with Clubs. This has been very frustrating since I've had no luck with Microsoft teams and Gmail Meet. I'm seeking more assistance. I can't proceed until I've had the opportunity to talk and listen with each club. I still need to contact country clubs down south and north. General communication with clubs is hard. My request for potential sponsors via google groups resulted in 1 response only, it's very disappointing. I don't know how to find out why. I've heard it said, "Who reads Hoop Points?" "Too many emails – I delete them". Are these anecdotes a representation of the attitude of all players, unlikely - but. How do we know the reach and effectiveness of the bulletin board. Can this be measured with the current platform? I've written to all the club secretaries using the contact details on the website, I hope they're correct! I indicated how they could check and update their club's website details. I also gave them Graeme and David's emails, for any concerns regarding Revsport. I've had 1 reply, to this email which was very constructive. I've forwarded some contact corrections for the last page on Hoop Points, although this still needs correction, do we know how many people actually read HP?

Marketing. I'm developing a marketing plan related to a Spring statewide promotion. Also, I think I've identified several people who could assist in developing a promotion to attract a younger cohort. I'm hoping Jess can register CSA with Google ads grants.

Sponsorship.

- I'll forward, for the board's approval, the sign from Star mallets and Quadway hoops. There are 3 more equipment sponsors in the pipeline
- Sent off a request to Bendigo bank for sponsorship
- Contact with Harris real estate – negative
- I've x 2 lawyer firms to contact Reading the details for RAA sponsorship, I believe an argument could be developed for financial help with a promotion for a younger cohort. It's always difficult accessing the right person in an organisation who can talk about sponsorship, that's why leads from players would be so helpful.

Sally Harper

