# NORTH WEST FEDERATION OF CROQUET CLUBS

# MINUTES OF THE 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

# The Meeting was held on Saturday 6 November 2010 at 10.00 am at Culcheth Sports & Social Club, Charnock Road, Culcheth, WA3 5SH.

The Meeting was attended by 29 people representing:

Bowdon: John Saxby; Ken Cooper; Brian Storey; Colin Irwin; Christine Irwin; David Walters.

Bury: David Barrett; Barbara Young.

Chester: Janet Davies; David Boyd; Peter Morgan; Maureen Ivens.

Culcheth: Alan Wright; Pat Barlow; Bob Connop.

Fylde: Betty Bates; Lee Hartley; Cath Morton; Alan Morton.

Liverpool: James Hawkins.

Llanfairfechan: Jack Pattenden; Glyn Jones; Carolyn Ratcliff; Anwen Williams; Marion Williams.

Pendle & Craven: Ron Welch.

Salford: Frances Rollinson; Irene Waterhouse.

Southport: Tony Thomas.

In the absence of Secretary Ian Lines, the Minutes were taken by Tony Thomas.

## 1. Welcome by the Chairman

David Barrett introduced himself to the meeting, welcomed everyone and encouraged everyone to participate in the issues to be discussed with the reminder that only one representative per club may vote, in addition to elected NWFCC Officers.

#### 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Bowdon: Martin Granger-Brown; Barry Keen; Ian Lines. Bury: Jean Hargreaves; Paul Rigge; Geoff Young.

Chester: David Guyton.

Fylde: Liz Wilson; Peter Wilson.
Isle of Man: Richard Bellwood.
Penrith & N Lakes: Howard Bowron.

Pendle & Craven: Kathryn Schofield; Roger Schofield. Southport Melanie Foster; Terry Foster.

Westmorland: Ivan Wheatley.

# 3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting - 6 March 2010

The Minutes were accepted as a correct record, proposed by Lee Hartley, seconded by John Saxby, carried nem com.

# 4. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous Minutes not covered on the current Agenda.

# 5. Reports on the Past Year from the Officers

# A. Chairman – David Barrett

Many times this year I have seen evidence of the extremely passionate feelings and determination that this game of ours seems instils in each one of us. To the casual onlooker it may appear at times to be a slow and complex game, however, it often seems that by its very nature to get in our blood and become vital to our very existence and well being. This year I have had many, many conversations and phone calls expressing just how players feel and the joy (and anguish) they derive from croquet.

The exceptional success of staging the Opening Test for The MacRobertson Shield held at Bowdon and Bury was a credit to the two Clubs and the Federation were delighted to oversee and support the event. The joy of the Federations own team, playing a

warm-up match against the Australians, at Southport. This, then being topped on a personal level by the Federation's own Secretary, Ian Lines playing in the actual Test Matches and doing so well. Congratulations Ian.

New technology was introduced yet again by our Federation Web master Tony Thomas who has re-vamped our superb site - if there is anything you want to know about NW croquet just Log On, its great.

Throughout the season The Federations Coaching Officer has been very busy with 'The Flying Circus' and visits to the various Clubs have been much appreciated with many players learning new skills.

Chester were the overall winners of NWFCC Club Championships for the first time and it is good to see the Club's growth in stature over the years in this way. It was at the 'Jamboree' that I received many queries and remarks from players and officials anxious to express themselves with a view to seeing some changes in the future. I am delighted to confirm that following the subsequent completion of the Questionnaire I sent to all member Clubs that this unique event, was in general, given overwhelming support to continue. From the content of all the answers received the Federation Committee has therefore drawn up a Summary of Proposals now to be put forward for consideration/ratification at the AGM. To signify these changes in future the event will be referred to as The North West Federation 'Festival of Croquet'.

#### B. Secretary - Ian Lines

Everything has progressed very well and has offered to continue.

#### C. Treasurer - Peter Wilson

The audited accounts were distributed at the Meeting. They are also attached as an Appendix.

I am particularly sorry to miss this meeting because I believe it will be one of the most important for many years. I am unable to find a way to be here and then get to Edinburgh in time to meet my family for our close friends' wedding.

Please turn to your copy of the accounts, which have been kindly audited by Geoff, as I wish to expand on some of items:

## Development:

Is £300 to Bury for their lawns plus £35.50 Development Officer's mileage (to be refunded by CA next year) less £64.00 received from the CA for development expenses incurred last year.

#### General administration:

Is 2 x £30.00 room hire.

## Interest received:

Like everyone else we no longer rake it in. Note that in 2008 this was in the region of £120.

#### Website

The website outgrew freebee-world and has been relocated to a virtually bottomless server. Tony has negotiated a very good deal for us in a stable and professional environment. I expect expenditure to tick over at about this level each year from now on. Despite the mouse trailing balls java script code being sacrificed for the greater good I think the recent changes to the design have been a wonderful step forward and look forward to Tony spilling the beans on further developments with excitement. Apart from being a great resource for up to the minute information about the league results, fixtures, news and the definitive source of information regarding the clubs and officers, it also importantly providing an identity for the NW Federation.

