

# NORTH WEST FEDERATION OF CROQUET CLUBS

## MINUTES OF THE 2012 AUTUMN MEETING

The Meeting was held on Saturday 3 March 2012 at 10.00 am  
at Culcheth Sports & Social Club, Charnock Road, Culcheth, WA3 5SH.

The Meeting was attended by 30 people representing:

Bowdon: Ken Cooper; John Saxby.  
Bury: David Barrett; Jean Hargreaves; Paul Rigge; Barbara Young; Geoff Young.  
Chester: Janet Davies; David Guyton.  
Culcheth: Anne Connop; Bob Connop; Brian Poynton; Alan Wright.  
Flixton: Peter Blyden; R Herbert; G Tennent; J Peare.  
Fylde: Liz Wilson; Peter Wilson.  
Pendle & Craven: Kathryn Schofield; Roger Schofield; Ron Welch; Geoff Whitaker; Maureen Whitaker.  
Salford: Frances Rollinson; Irene Waterhouse.  
Southport: Kath Thomas; Tony Thomas.  
Westmorland: John Shakespeare; Ivan Wheatley.

### 1. Welcome by the Chairman

The NWFCC Chairman Liz Wilson welcomed club representatives to the meeting and especially to those from Flixton, our latest club.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from James Hawkins (Liverpool); Barry Keen (Bowdon); Howard Bowron (Penrith & North Lakes); Anwen Lloyd Williams (LLanfairfechan);

### 3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Autumn Meeting – 5 November 2011

The minutes of the last meeting were approved – proposed by Brian Poynton, seconded by John Saxby.

### 4. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous Minutes not covered by today's agenda.

### 5. Reports from the Officers

#### A. Chairman – Liz Wilson

As this has been the “off season” there should be little to report and that is more or less the case. The new committee has had one meeting to get to know each other and the old hands could bring us newcomers up to date. We have a new member of the Federation in the guise of Flixton Friends and I would like to extend a warm welcome to them on behalf of us all.

There are certain constitutional issues with regard to the Federation Committee (e.g. there is no mention of a Child Protection Officer), and these issues will be addressed and brought to the next AGM for ratification.

There have been discussions with regard to requests from members of other Federations who would like to attend our coaching courses. Also the timing of our appointment of the CA Representative is not the best. We elect at the AGM which is too late for the rep to be allocated to CA committees. At the AGM we will be suggesting the CA rep is elected at our Spring Meeting instead.

The matter of confusion over Trigger Points and Handicap Cards has been discussed. Barry Keen has written an explanation which is on the Federation website. Personally, I think there is no better way than ‘one to one’ instruction of the ‘confused’. Please could I ask all Club Handicappers to check cards as necessary at the beginning of the season and to ask team captains to keep an eye on those who find the trigger points difficult to grasp.

The Millennium Events and the Festival of Croquet are all in hand. There is a problem with the date for the Short at Fylde and it is now proposed to hold this on Saturday 12 May – the same day as the Golf event. Clubs should have had the entry forms for the Millennium Events and the Festival entry form will follow shortly.

#### B. Secretary – Tony Thomas

Everything running fine and nothing major to report. Any items reaching me will be addressed by others during the Meeting. However, two important and happy emails arrived this week: – Ian Lines has been awarded a CA Award for Outstanding contributions to Coaching and Paul Rigge has volunteered to take over as Secretary. Paul Rigge was then proposed as Secretary by Liz Wilson and seconded by Tony Thomas, the motion was carried unanimously.

### C. Treasurer – Bob Connop

The current statement of accounts had been distributed by email and a copy is attached to these Minutes - Appendix (i). The onerous task of completing all the appropriate procedures with the Banks regarding the change of Treasurer have now been completed. Four clubs are still to pay their Federation subscriptions. The Accounts show £257 in the current account and £3000 in the deposit account.

