

SACA Board Meeting

Monday 14th July 2025

Present: Kevin LePoidevin, Tracey Sincock, Sally Harper, Shirley Howlett, Jim Carter, Paul Ensor, Karen Tierney.

Apologies: Kim Millhouse (overseas), Jess Pulford(leave)

Confirmation of previous minutes. There were no amendments to the previous minutes. Proposed that they be accepted as true record: Jim. Seconded Shirley. Accepted.

Business Arising.

1. Greenkeeping. Ansi is still investigating alternative contractors.
2. Hot Weather Policy. No action as yet.
3. Bank Account access. Incorrect forms had been obtained. Tracey is to liaise with Bank re account authorisation.
4. Outcome of Sponsorship Proposal. See Sally's report.
5. Dying Hedge. New shoots appearing, possibly due to extra rain. Remains under review.
6. Bar Manager. Ansi has updated CBA with current committee members.
7. SACA Fees. See Treasurer's report.
8. Marion Croquet Club. Kevin had contacted the people wishing to reform Marion CC, but they are not willing to name committee positions to form a club. Without their efforts, SACA cannot lobby to reinstate them. No Further action.
9. Printing Policy. Kevin advised that some people were printing or asking Jess to print very long documents, ie training/ coaching manuals. Jess does not have time to do this work and costs were thought to be excessive. Tracey reported that there is a budget allocation for coaching and these booklets could be purchased.

She proposed that SACA buy these booklets from ACA and sell to trainees at a discount.

Paul proposed

‘A sign be placed above photocopier that printing of more than 10 pages needed authorisation from Office Admin Officer, President or Treasurer.’

Seconded Shirley.

Approved

President's Report

Report provided. Issues of note, the rent for SACA premises is increasing by 4% pa under current lease and this lease will be reviewed in 2028. There is a very excessive water bill, that Kevin is following up with SA Water and the ACC.

Treasurer's Report

Report tabled.

SACA fees for the remainder of 2025 (last quarter) were approved at last meeting as unchanged. Clubs will be advised amounts due this week.

ACA have still not advised their 2026 fees but are meeting mid-July and should advise soon. Tracey expects that she will be able to recommend 2026 fees by the end of July.

Tracey reported that whilst it appeared there was an operating loss for the year, this was because of significant costs incurred last year which were paid for during this financial year. Last year had an inflated profit. SACA still has savings of \$145,000+ plus a trading/operating account of \$55,000.

After this discussion, Jim proposed that the Treasurers report and the proposed budget be accepted. Seconded Paul. All agreed.

GC Report

Nil report as Kim is overseas.

AC Director's Report

Tabled. Shirley added that David Sincock has now volunteered to be the AC handicapper, all being well health wise. Report accepted.

Sports Development Report

Sally's report was tabled.

She has spoken to Robert Brown of Terminator Mallets and clarified that his sign needs to be the same size as others, and that this is separate to the proposed sponsorship of the GC State Team, where they will wear his badges on their State Shirts.

Sally is scheduling meetings with club representatives to promote a Spring event via Seniors Card mailouts and also setting up a 'Night Owls' style event in summer.

General Business

1. Rev Sport country travel. A request for accommodation expenses for Rev Sport coordinators to travel to country clubs was discussed. Treasurer has agreed to pay moderate accommodation claims on provision of receipt. To date claims have been very modest. This was seen as a necessary cost of implementing RevSport across our network.
2. Operation Plan Development. Sally sought support for an OP. There was not strong support or interest. Members did not see a benefit to this process.
3. Feasibility Study 4th lawn. The thought of a 4th lawn has been around for 20+ years, with previous plans and proposals. ACC recommended 3 companies for assisting us to develop a feasibility study and action plan. After talking with all 3, Kevin arranged a meeting with Mark Band of One Eighty Sport and Leisure Solutions on 7/7/25. This meeting was attended by previous Board members with historical knowledge and most current Board members.

Those present were impressed with Mark's presentation re his process, the support offered for help with grants and the liaison with

Council to obtain approval for the proposal. It was noted that the work produced would belong to SACA. Jim was not happy for any 4th lawn to be unfenced. It had been made clear to Mark at the meeting that an unfenced lawn was not safe from inappropriate use and would not be acceptable. He reassured those present that Council would understand this.

Proposed Paul : “ That SACA proceed with a Feasibility Study by One Eighty Sport and Leisure Planning for a 4th Croquet lawn to the cost of approximately \$17000.” Seconded Sally. Approved.