# Championship income.

Looking at the accounts notice that we have increased the amount paid to Southport for the use of the lawns to £400. This is because, in the bigger picture, the North lawns are an important asset, not only to S&BCC, but to the NW Federation and also to the game of Croquet as a whole within the country. In the past the Federation made a significant profit from the event which enabled it to offer financial support to member clubs. However making this profit can no longer be our priority. Improving the individual's experience at the event must now become our priority. Our intention is to increase the amount paid to S&BCC incrementally even further if the lawns begin to show an improvement from year to year. I think the Southport report will have something more to say about this. As we have almost £3k in the bank we can continue to pay this for several years to come as well as continuing to consider financial support to our member clubs using the money which accumulated during earlier periods for that purpose. I have to point out the importance of the event's entry fees which are currently £6 per head per day. Referring to the feedback the committee received one of the reasons for the reduced income appears to have been that information about the event does not filter down pro actively to new members or long standing but peripheral members. In my experience I have found the event is particularly enjoyed by new players perhaps as their first experience of match or tournament play. But these players need organising as well as encouragement from established match players to participate. Therefore, as Treasurer, I urge you to appoint someone in your club to be on the lookout for these players and organise them into teams together with some of the experienced players who wish to attend.

To sum up, despite the falling interest rate, reduced event income and loss of reimbursement from the CA, there is no immediate crisis! But when the time comes to discuss the event please have a thought for the Federation bank account.

Thank you Mr Chairman, have a successful meeting. May I also mention that Liz confirms she is available to be the event's secretary if needed and if anyone has brought their subscriptions please pass them to Fylde members, I will send a receipt on my return.

#### **D.** Development Officer – Janet Davies

This year we have a new Club in the North West: Salford Croquet Club. They will be playing golf croquet initially in Buile Hill Park, Salford. I am very happy to see their representatives at this meeting, and I hope that before too long they will be entering our leagues and joining us in the other Federation croquet events.

I have also visited an embryo club at Goostrey in Cheshire where a small group have been playing Association Croquet every week throughout the summer. In addition the headmaster of Trinity School, Carlisle (a croquet player himself) is hoping to introduce croquet to his school next year. It was hoped to make a start this September but was prevented by his maintenance staff's inability to cut the grass short.

There have been successful developments at a number of existing clubs, which I hope they will tell you about in their reports.

Every two years the Croquet Association offer awards to the clubs that have made most progress in two consecutive years out of the past 3. There are three awards; the Townsend Award for clubs with 1 or 2 lawns; the Apps Heley Award for clubs with 3 or 4 lawns; and the Millennium Award for clubs with 5 or more lawns. Winners receive an inscribed plaque plus a cheque for £250. Entries must be sent to the Federation Development Officer by 31<sup>st</sup> December and will be evaluated by the Development Committee at their February meeting next year. Details and an application form are in the CA's Club Handbook. All clubs should have copy of this.

Could I remind you all that this is the time of year to review your development plans for next season. In particular, if any club is considering applying for a CA grant for a project to be carried out next year, could you please discuss it with me as soon as possible. It is now too late for applications to the Development Committee to be considered at their November meeting. However applications for consideration at the February meeting can be received up to mid January.

You should also all know that the Lottery Fund's Awards for All grants for amounts between £500 and £10.000 are no longer available for improvements to grounds or buildings unless the applicant has at least 5 years security of tenure. Grants for equipment or events are unaffected.

#### E. CA Representative – Geoff Young

As this has been my first year in this job, I have not attempted much. The long-service people on it have much more experience in what effect can be achieved as it is quite a large group. There are also a few issues that are significant.

The big one in the last year was the MacRobertson Trophy series. Colin Irwin commented after the meeting that the Mac was frankly outstanding - we really raised the bar for future events compared to past events. We had the best programme of any Mac Colin had ever seen, we had live internet commentary in real time for the first time ever, the hospitality to the teams was outstanding (the Americans said they wanted to bring a tour party over to see how it was done), the lawns in general were terrific, we got good local publicity, there were no management or refereeing incidents, the opening and closing ceremonies were great, we had good merchandising, we came in well under budget. Colin acknowledged however that national press coverage was dissapointing - we sent press releases out every day, unfortunately we can't force the papers to print them. At the Council meeting Colin attended immediately following the event, everyone there thought it was an outstanding Mac. The lower tiers event was also a huge success - most of the competing countries were represented at the closing ceremony at the AELTCC so they thought enough of it to stay an extra day and pay for the dinner.

The GB/England issue has also been exercising many people's minds for a long time. It is extremely complicated and difficult to resolve, but progress is being made.

## F. Coaching Officer - Ken Cooper

# 1. Flying Circus Coaching Courses

In my first year as Coaching Officer I tried to get around to as many croquet clubs as possible within the Federation to get myself known. I also wanted to see as many of my team of coaches in action as I could to get a feel for the various styles employed.

There were six requests for the services of the Flying Circus to run 1-day courses during the year:

- Tuesday, 20th April: Intermediate Golf Croquet course was requested by Llanfairfechan but the level of tuition had to set to a Basic Golf Croquet course owing to the skill level of the attendees; led by Don Williamson and assisted by Ken Cooper
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April: Golf Croquet course at Pendle (coaching for players set at a basic level), led by David Barrett and assisted by Ken Cooper
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Gold Course at Pendle (advance coaching for experienced players with handicaps 0-4), led by Ian Lines and assisted by Ken Cooper
- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May: Silver-Gilt course at Bowdon (for experienced players with handicaps 4-8) led by Ken Cooper and assisted by Ian Lines
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Bronze course at Chester (for players with handicaps 14-20), led by Paul Rigge and assisted by Barry Keen & Ken Cooper
- Tuesday, 31st August: Intermediate Golf Croquet course at Chester, led by David Barrett and assisted by Ken Cooper

Details of these courses were advertised on the NWFCC website to enable clubs to let their members know of their availability and to get themselves booked on an appropriate course. Surprisingly, no players attended a course at a club other than their own. My thanks go to the coaches who kindly volunteered their services to help me to put on the courses.