### D. Development Officer - Janet Davies

At the meeting of the CA Development Committee, in February, a number of suggestions were made about how to raise the profile of croquet both generally, and particularly with the younger population. One was that those croquet players who use 'Twitter' should start to communicate with other 'tweeters' about the joys of croquet. This is already being done with good results by some members of 'Croquet East' – a club based in East London with an unusually young membership (for twitter details google Croquet East). So could you please get all your members under 40 busy tweeting.

Nationwide there has been something of an explosion in the formation of new clubs – ten last year! As these clubs all apply for club equipment start up grants/loans, this has impacted on the CA's development budget, and we have had to be particularly rigorous this last winter in allotting development grants to clubs. Fortunately this has not adversely affected any clubs in the North West so far, and the CA Council have now increased the Development fund so we hope that this will not be a problem in the future.

However we have noticed that many clubs have virtually no financial reserves. In the case of newer clubs this is not surprising as building reserves to fund future development takes time. However we do urge that clubs should bear this in mind during good times and if they know of future contingencies or have developments in mind they should plan their finances accordingly.

This year is an 'alternate' year for the Apps Heley, Townsend and Millennium Club Awards. These are for the Club that has made most progress in two consecutive years out of the past three, according to the number of lawns the Club possesses. Last time the Federation did particularly well. The Townsend Award was shared between Bury and Swindon, and Chester received the Apps Heley. Applications have to be with me by early December. Full details are on the CA web site. Applications for development grants for consideration next November have to be with me by end October at the latest. So it's not too soon to start your planning for next winter.

### E: CA Representative – Geoff Young

The Croquet Association have set up a Working Party to review the relationships between the CA and the Federations. It is difficult to identify the specific objectives of this but one of the effects could be a review of the system of CA Membership Fees and Club Members Levy fees in terms of abolishing membership and increasing the levy by about £5 per person per year. After some discussion it was decided Geoff Young would formulate a questionnaire to obtain views of members and this would be put on the federation website.

### F. Coaching Officer - Ken Cooper

So far this year we have received requests to run 9 courses from 4 different clubs. However, two of the courses were requested by more than one club and the numbers of players willing to attend from each club too small to necessitate individual courses, i.e. we had 3 requests for a Silver course so we plan to run one large one at Bowdon, plus 2 requests for a Bronze course which will be combined and run as one at Westmorland, a club that has not yet benefitted from a visit by our coaches.

The plan, then, is to run the following courses this year:

- Sunday 15th April: a **Silver** course at Bowdon to be run by Ken Cooper; 14 players in the handicap range of 8-11 attending (from Bowdon, Chester, Westmorland & Fylde).
- Saturday, 21st April: an Intermediate level **Golf Croquet** course, to be run by Bob Connop at Chester and assisted by Barry Keen; numbers yet unknown. Bob is, at present, a Club Coach but wishes to become a Golf Croquet coach as well as take his Referee's exam; Barry Keen will not only assist him on the course but also assess him for both after the course.
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April: a **Bronze** course is to be led by Ken Cooper at Westmorland; very few attendees so far identified (6+ from Westmorland & Bowdon, with Chester yet to confirm numbers) with handicaps in the range 12-18.
- Saturday & Sunday 12/13<sup>th</sup> May: a **Coaches Training Course** (CTC) to be held at Chester, led by James Hawkins and assisted by Ken Cooper, for aspiring Club Coaches; we have 10+ players attending (from Chester, Bowdon, Westmorland & Llanfairfechan).
- Unknown date of a basic level **Golf Croquet** course to be run at Flixton when further details are known.

Details of the confirmed courses are advertised on the North West Federation of Croquet Clubs website to enable players to know of their availability and to get themselves booked on an appropriate course. Also, emails have been sent to club secretaries for circulation within each club.

Regarding inviting players from other Federations to join our courses, whenever we have spare capacity this could and should be accommodated. Whilst I do not believe we should charge for this, it is a committee decision. After some discussion it was agreed the committee would discuss this matter further.