Correspondence

Letter from Marianne Maycock re reimbursement to clubs for costs of Revsport introduction.

NACC members of Board reported that this letter is not from NACC as a club, rather an individual request/concern. It is an early stage of the introduction of Revsport and costs are unknown or minimal. Kevin will reply to Marianne that her concerns are noted.

Any Other Business

Use of SACA facilities by schools.

Between meetings, a proposal for court hire by school students had been raised by Barry Haydon. It was agreed that due to shorter hire times and use by schools and students that training/come and try for schools could be at a reduced rate.

Agreed.

Next Meeting

Monday 18 August. 2pm (subject to Jess' availability)

President's Report July

Downpipe issue not resolved.

Drainage from NW corner. \$10k grant on hold. We need to apply to ACC and get some quotes.

4th Court Feasibility Study

Extreme Tap water use and Recycled water use communication with Water SA and Linh ACC Utilities.

Adelaide City Council Rent, Insurance and lease charges -- 2 years cost and increasing 4 percent every February 28. Current agreement lasts until 2028.

Big Loss this year and it's reflection on the budget. Every cost is increasing.

Working to get our \$20.5K grant for Admin. Officer reinstated.

We need a sheet signed to prove we have 50 percent women.

Kevin Le Poidevin

Treasurer's Report July

I have nearly finished the work for the end of the year, but I am attaching what I have to date, for some clarity on the Budget which I gave you last meeting.

I have finalised Payroll for the year, and lodged the STP Final Event (or Group Certificates as you may remember them).

Signatures are still in the process of being changed. It doesn't help when the Banks give you forms but not help to decipher what we need to do with them!

I have some questions re the grant that we usually get for Jess's pay, who it's from, how much we can access, and who is doing the application?

The end of financial year is an extremely busy time for me with work, so I have to prioritise my time for my paying clients at the moment.

Tracey Sincock

AC Director Report July

Greg Rowberry, as Coaching Coordinator has worked hard on planning and setting up coaching programs for players. The State Selectors have named the State squad for next year's Eire Cup campaign and the first training was held recently. Greg arranged coaching by Murray Baum and a range of drills and practice routines.

A Development Squad has also been established by Greg in collaboration with the selectors and dates for training set up.

James Temlett has set up training for umpires and renewal of referee qualifications.

We are still hunting for an AC handicapper.

The AC Div 2 competition was hotly contested with Jim Curtis triumphing again.

Shirley Howlett

Sport Development Report July

- I emailed the 16 clubs who have a Facebook page, some of them didn't know they had one! 6 have replied to time, 3 want more information. If I can get 6 clubs actually interested, I'll set up an education session, probably with Zoom. In essence likes and shares on Facebook will help croquet's visibility and reach this is at no cost and little effort. Raising awareness of croquet is a marketing issue effective frequent FB posts is one of the approaches. I've written a short article about FB for the next Hoop Points.
- Another simple awareness raising action is the use of email signatures. For those board members who frequently contact people outside the sport a signature that has a croquet 'bon mot' /Logo, costs nothing, is a small effort to set up and provides a positive subminimal message. A signature like this is sensible for all club secretaries committee members and is a passive marketing exercise.
- I believe it's also important that board members use SA croquet email addresses. I believe it's an essential action regarding succession planning, personal organisation and corporate memory.
- I'd like to recognise Port Lincoln CC who increased their membership from 8 > 20 > 45 over a couple of years. They placed ads in the local paper "Coffee Cake and Croquet" which did the trick. An important point was there's no expectation that members would have to play competitively like in bowls. Apparently when joining a bowls club, one joins a team and then has to play matches. Research supports

the reality that people from 50 + join a sports club for both social and/or competition.

- Despite several invitations there are still a number of clubs with whom I haven't had contact. I look forward to Revsport when contact details will be up to date and the platform will provide the opportunity for more two-way communication between clubs and CSA.
- I'm in the process of organising a meeting with city clubs; I'm away till the middle of September. The goal is to develop plans for the Spring promotion and form a sub-committee to look at the development of a 'night owls' promotion that can easily be picked up and used by clubs.
- I've started the process of Google ads with the help of Jess.
- I'm looking at [RAA](#) Community sponsorship. I think a submission could be developed to attract funding to support the disadvantaged/ disabled. Those who incurred an injury and can no longer play more vigorous sports. Maybe next year.
- Sponsorship – The first new equipment sponsor's sign should be erected very soon. I still continue to attempt to contact general businesses, contacts and suggestion always welcome.

Sally Harper