Next year I shall again contact Club Secretaries before the season begins to ascertain their coaching needs. It is best to hold the courses early on in the season to enable players to put into practise what they have learnt.

#### Coaches' Advancement

We not only run these courses for players at our clubs to help them improve but we use them to improve our existing coaches' skills and, hopefully, advance their grading. This year, two of our Grade 1 coaches were assessed for their Grade 2 badges

- Ken Cooper led the Silver-Gilt Course at Bowdon and was assessed as successful by Ian Lines
- Paul Rigge led the Bronze Course at Chester and was assessed as successful by Barry Keen.

## G. NW Club Championship Manager - Barry Keen

Issues to be discussed on this Agenda.

## H. League Manager – Tony Thomas

The league has progressed well in 2010, despite problems at the start of the season due to inclement weather and lawns not being ready, we have had another successful season with 141 matches being packed into a very busy few months and we congratulate the three clubs who between them have won the five league titles this year:

- Fylde won both the Advanced and the Handicap Croquet Leagues
- Chester in won the Midweek Croquet League
- Llanfairfechan won both the Short and Golf Croquet Leagues, being undefeated all season

In terms of each league:

#### **Advanced Croquet League**

The seven teams play six matches each, however one match was not played this year and another was conceded as a walk-over with a score of 5-0. The new time limit on games of 2.5 hours seems to have worked well. Regarding the Bonus Points system, although operating better than last season, the system is still not fully understood and I do have to correct errors from time to time. Bonus points were only awarded in about a third of the matches. Once again, as happened last year, if you remove the bonus points from the system, the effect is negligible on league positions and the league winner does not change. Consequently I still question the use of bonus points in this league and feel it is an added complication providing little value. I would ask the AGM to reconsider this situation.

The meeting discussed this possibility and decided to leave a decision till the Spring Meeting.

# **Handicap Croquet League**

The nine teams play eight matches each, however, one match was abandoned due to flooding without sufficient games being played to generate a match score, one match was not played and two matches were conceded with walk-over scores of 4-0.

# **Midweek Croquet League**

The eight teams play seven matches each and all matches were completed. The title was a very close finish, both Chester and Pendle gaining the same number of points, however, Chester had a game winning difference of 29-20 compared to the 27-22 of Pendle.

# **Short Croquet League**

The eight teams play seven matches each, however one match was not played and another given a walk-over with a score of 10-0.

## **Golf Croquet League**

The nine teams play eight matches each and all matches were completed. There has been discussion during the season on the format of league matches since the length of a match is considered to be too long, consisting of 6 doubles and 16 singles giving 22 points. This is further complicated by the facility that allows clubs to play just 16 singles if this is more convenient – this gives 16 points which are then scaled up pro-rata to give a total of 22 points. It would be fairer to all clubs if each match had the same format and I would ask the AGM to simplify the situation by making the format the same as in the Short Croquet League so that all golf croquet matches just consist of sixteen singles games.

Overall, it has been a very hectic season with 141 matches being packed into about 25 weeks. The weather has been difficult at times, lawn availability has been more difficult than usual and when added to the list of other events organised by clubs, it is surprising only about 20 matches had to be postponed. However, it is a cause for concern that seven matches were not completed (three unplayed and four walkovers), fortunately if these seven matches had been played it would not have changed the title winners in each league. However, it is a potential problem, since I would not wish the situation to arise where a game not played influenced the league title. It is not practical to extend the season and other problems arise if we adopt a 'hard line' completion date for all matches. Some guidance from the AGM would be appreciated on this issue.

Attached to this report are the final league tables for 2010 and further details and summary of results can be found on the north west federation website (<a href="www.croquetnw.co.uk">www.croquetnw.co.uk</a>). Results of all matches and current league tables have been kept updated throughout the season and the AGM should record their appreciation to all the 41 team captains who have delivered the thankless task of club liaison, organising teams and efficiently reporting the results to me throughout the season. Thank you all very much.

Finally, team entries for next season are required by 31 December 2010 and the league team entry form is attached, I will also email this to Club Secretaries. The plan is to produce the 2011 provisional fixture list by the end of January 2011 with the schedule being confirmed and published by the end of February 2011. This is a complex task and will only succeed if I have full information from clubs, consequently may I ask clubs to give me as much detail as possible about season dates, lawn availability and club preferences for the 2011 season.

# I. Pennine Cup Captain - Paul Rigge

Contest didn't take place again this year, but East's do want the match to continue since it's the only legacy of the Confederation of Northern Clubs (under Mike Evans). To this end Derek Watts has stood down (he's been the NE Captain for last two abortive attempts) and Charles Waterfield has suggested we try to get the game sorted for either beginning or end of season with Pendle again being the preferred venue of mutual choice. Robin/Roger (or whoever attending from club)- Availability of space please, three courts required.

# J. Child Protection Officer - Barry Keen

No issues to report during 2010.

# 6. Proposal for Change to League Rules for Golf Croquet – Alan Morton (Fylde)

The following changes to Rules 23a and 23b were proposed by Alan Morton and seconded by Alan Wright (Culcheth).

The proposed changes are written in italics.

Rule 23a When two full lawns are available, matches will consist of *1 round of doubles (AB V ab, CD v cd)* and 4 rounds of singles, all play all. However, matches may be restricted to 4 rounds of singles at the request of either Captain provided that the request is made before the beginning of the season and the League Manager is informed.