#### **G. NW Festival of Croquet Manager – Barry Keen**

Plans are still being formulated but David Barratt has agreed to assist Barry Keen in co-ordinating events during the weekend. We are still looking for other helpers to manage individual events.

#### **H. League Manager - Tony Thomas**

Thank you to everyone who has perused the provisional fixture list and suggested changes. There have not been as many amendments as in previous years as clubs are much better at informing me of their preferences for playing days. I have also tried a new system this year of grouping matches at weekends from the same league rather than scheduling matches from all the leagues each weekend. We have two new teams this year from Chester and Westmorland, one team have changed leagues and one team has resigned.

Advanced League – 8 teams – same number as 2011 but Liverpool have resigned and Chester have entered.

Handicap League – 10 teams – increase from 2011 due to entry from Birkdale.

Midweek League – 8 teams – same as 2011.

Short League – 7 teams – one less than 2011 due to Birkdale resigning.

Golf League – 10 teams – increase from 2011 due to Westmorland entering.

The 'official' list of 167 league matches has been distributed by email to captains and club secretaries and there are copies of the listing available today – please ensure there is one on your club noticeboard. The website has been redesigned and you can see the fixture list, updated contacts and download the League Rules and updated match scoresheets. As always, a plea to Captains to keep me informed of results and other changes and in return I will keep the website updated with news and league tables.

Thank you everyone, have a happy and successful season

#### **I. Pennine Cup - Paul Rigge**

The date for this years match at Pendle has been agreed for Sunday 24 June. There will be 'call' for players nearer the time.

#### **J. Child Protection Officer - Barry Keen**

Nothing to report.

### **6. Ratification of League Rules for 2012**

I have incorporated the changes agreed at our Autumn Meeting into the League Rules for 2012 regarding: Walkover scores (Rule 8); Golf Doubles (Rule 23a); Postponements procedure (Rule 2b).

As a result of rule changes there is often an unintended consequence elsewhere in the rules. Several years ago we changed Rule 10b regarding the format of Handicap matches so that only one doubles match was played instead of two. John Dawson (Chester) has spotted that Rule 11 still refers to two doubles matches.

Proposal - Amended Rule 11 - *There shall be no restrictions on the pairing in doubles. The singles shall be arranged as far as possible in descending handicap order subject only to no person playing the same singles opponent twice.* Proposed by John Dawson, seconded by Tony Thomas. The motion was carried unanimously.

The latest version of the Rules will be on the website from tomorrow.

### **7. Arrangements for Millennium Competitions 2012**

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|--------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| (a) Advanced | Heaton Park | 21-22 April 2012.                  |
| (b) Handicap | Chester     | 19-20 May 2012                     |
| (c) Short    | Fylde       | 13 May – NOW CHANGED TO SAT 12 MAY |
| (d) Golf     | Heaton Park | 12 May                             |

### **8. NW Festival of Croquet 2012 - Barry Keen**

To be arranged for Saturday and Sunday, 30 June and 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 at Southport.

### **9. Co-ordination of North West Dates for 2012**

All dates are on website and also in the Croquet North Leaflet. There are no issues.

## 10. Club Reports and Announcements

### i) Bowdon - John Saxby

On the people front we had some good quality recruitment last year but as usual there are people recruited two years ago who realise croquet is not their thing. We obviously regret losing Ian Lines to Nottingham however we recognise that losing two country members back to Chester to play Advanced is a good thing for Croquet in the North West. The Irwins now have a winter place in the USA so we lose some help through the winter.

Alan Mayne continues to improve the lawns and seating for players. We have finally got rid of the huge London plane tree that ruined corner 4 of lawn 4. The much improved clubhouse has helped winter activities which include bridge, canasta, one-ball croquet and youth club.

