



CROQUET ASSOCIATION QUEENSLAND INC

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 27th September 2022

Sports House, 150 Caxton Street, Milton, Q. 4064

Meeting opened at 10.35am by President Pat Habner

Roll Call:

Present: Club Delegates: J. Rees, A. Edwards, S. Helleur, K. Stanley, J. Mathiesen, B. McAlister,
D. Bartholomeusz, B. Habner, S. Widin, L. David, M. Kilmister, J. van Barneveld, J. Lynch,

Zoom Delegates: J. Czarski, P. Reynolds, T. Norman,

Proxies: Caloundra, Coolum, Noosa, Dalby, Laurel Bank, Southport, Toombul, Pine Rivers

Observers: S. Edwards, R. Preston, E. Fleming, B. Fleming, B. Rubock

Apologies: C. Ribone

SGM Business: 2023 Player and Club Affiliation Fees

Treasurer, John Turner moved “that CAQ do not increase the fees for 2023 and introduce the Pro Rata payment system for new members”

Seconded: Alan Edwards.

Discussion held on the pros and cons.

Votes were counted – 12 for 12 against. The President made the casting vote in the positive.

Motion is carried.

Meeting ended at 11.10.

The Forum followed.

The President invited all interested persons to attend the Forum where questions can be asked of the Management Committee.

- Question 1 - the accumulation of funds in the CAQ accounts –
Reasons were given - for the accumulation of funds. There were few CAQ events held during Covid, the State teams events were cancelled due to Covid so there were no travel expenses, no travelling expenses by co-ordinators, referees and coaches, very little administration costs occurred. However, we will need those accumulated funds shortly. For the coming two years there are significantly more expenses as follows:
 - more events have been added to the 2023 Calendar
 - the Golf team travels to Perth
 - Association team to NSW.
 - A state Gateball team event will be added to the Calendar in 2024,
 - Queensland will be hosting the Golf Nationals and Interstate team events in 2024 and preparation costs are occurring.
 - The lawn hire fees for CAQ have increased and so has the travelling allowances.
 - Promotion flyers are out of date and CAQ is in the process of producing new ones.

- Question 2 – Prize money for CAQ events, code badges –
If prize money is to be offered the entry fees will need to be increased. Overall, in 2022 CAQ events are running at a small loss.
There should be no reason that Codes cannot be added to the badges – the 100 years can be removed, and individual codes added.

- Question 3 – Do clubs want new Teardrop Banners -
CAQ has approved to pay for a new Teardrop Banner for every club. Extra ones will be ordered for clubs who want more than one, at a cost to the club.
The regional delegates will be asked to check with clubs in their regions to establish numbers required.

- Question 4 – Investment in Website and computer systems -
Delegates see the need for reviews of computer systems. Club management needs IT training. A clearer path is needed to lead to Croquet Qld.
Investigations to follow by the MC

- Question 5 – Support of clubs –
Members recommended that CAQ invest in clubs through training referees, coaches, supporting club management, supporting CAQ events held in regions, and region events.
CAQ MC and relevant experienced players will be visiting regions with the above in mind.

- Question 6 – plan for lawns beside Stephens -
Plans are already on the way to investigate the viabilities of using these lawns.
This item is on the agenda for the MC meeting following the forum

- Question 7 – Registration cards –
A suggestion was put forward that digital registration cards be introduced. Clubs would need to purchase readers. Consensus was that, whilst this is possible, this would be expensive and would not be welcomed in some clubs.

- Question 8 – New flyers –
One delegate felt that “flyers need to show that Croquet can be a competition sport, players can join in team events, as well as a social sport”.
It was suggested that more money be used to promote CAQ Sport. It was noted that ACA are currently spending money on branding.
- Question 9 – Who does what and when –
It was suggested that there should be a management board of portfolios not region delegates. CAQ is struggling for volunteers to apply for positions. This would be a major change to our constitution and is not appropriate at the moment.
- Alan Edwards from Broadbeach Croquet Club presented a report from the club.
“Last year the club was about to fold. The Commonwealth games committee took their lawns and left a mess. Council made two attempts at replacing turf. The club was out of action for 6 months. The club was disappointed with the lack of support from CAQ. They applied for \$3000 from the Capability program to keep the club afloat but was unsuccessful. The club was advised that Mr Housden would visit and discuss how CAQ could help. No visit occurred. Broadbeach have 24 resolute members who work tirelessly to keep their club up and running. It is the vision of Broadbeach to increase the number of members especially Association players. It was suggested that CAQ should have a sinking fund to help other clubs in a similar situation. We do not want to see any other club go through what we did.”

Pat thanked Alan for his sincere report and said the MC were sorry about Alan’s experience. It is hoped that a similar lack of support will not be repeated.

- Pat gave a short report on the ACA Youth Program that is being developed.
Pat congratulated the 5 Queensland Women players who will be playing in the Women’s World Championships.
- Application for “Expressions of Interest” for all CAQ position will be sent out next week.
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. PLEASE CONSIDER NOMINATING FOR A POSITION.

DISCUSSIONS ENDED AT 12.20PM.