Rule 23b The scores of 16 point games shall be scaled up to equivalent 18 game matches by adding points when entered in the League Table using the following table:-

16-0	15-1	14-2	13-3	12-4	11-5	10-6	9-7	8-8
18-0	17-1	15-3	14-4	13-5	12-6	11-7	10-8	9-9

In proposing this change, I have taken into account the comments of some players this season, stating that they find 7 games in a day too much. The other advantage in shortening the match day to 5 games per player would be the time of return travel for visiting teams which I anticipate would be at approximately 4-30 p.m. following a 10-00 a.m. start for the match. I have proposed playing one round of doubles to allow first time players to play one game with a colleague before playing their singles matches.

The motion was carried unanimously.

## 7. NW Federation Club Championships at Southport

There were many issues recommended by the NWFCC committee and these were discussed by the meeting:

- a) We will continue to hold the event at Southport and use the lawns in the cage. Agreed.
- b) Southport will receive an additional £100 (i.e. total of £400) for 2010. A similar total sum is likely to be available next year (to be agreed by next year's committee), and perhaps more if Southport are able to improve the cage lawns. Agreed.
- c) We will no longer have an Advanced Doubles event. Not agreed. This was changed to a One Ball Advanced Event (proposed by Lee Hartley and seconded by Barbara Young and agreed unanimously).
- d) The handicap event will be 14 point. Not agreed. This was changed to an 18 Point Handicap Event (proposed by Janet Davies and seconded by Lee Hartley and agreed unanimously).
- e) The golf and short will remain, with the precise format at manager's discretion depending on number of entries. Agreed.
- f) Each event will be shared out as far as possible between north and south lawns. Agreed.
- g) The entry closing date will be one month before the event. Agreed.
- h) Clubs should note that it is normal for clubs to pay the entry fees. Agreed.
- Barry Keen will manage in 2011, assisted by Alan Mayne and Don Williamson and other helpers to be defined. Agreed.
- j) The date next year will be 25-26 June 2011. Agreed.

- k) If both players agree, then games in the cage don't need to go on handicap cards. Amended to read games in the cage should go on handicap cards unless agreed otherwise by both players.
- 1) The event will be known as the "North West Federation Festival of Croquet". Agreed.
- m) Liz Wilson will act as Secretary for 2011. Agreed.
- n) Chairman's teams will be used sparingly at manager's discretion, but not in the Golf event. Agreed.
- o) The entry fee for 2011 will be £33 for a team of 3 (although there may be more on a team). Agreed.

# 8. Arrangements for Millennium Competitions – Geoff Young

#### Advanced

We hope this will be possible once more at Heaton Park on the weekend of 9-10 April, with A and B class play. The admin would be greatly assisted if we had more formal entry procedures, not just e-mail cash-at-door. This one is traditionally by individual entry co-ordinated to give a balance between clubs. Perhaps we should try club entries (with handicap and cheque).

The meeting agreed unanimously that entries to this event must be via clubs and not by individuals.

The other three events are for representatives of clubs which should thus pay the fees.

# Handicap

Chester hosted for two years and don't want to make it three.

Ron Welch from Pendle informed the meeting that Pendle would be pleased to host this event on 7/8 May 2011.

#### Golf

One day event at Heaton Park, provisionally fixed for 7 May 2011.

#### **Short**

One day event. This has not taken root. Southport are not willing to host this year. In my view we should begin by getting some takers notified by mid-February, seeking a venue if there are enough to make it a goer. Again, lack of enthusiasm on entries is a difficulty.

Betty Bates from Fylde informed the meeting that Fylde may be willing to host this event and would report back at the next meeting. Betty has subsequently confirmed that Fylde feel confident that they will have the three large lawns available to be converted into six short lawns next season, and would be delighted to host it.

# 9. Co-ordination of Dates for CA and Other Tournaments in North West.

The chairman reminded everyone that the provisional calendar for CA and other tournaments is currently on the CA website and clubs should check this for accuracy and also to ensure there are no significant clashes with club events.

# 10. Club Reports

#### (i) Bowdon – John Saxby

Bowdon were proud to host the MacRobertson in August and it was a very successful occasion.

In 2011, the club will be celebrating 100 years on the St Marys Road site and plan a celebration day on 11 June 2011. Games will be played as per 1911 and guests are welcome.

Recruitment has been successful in 2010, the main marketing event being a 'Taster Day', teaching One Ball and included 'Soup, Sandwiches and Wine'.

It is planned to invest £50,000 in a redevelopment of the clubhouse.

#### (ii) Bury – Barbara Young

2010 has been one of the most momentous years in the history of the club with two major activities which caused many sleepless nights for some members. The end of 2009 saw the start of the relaying of the lawns and the lengthy delay due to the atrocious winter weather. The turf was eventually relaid in March and we resumed play in June, with a memorable re-opening event in July carried out by Vicky Binns (Molly) of Coronation Street. Although the playing surface has still been uneven in

many places the lawns have recovered remarkably well and after the remedial work carried out at the end of the season we hope that next year we will have superb flat greens.

The other major event this year was the MacRobertson Shield at Heaton Park in August. The organisation of this also caused considerable headaches and thanks are due particularly to Paul Rigge for ensuring that everything eventually went well. Large numbers of club members came and helped in various roles, particularly setting out the lawns, raising the flags and running the catering and (just about) managing to keep up with the appetites of the players! The success of this event certainly put Bury Croquet Club on the international map and attracted appreciative comments from the Australian and New Zealand teams and the main British organisers. For a small club, we can feel very proud to have successfully hosted such a prestigious event.