This year our normal range of tournaments and internal competitions take place and with a full season this year we will run two one-day taster courses and the six week beginners course. In addition we shall be hosting the English CA v Swiss CA on 4 July.

### ii) Bury – Barbara Young

The main activity this winter has been by Bury Council improving Coronation Park. This included tarmacing our car park, round the side of the clubhouse and the approach road which has been widened to the fence. This now gives us much more parking space and improves our surroundings considerably.

Just before Christmas we set up one short lawn for winter practice but unfortunately not many members have managed to make use of it due to persistent rain/frost/snow. We have however enjoyed various winter activities including ten-pin bowling, quiz night, games evening and our Annual Dinner which had the biggest attendance ever including the usual contingent from Culcheth.

I would like to remind people about the two early season events at Heaton Park – the Lancashire Open Golf on 31 March/1 April and the Neil Williams Advanced on 21/22 April. There are still places available in both of these.

### iii) Chester – Janet Davies

This year Chester have entered the Federation Advanced league for the first time. We have also entered the national Mary Rose competition again, and the Longman for the first time. In addition we have provisionally entered the All England Association competition to give us some experience of this, as we have put in bids to host the Area finals for the All England in 2013 and the National finals in 2014. We have not yet heard the result of these bids.

The club are considering the feasibility of levelling our lawns either in part or totally. We have set up a sub committee to investigate options. As part of this project we are at present negotiating with the council to grant us a 25 year licence for use of the lawns and pavilion.

We have also agreed with the Council that in future our annual fee will be based on the number of our members in the preceding year, and this will be tied to the Council's prevailing individual rates for annual licences for other lawn sports (£15 per head for bowls and tennis). While the result of this is that our annual fee has nearly tripled, this was from a very low base and the resulting charge is still very reasonable

### iv) Crake Valley

No report received.

### v) Culcheth - Alan Wright

Once again we are looking forward to another enjoyable year. At the moment we have 19 members and we are always hoping to recruit more. Thanks to our social activities which are well supported, we are able to keep our subscriptions at a reasonable figure. I am very grateful to the practical support our members give, not just attending events but also for their willingness to help organise them and run them.

We have held croquet sessions on our indoor mat every week during the winter and our members have had lots of fun, even coping with double banking doubles. We even arranged competitions for trophies. Last week several members from Chester came and we had an enjoyable all day session. Other club members are welcome to join us.

Members from Bury were welcome guests at our annual dinner, which was the usual enjoyable evening and some of our members have attended the Bury dinner. Some of our members also meet together during the winter to play cards and indoor games.

As for the summer season, we shall be holding our usual club competitions and once again will be urging members to play their games earlier in the season rather than leaving everything until September. Several members are also keen to enter other CA competitions and tournaments which is to be applauded.

**vi) Ellesmere**

No report received.

**vii) Flixton – Peter Byden**

Our group was founded by Cath Johnson who had played croquet at Bowdon and had become passionate about the game. She gained permission from the parks department to play on an ornamental lawn at Flixton park. We started in 2008 with seven people, only two of whom had played before. We had support from Bowdon club who lent one set of balls, mallets and hoops initially. We all encouraged our friends to join and they came, from keep fit class, book club and other connections.

This will be our fifth season, and we have made huge progress in all sorts of ways. We now have 35 players playing golf croquet on two half size lawns with a smaller lawn available when we need it. The lawns have improved in quality although one still needs work. Squirrels are our biggest problem. During the season we play on Friday afternoons and we have strawberry tea afternoon and end of season meal out. During the winter we meet once a month for, "youth club," when we play table games.

In 2009 we were lucky enough to get a grant from Manchester Airport Trust which enabled us to buy more equipment and last year obtained more through our own funds. We feel as if we are well established and well known now and hope to go from strength to strength. Our next goal is to find a more suitable storage space and shelter, currently we have to run for a large Beech tree when it rains!(Although the diehards will play through hail and snow if it's a close game!). Everyone at Flixton sends best wishes to all the clubs in the north west and we look forward to meeting some of you in the coming months.