Another notable feature of this year has been the record number of new members joining the club - 9 in all - bringing the total membership up to 49, an all time record. Many of these have joined the coaching sessions on Thursday mornings which are proving very successful.

Jean Hargreaves has also reported that Bury are again hosting the Region final for the Grass Roots on Saturday 6th August 2011.

#### (iii) Chester – Janet Davies

This has been another good year for the club. As a result of running a couple of golf taster sessions in April followed by our usual 8 week beginners' course for association croquet we have again increased our membership, which now stands at 106 (including 4 country members).

The NW Fed flying circus visited us twice, once to run a bronze level association course and once for a golf intermediate course. Both occasions were a great success and much appreciated by our members.

As in previous years the Congleton U3A croquet group visited us for a training afternoon in August. Their leader is a country member at Chester and has played in our short croquet team in several league matches this season.

We played our annual match against Shrewsbury (for the Northern Marches Cup) and won for the sixth time in seven years. At last our plans for a larger and more conveniently located pavilion to replace the dilapidated (temporary) portacabin which we have been using for the last 13 years, seem to be coming to fruition. The Council have budgeted for a new building for us to share with the bowlers to be provided within this financial year. This will round off the improvements that have been made to Westminster Park as a whole. We understand that contracts have been placed and we are having regular meetings with the officers involved. This is very good news, but their lack of competence as project managers never ceases to amaze us and it is impossible to reliably predict when the building will be ready. Dates are constantly slipping and costs rising (though the latter need only concern us as local tax payers, not as a club).

#### (iv) Crake Valley - No Report

#### (v) Culcheth – Alan Wright

The club has had a pleasant year and although we have a small number of members, morale is high. We are fortunate in that we attracted new members this year. Our team entered in the Golf League but unfortunately didn't match last year's performance however both we and our opponents enjoyed the games. We also took part in the Championships at Southport.

Several of our members have taken part in other competitions and we have several internal competitions for our members, Golf singles and doubles and short croquet are run on handicap lines and we also organised an open competition.

This year we were again invited to spend a day as guests of Ripon Croquet Club at the Ripon Spa Hotel and we were blessed with wonderful weather and a fine competition.

Because of our small membership we have to seek methods other than subscriptions to augment our income. Our lawns are regularly used by U3A, the University of the Third Age and several corporate events have been organised as well as the annual Croquet and Petanque competition held between the Lions and the Rotary Club. We have also organised sessions for community groups.

Culcheth Sports and Social Club, of which we are a section is encouraging all the sections to promote the club and we have recently submitted our Five Year Plan for survival and hopefully expansion and growth.

Successful social events were our Quizzes. We are fortunate that we have members who are prepared to work hard, selling tickets and organising these events. Bury were welcome guests at our annual dinner and this year members will be attending Fylde's annual dinner in December. During the winter we play on our indoor mat and welcome members from other clubs to spend the day with us. Several of our members also meet together during the winter to play cards and indoor games.

#### (vi) Ellesmere - No Report

# (vii) Fylde – Betty Bates

We have had a successful year in the North West Federation – winning both the Advanced and Handicap Leagues. We had a representative at the All England Final. Many of our members have won individual trophies around the country. Despite being 2010 NW Federation AGM Minutes

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in different discipline leagues, midweek, short, golf, advanced and association, and only having 17 players members we managed to fulfil all our commitments.

Fylde ran a 6 week golf coaching course, run by Alan Morton, and successfully managed to retain 7 new members.

We have continued to work on the lawns and the drainage. We have finished shoring up the drainage ditch and continually maintain the flow to Midgeland Road. We hope to extend the drainage this winter towards the grass tennis courts which we hope will improve the drainage outside the Tennis Club House. We have paid for further removal of Leylandii along the West boundary and have planted shrubs to hopefully hide the unsightly greenhouses in time. We provide the white lining material and continue to maintain all the equipment.

We have recently purchased a shed, 18ft by 8ft, which we are converting into our new clubhouse. We have erected a summerhouse / shelter on the West boundary and removed unsightly old tennis nets and the concrete bases. We are now grassing the area between the two lawn areas. We have invested in more fencing to define the courts.

We have also worked hard on the unsightly and unhealthy rubbish around the back of the indoor court. The emergency exit doors are now clear on the outside. We have cleared a large amount of rubbish from the rusted corrugated iron shed, demolished and removed the remains of the structure and replaced with our old clubhouse. We have also replaced the windows in the equipment store. We have fitted a new lock so that this store is now both secure and weatherproof.

The drainage seems to be working well and we have been able to play all our matches even when other North West Clubs were flooded. We were very proud to offer our lawns to Bury versus Crake for their league game as we seemed to be the only club that wasn't affected by flooding.

### (viii) Isle of Man - Richard Bellwood (by email)

The Island did not have any croquet in 2010. Our lawn was commandeered by the Bowlers this summer whilst repairs were carried out to their Summer lawns. Hopefully we will be up and running next year.

#### (ix) Keswick - No Report

#### (x) Liverpool – James Hawkins

In February, contact was made with the Mersey Bowmen Tennis Club, who occupy a site in Sefton Park. The club previously had a large number of championship standard grass courts, but those courts are now disused, and the club struggles to maintain its six tarmac courts and clubhouse.

We have agreed that the grassed area will be set aside for croquet, with a view to setting up croquet as a separate section within the club. After a full year's maintenance, there are now two full-sized lawns marked out. These should be playable for the start of the 2011 season. They are flat and have reasonable grass quality, though will need ongoing treatment.

There is space for a third lawn, which is almost full sized. If extra lawn space is needed, there's the option of digging through some undergrowth to make it into another full-sized lawn. In the long term, there's the possibility of a fourth lawn, but this would require much more effort, and an input of cash.

There hasn't been much opportunity for recruitment in 2010, as the lawns weren't playable until late in the summer. Nevertheless, a number of taster sessions have been run for members of the tennis club and their friends, who have been extremely enthusiastic.

Over the winter, the tennis club are undertaking maintenance of the clubhouse. A local FE college runs training courses for apprentice builders, and we've managed to get a team of trainees who will carry out the work free of charge. This is a scheme which may not be suitable for anyone wanting domestic building work, but is worth investigating for other clubs.

The summer has been overshadowed by maintenance difficulties. In particular, the brand new lawnmower I bought in March went up in flames in June. Legal wrangles have ensued, at the end of which the manufacturer has presented the club with a top-of-the-range substitute. The problem is that I've bought a replacement, so their offer is now surplus to requirements. If any clubs require a new mower (brand new Atco Club 20 I/C Professional, still in the factory packaging – RRP £2700, but I'll take £2,000 ono), it's sitting in my shed until the springtime. Despite my misgivings about other models in the Atco range, this is a really good piece of kit, and it'd be nice to see it go to a nice home before I put it on eBay in February. Clubs should get in touch if they want first refusal.

#### (xi) Llanfairfechan – Jack Pattenden

2010 has been a momentous year for the club as we celebrated 20 years since the club was formed in 1990.

For the first time in our history we were successful in both League competitions winning the Short and Golf and remaining undefeated throughout the summer. For the Short team this was a second successive victory and you will understand that the players are feeling pretty upbeat. Part of the reason for our success in Golf was that a few more members stepped forward to be part of the teams which can only auger well for the future.

A result of this success is that we have been nominated alongside two other teams as finalists in the Sports Conwy awards for the best sports club in the area at an awards ceremony run by Conwy C.C. The winner will be decided in a weeks time.

On the subject of awards I am delighted that Georgina Llewellyn has been awarded a Diploma by the CA for services to Croquet to acknowledge her 20 years of dedicated service to Llanfairfechan CC – she was one of the original founders of the club in 1990.

The club continues to maintain a steady membership around 80 and we continue our aim of bringing croquet to the public by entertaining some 30 visiting groups during the summer including disabled groups and school children.

#### (xii) Pendle & Craven - Ron Welch

2010 has been a generally successful season, principally because of a big improvement in lawn quality. After weeks of drought, application of fertiliser came just in time for a long, warm, wet spell, the results of which produced many compliments from our visitors

Apart from our usual six Calendar tournaments, and All England Association area final, we have hosted the National Final of the All England Handicap Golf Croquet and the Australian MacRobertson team practice day before their match against New Zealand at Heaton Park.

On the downside there was a continuing slow fall in membership and the Club's teams performances in League competitions fell short of previous success. We came second by the smallest possible margin in the East Pennine League. A good run in the Longman Cup ended when coming up against Bury.

#### (xiii) Penrith & North Lakes - Howard Bowron

Club sessions were again very well attended throughout the season. In addition to our normal AC Short Croquet competitions we introduced a Golf Doubles Block. This meant that all our members (including three new members who had previously only played garden croquet) participated in one or more club competitions. Unfortunately two members 'retired' from croquet so our net gain in members is modest.

Even so demand for our three short lawns is such that we have again needed to borrow a set of hoops and balls from Southport CC, and a peg from Crake. Thanks to both. Over the winter we intend to apply for a grant to help purchase additional equipment. If we are unsuccessful we hope that suitable equipment owned by the NWFCC that is not being used can be allocated to us on a more permanent basis.

Work to improve our lawns continues and is paying off. We played a friendly match against a team from Morland and our lawn speed completely baffled them. No such advantage against Middlesbrough CC who are used to bowling greens, but we gave them a good game. We won both fixtures against Keswick CC.

# (xiv) Salford - Frances Rollinson

After Irene Waterhouse had visited both Bowdon and Flixton croquet clubs, she was smitten with the croquet bug which she immediately passed onto Frances – why not have a group in Salford? Salford are keen to promote healthy pursuits in the area so are allowing us the use of Buile Hill Park.

Barry Keen and Janet Davies came to measure various sites for us and advise us on how best to go forward. The old bowling greens would be ideal but are unavailable at the moment. We are however pursuing this in the hope that we can procure it for next year games. Meanwhile we are using a small green which the park attendants have looked after very well.

Exchange visits from both Flixton and Ellesmere croquet groups have been enjoyable and instructive. We have publicity in the pipeline to try and attract members for 2011.

# (xv) Southport - Tony Thomas

A season of successes, consolidation and tragedies. Thank you to the Federation for a small grant towards our new storage garage – this has now been constructed and is in use.

We have continued substantial investment in our South Lawns, currently running at about £7000 pa with the result these lawns have never been in better condition, generating much praise from visitors this year. It is planned to continue this investment in 2011 and we are currently negotiating with a local groundsman. By comparison, our North Lawns expenditure is about £1000 pa and they consequently present a very challenging surface for players – as you all know!.