**vii) Fylde – Peter Wilson**

For the last six years we have been making gradual improvements to our facilities. Constrained by cash we have slowly developed and now become a three shed club. During this time we always paid (according to the Tennis club's Chartered Accountants) a "donation" in return for which we had use of two and then in 2009 three lawns. All this came with the use of their grounds man who was due to mow twice a week and do various other tasks. But over time the grounds man became less reliable and we assumed the scarifying, weeding and feeding and white lining of the lawns along with a great deal of general maintenance of the area. From this year the grounds man has been dismissed and we are now totally responsible for ALL lawn maintenance. Consequently Our "donation" has been renegotiated; down to £500 per year. With the shed now built we plan to plough all available cash and effort into improving our lawns and we have started this year by purchasing a Dennis Mower.

We are running two tournaments this year. The Millennium Short – originally scheduled at the AGM for the 6<sup>th</sup> May and then rearranged for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Fylde would like to reschedule this to Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May if this can be agreed here today. The other tournament is our first venture into a full blown CA event – A handicap tournament in July. We already have 4 entries – two from outside the North West Federation. We look forward to a successful season

**(viii) Isle of Man**

No report received

**ix) Keswick**

No report received.

**x) Liverpool - James Hawkins via email.**

The tennis club now have Lottery funding to resurface their clapped-out courts. Work starts on Monday (assuming it's not snowing), so there should be a functioning club by the end of February. Hopefully, that'll get me more exposure as the season goes on. It's going to be a struggle again for members, but I'll have to see how things go. I'll issue progress reports / appeals for help as the season goes on.

**xi) Llanfairfechan - Anwen Williams via email.**

During the winter months a Friday café is held at the club house where home made soup and sandwiches are served, the members play bridge, chess, etc, this has proved very successful with over 20 members attending every week and we hope to continue this until the end of March, this has given our club funds a great boost. In January we held our Annual Charity Beetle Drive, where this year the money went to St Dunstance a local home for Blind and partially sighted service men/women £160 was raised.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 10 member from Chester Croquet Club came down to play indoor croquet at a local leisure centre with 10 of our members, and an enjoyable day was had by all. Lawns will be opened on Easter Sunday weather permitting, where hot cross buns will be served by members of the committee

On April 10<sup>th</sup> will be the first of our fundraising events, where we will be serving a Hot Pot Supper followed by Apple Crumble, and a Chinese Raffle

Our Annual Open Day will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> May where the lawns will be opened to the public and hopefully attract new members. Bookings are already filling up our calendar with different societies starting in April, until the middle of September, so all we can hope for is good weather.

**xii) Pendle and Craven – Ron Welch**

Our varied Winter social programme included quizzes, an almost-Burns Supper (the haggis didn't appear), lunch at our local sailing club and a dominoes evening. These helped members keep in touch and raised welcome funds for the club. We were able to use our indoor carpet which has been stored in the Community Centre at Earby for some years, after a long search to find which cupboard it was in and who had the key! It has kept in good condition apart from a tendency to curl up at the ends. We hope come Autumn, to have fixed this and be in a position to invite visitors.

As tournament players will have noticed Pendle decided to add an Advanced class to the Easter Weekend tournament. This has resulted in a larger entry already than we have had in previous years - but there are few places still available.

**xiii) Penrith and North Lakes - Howard Bowron via email**

There is nothing to report from Penrith & North Lakes CC since the AGM in November.

**xiv) Salford – Frances Rollinson**

We are looking forward to the start of play in April. Over winter our members have met once a month at the treasurer's home. This has been both social and also an opportunity to make plans for the new season, recruiting new members and fund raising being at the top of the list. Meetings have been held at the Buile Hill Park venue by the Park Rangers and 'Friends of Buile Hill' to discuss the refurbishment of the Pavilion, part funded by the Lottery. The outcome being that there are now full toilet facilities, we had a three mile hike previously, a fully operational kitchen and space to store our equipment. This means that players and visitors alike can enjoy playing Croquet in comfortable surroundings.