We have successfully hosted several tournaments including Australia v NWFCC select team, Peels, CA Selectors, NWFCC Club Championship, plus our normal five Open events. However, we have noticed (in common with other clubs) a decrease in tournament entrants. We have completed a full league programme entering six teams in the NWFCC leagues giving the opportunity to introduce several of our new members to formal competitive play.

Current membership is about 100 with 11 new members joining us this year. Once again we ran a very expensive advert in the local press at the start of the season - half page full colour in four editions for £900 - which was more than paid for by responses generated at our Come & Try weekend, Beginners Coaching Course and subsequent new membership fees. Further press coverage has been obtained with an Alice in Wonderland publicity stunt and a Chocolate Cake competition (made by male members only).

Sadly, a few members have passed away during the year and the club is currently very supportive of our Chairman, Terry Foster, as he battles against a very serious illness, I am sure you would all wish to support him at this difficult time.

In order to maintain membership at current levels, we continue to provide an extensive and lucrative corporate programme and organise many activities to consolidate the camaraderie within the club – these include a monthly Newsletter, Sunday Soups and/or Teas, in addition to a wide range of social events.

Finally, I am sure you would wish to add your congratulations to Carol and Brian Lewis who have been awarded a joint CA Diploma for services to Croquet, recognising their excellent work in coaching and developing new players.

# (xvi) Westmorland - Ivan Wheatley

2010 has seen Westmorland Croquet Club progress on a number of fronts. Our total membership grew by 8 over the year with 13 new recruits more than offsetting the 5 members who left at the start of the season. Our return to competitive play was successful with the team winning 3 of its 7 games in the mid-week handicap league and with 2 of the 4 recorded losses going right to the wire (26-25 on the deciding game in one case).

Thanks in part to the increase in membership and hence income from fees and in part due to the generosity of the Federation through facilitating a long term loan, we have been able to upgrade some of our playing equipment and plan to invest further over the coming months in preparation for the 2011 season.

For 2011 our primary objectives are twofold. Firstly we aim to continue our recruitment programme with a view to increasing our total membership to nearer 40 from the current level of 28 and secondly to develop the playing skills of the existing members.

Recruitment activities that proved successful in 2010 were our "try-it" days which were run for selected groups and on an open basis and our participation in a local community college programme. On skills development we are planning an in-house formal coaching programme for our higher handicap members and have had an initial discussion on the possibility of access to a Flying Squad Silver coaching course for our mid handicap players.

We will again be entering a team in the mid-week handicap league for 2011 season although to reduce the confusion that arose this year the mid-week team will simply be known as Westmorland CC. We also aim to participate in some form, again probably on a joint basis with Crake Valley, in the NWFCC weekend at Southport in June.

Our relationship with the owners of Levens Hall, where we are based, remains good and we see no immediate threat to our continued access to the hall lawns. We are aware however that we are constrained in our ability to improve the playing quality of our lawns due in part to the fact that we are not in full control and in part due to the fact that they flood regularly, sometimes to a depth of over a metre, over the winter months. We continue to give this matter thought without as yet reaching any firm conclusion.

# 11. NW Federation Equipment Assets – Janet Davies

These remain the same as stated in the previous Minutes, and the item was deferred to the Spring Meeting.

## 12. County Captains

Cheshire: Colin Irwin was appointed Captain.

Lancashire: David Openshaw was appointed Captain.

It was felt this item, although traditionally discussed at this meeting would be improved if nominations for county captains were formalised at the Spring Meeting.

# 13. Croquet in the North Leaflet

Ian Lines is currently updating this annual leaflet. It is important all clubs notify Ian of club officials, including email addresses, as soon as possible, but at the latest by 28 February 2011.

# 14. Presentation of Trophies

David Barrett presented the NW League trophies to winning clubs:

Advanced league: Lee Hartley on behalf of Fylde.
Handicap League: Betty Bates on behalf of Fylde.
Midweek League: Peter Morgan on behalf of Chester.

Short League: Carolyn Radcliff on behalf of Llanfairfechan.
Golf League: Anwen Williams on behalf of Llanfairfechan..

#### 15. Election of Officers

All candidates were unopposed, consequently the officers for 2011 will be:

**David Barrett** Chairman: i) Secretary: Ian Lines ii) Treasurer: Peter Wilson iii) Coaching Officer: Ken Cooper iv) v) Development Officer: Janet Davies vi) CA Representative: Geoff Young League Manager: **Tony Thomas** vii) Child Protection Officer: Barry Keen viii) ix) Championship Manager: Barry Keen x) Pennine Cup Manager: Paul Rigge

# 16. Any Other Business

- (a) Colin Irwin (Bowdon), on behalf of the Mac Robertson organising committee, thanked everyone for their support during the MacRobertson event in August. Special thank you to the Federation, North West clubs and everyone who attended the Bowdon and Heaton Park games.
- (b) David Barrett reminded the meeting the tournament regulations in the CA Fixtures Calendar Book are only a summary and the full version can be found on the CA website. In particular, these do give clubs discretion about entries.

# 17. Date, time and locations of next meetings

Spring 2011 Meeting: 5 March 2011 at 10am at Culcheth Autumn 2011 Meeting: 5 November 2011 at 10am at Culcheth

# 18. Close of Meeting

David Barrett thanked Culcheth Croquet Club for hosting the meeting, and closed the 2010 AGM at 12:45.

# **Appendices:**

NWFCC Committee for 2011 NWFCC Club Contacts for 2011 NWFCC League Tables for 2010

NWFCC League Team Entry Form for 2011

NWFCC Audited Accounts for 2010

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# NWFCC - FINAL LEAGUE TABLES FOR 2010 SEASON

<b>Advanced Croquet</b>		Mat	ches		Gam	ies	Points
League Table 2010	P	W	D	L	W	L	
Fylde	6	5	0	1	35	19	15
Bowdon Canons	6	4	0	2	25	25	9
Pendle & Craven	6	3	0	3	24	26	9
Bowdon Saints	5*	3	0	2	30	15	7
Crake Valley	5*	3	0	2	25	20	6
Bury	6	1	0	5	19	35	3
Southport	6	1	0	5	18	36	2

Handicap Croquet		Matches				nes	Points
League Table 2010	P	W	D	L	W	L	
Fylde	8	7	0	1	38	18	14
Bury Caesars	8	5	0	3	28	25	10
Chester	7*	4	0	3	27	22	8
Southport	8	4	0	4	26	27	8
Bury Peelers	8	4	0	4	24	29	8
Bowdon St Marys	7*	3	0	4	24	26	6
Pendle & Craven	8	3	0	5	26	30	6
Bowdon Firs	8	3	0	5	24	32	6
Crake Westmorland	6*	1	0	5	15	24	2

Midweek Croquet		Ma	tches		Gan	nes	Points
League Table 2010	P	W	D	L	W	L	
Chester	7	5	0	2	29	20	10
Pendle & Craven	7	5	0	2	27	22	10
Bowdon Griffins	7	4	0	3	25	24	8
Bury	7	4	0	3	24	25	8
Fylde	7	3	0	4	24	22	6
Westmorland Crake	7	3	0	4	23	26	6
Southport	7	3	0	4	21	28	6
Bowdon Earls	7	1	0	6	21	25	2

<b>Short Croquet</b>		Mat	ches		Gan	Points	
League Table 2010	P	W	D	L	W	L	
Llanfairfechan	7	7	0	0	74	38	14
Fylde	7	4	1	2	64	48	9
Bowdon	7	3	2	2	54	58	8
Bury	7	3	0	4	54	52	6
Southport	7	3	0	4	55	57	6
Pendle & Craven	6*	2	1	3	42	48	5
Chester	6*	2	1	3	44	52	5
Birkdale	7	0	1	6	39	73	1

<b>Golf Croquet</b>		Ma	tches		Games		Points
League Table 2010	P	W	D	L	W	L	
Llanfairfechan	8	8	0	0	114	62	16
Chester	8	6	0	2	109	67	12
Bury South	8	5	0	3	84	92	10
Bury North	8	4	1	3	89	87	9
Bowdon	8	3	1	4	87	89	7
Fylde	8	3	0	5	83	93	6
Pendle & Craven	8	3	0	5	82	94	6
Southport	8	3	1	4	74	102	5
Culcheth	8	0	1	7	70	106	1

Matches not completed

# NORTH WEST FEDERATION OF CROQUET CLUBS LEAGUE TEAMS ENTRY FORM FOR 2011

CLUB:	
Club or Fixture Secretary:	Home Phone:
Address:	Mobile:
	Email:
Opening date of club lawns:	Dates when lawns unavailable for league matches:
Closing date of club lawns:	
Any preferences the League Manager should be	
aware of when compiling the 2011 Fixture List?	
<b>ADVANCED LEAGUE 201</b>	1:
Team Name:	Home Phone:
Captain:	Mobile:
Address:	
	Email:
Team Name:	Home Phone:
Captain:	Mobile:
Address:	Email:
HANDICAP LEAGUE 2011	<u> </u>  •
Team Name:	Home Phone:
Captain:	Mobile:
Address:	Woone.
	Email:
Team Name:	Home Phone:
Captain:	Makita
Address:	Mobile:
	Email:

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<b>MIDWEEK LEAGUE 2011</b> :	
Team Name:	Home Phone:
Captain:	Mobile:
Address:	Modile.
	Email:
Team Name:	Home Phone:
Captain:	Mobile:
Address:	Middle.
	Email:
SHORT LEAGUE 2011:	
Team Name:	Home Phone:
Captain:	
Address:	Mobile:
Address.	Email:
Team Name:	Home Phone:
Captain:	M 1 11
Address:	Mobile:
	Email:
COLETEACHE 2011	
GOLF LEAGUE 2011:	
Team Name: Captain:	Home Phone:
Cupum.	Mobile:
Address:	Email
	Email:
Team Name: Captain:	Home Phone:
Captain.	Mobile:
Address:	
	Email:

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Or Email to: tonythomas@croquetnw.co.uk

The plan is to produce the provisional fixture list for 2011 by  $1^{st}$  February, allow a few weeks for modifications and then publish the agreed fixture list by  $1^{st}$  March 2011.

If you require any further information, please contact me (Mobile 07841 538 676).

# North West Federation of Croquet Clubs

# Accounts for the Year Ended 31st October 2010

	£	2010 £	£	2009 £
Income				
Affiliation fees Championship entries Less expenses Millennium events Interest	636.00 400.00	220.00 236.00 56.25 2.34	708.00 300.00	240.00 408.00 40.00 9.35
Total Income	-	514.59	-	697.35
Bank balances brought forward		2,978.78		2,949.83
	-	3,493.37	-	3,647.18
Expenditure				
Development MacRobertson Shield catering Website General administration		271.50 150.00 39.92 60.00		521.70 123.05
Coaching		-		23.65
Total Expenditure	•	521.42	-	668.40
Bank balances carried forward		2,971.95		2,978.78
		3,493.37	- -	3,647.18

P A Wilson - Treasurer .....

G Young - Auditor .....