The green is yet to be prepared but we have had some reassurance that the park will do their best to improve the grass and continue the good work they started last year. Fingers crossed for that because they have lost a lot of funding for the maintenance of the whole park not just our green. We have been asked to put on a demonstration in the Park as part of an open day to highlight its many attractions, we see this as a positive move and chance to promote ourselves, these events are usually very well attended. We hope to improve our playing techniques through the help of some kind offers of coaching and also through exchanges of play with other local groups. Thank you all for your help.

**xv) Southport - Tony Thomas**

Politics continues to dominate the local sports scene in Southport with draconian cuts and increased charges about to be implemented throughout the borough. As mentioned last time, we have secured an agreement (and our future) with the Council to become independent of the Council and carry out all maintenance ourselves in the future. Considering the area of land to be maintained, this is the biggest change ever to have taken place at our club and requires a substantial new approach to how we manage our resources. Obviously we need to invest in lawn maintenance and we are currently in process of purchasing equipment – we are very grateful to Janet Davies (Fed Development Officer) for her invaluable help, support and guidance, this has resulted in a substantial grant from the CA to purchase a Push Mower and a Sit On Mower – we are progressing these purchases now.

The forthcoming season will see our usual tournaments, six league teams, plus the Home Internationals on 16 June and the All England Regional Final on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Our Winter season continues with a good social programme of Winter Dinner, Sunday Soups, Games Evenings and a forthcoming Grand National night – so if you fancy a flutter on Grand National Day evening – come to Southport where our friendly bookies will be delighted to relieve of your spare cash towards our club funds.

**xvi) Westmorland - Ivan Wheatley**

2012 will, hopefully, continue the progress made in 2011 and the state our lawns should support our efforts after a fairly benign winter with no flooding recorded. The 2011 season saw us hold our own in the mid-week league winning 3 of our 7 games, the same result as our first season in 2010. We also participated in the mid-season Festival of Croquet, albeit only in the Association section, finishing third in our section but less well overall due to not playing in either the advanced, short or golf sections.

For 2012 we have again entered a team in the mid-week league and will be supporting a team in the handicap league in conjunction with Crake Valley Croquet Club. We have also entered a team in the Golf league which should serve to increase the number of our members involved in competitive play. We are also hopeful of entering teams in the 2012 Festival increasing our participation to include the Short and Golf sections as well as Association

We still see coaching as a major contribution to the development of the club and will be participating in the Flying Circus Silver and Bronze Association courses as well as the Intermediate Golf and Coaches courses. We also plan to rerun our introduction to croquet course and to invite selected advanced players to come to club sessions to give one-to-one advice as they think appropriate. We will again run our club competitions for Golf, Short and Association croquet however as yet we will keep these for members only. We plan to try to run our High Handicappers tournament this year after it was rained off on two occasions last year before finally being abandoned.

After a successful recruitment campaign last year we await to see how many of our new members choose to rejoin for 2012. This is test as to whether or not our recruitment drive has been successful both in terms of numbers and equally

importantly income. We continue to seek alternative playing facilities to the lawns at Levens Hall. As discussed in earlier meetings we recognise both the advantages and disadvantages of our current arrangements which are excellent from a social and security standpoint but lack the quality of playing surface that will enable us to develop as a competitive force. We have followed up on a number of possible leads in 2011 but unfortunately to no avail.

#### **12. Croquet in the North Leaflet – Ken Cooper**

An electronic version has been produced and circulated to all clubs, now need to include Flixton and the new Federation Secretary, Paul Rigge.

#### **13. NWFCC and Club Contacts 2012 - Tony Thomas**

My distribution list includes many people I do not recognise and after circulating the last set of Minutes I gave contacts the option about receiving future Minutes. A few people have asked to be removed. So I have used the listing as the basis for the attendance list today. Please would you amend this accordingly in order to attempt greater accuracy in our listing.

After discussion it was agreed that future distribution of Minutes and Agendas would be to Club Secretaries and Federation Committee members only.

#### **14. Any Other Business**

Jean Hargreaves from Bury reminded members about Grass Roots and Centre Stage Golf Croquet events.

#### **15. Date, time and locations of next meetings**

Autumn 2012 Meeting:	3 November 2012 at Culcheth.
Spring 2013 Meeting:	2 March 2013 at Culcheth
Autumn 2013 Meeting:	2 November 2013 at Culcheth

#### **16. Close of Meeting**

Liz Wilson thanked Culcheth Croquet Club for hosting the meeting and closed the 2012 Spring Meeting at 11.40

*Tony Thomas*

*Acting Temporary Secretary of North West Federation of Croquet Clubs*

*4 March 2012*

#### **Appendices:**

- (i) NWFCC Accounts for period XXXX.
  - (ii) NWFCC Equipment Assets
  - (iii) Contact List.
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2011-2012 Income & Expenditure Statement

Current Year to 27 February 2012

		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Income &amp; Expenditure</b>			
<i>Member Club Affiliation Fees</i>	Affiliation Fees @ £20/Club	<u>£220.00</u>	£220.00
<i>Development</i>	Income	£8.20	
	Expenditure	<u>          </u>	£8.20
<i>Miscellaneous Income</i>	Interest	<u>£1.03</u>	£1.03
<i>Miscellaneous Expenditure</i>	Coffee/Tea at AGM	-£30.00	
	Website Expenses	-£40.78	
		<u>          </u>	-£70.78
<b>Nett income (loss) during year</b>			<u><b>£158.45</b></u>
<b>Opening Balances</b>			
Cash			£0.00
Current Account			£99.93
Deposit Account			£3,003.04
Total Opening Balances			<u><b>£3,102.97</b></u>
<b>Total as at 27 February 2012</b>			<u><b>£3,261.42</b></u>
<b>Bank Balances as at 27 February 2012</b>			
Cash			£0.00
Current Account			£257.35
Deposit Account			£3,004.07
<b>Total as at 27 February 2012</b>			<u><b>£3,261.42</b></u>



**NWFed Equipment assets (lent to clubs as follows): November 5<sup>th</sup> 2011**

According to my records the NWFed's equipment assets are held as follows. **I would be grateful if clubs could check their records and let me know if these details are accurate.** Note that some equipment originally owned by Bowdon and lent to other clubs, has been formally given to the Federation and is included in the lists below. The equipment originally lent to Flixton by Bowdon was later given to them. This means that the equipment lent to Salford by Flixton, is actually the property of Flixton and should eventually be returned to them.

<b>Bowdon:</b>	None
<b>Bury:</b>	None
<b>Chester :</b>	None
<b>Crake:</b>	None
<b>Culcheth:</b>	None
<b>Ellesmere:</b>	None
<b>Flixton:</b>	None
<b>Fylde:</b>	3 mallets
<b>Harlech:</b>	None
<b>Isle of Man:</b>	None
<b>Keswick:</b>	None
<b>Liverpool:</b>	None + CA start up set;
<b>Llanfairfechan:</b>	None
<b>Pendle:</b>	None
<b>Penrith:</b>	4 mallets + 1 set hoops + 1 peg
<b>Salford:</b>	None + CA start up set 1 set hoops (lent by Flixton); 1 peg, 2 sets primary balls, 1 set 2ndary balls, 2 mallets
<b>Southport:</b>	None
<b>Westmorland:</b>	5 mallets + 1 set primary balls + 1 set 2ndary balls,
<b>Burwardsley:</b>	1 set 2ndary balls + garden croquet set (private loan) + 2 garden croquet mallets

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