

Australian Croquet Association
61st Annual General Meeting 2010

CROQUET AUSTRALIA

*Minutes of the 61st Annual General Meeting
Held at the Victorian Croquet Centre,
64 Noble Banks Drive,
Cairnlea Victoria 3023
On Monday March 29th at 10.00am*

Present:

President	Max Murray
Senior Vice President	Steve Jones
Vice President	Anna Miller
Executive Director / Secretary	Maree Skinner
Treasurer	Tony Hall

Delegates:

NSW	Robyn Wallace	Pam Gentle
SA	Neil White	Dean Paterson
QLD	Ross Preston	Valda Wintzer
WA	Alan Sands	Jean Murray (proxy)
VIC	Val Brown	Mike Cohn
TAS	Ian Smith	Pam Hamilton

Apologies: Ian Tarling (WA)

Observers: Anne Quinn, Lowen Clarke, Jim Saunders, Jim Clements, John Levick, Brian Reither, Nancy Paterson.

Agenda Item 1 – Opening

President, Max Murray opened the meeting at 10.02am, welcomed the attendees to the meeting and asked the ACA Officials and Delegates to introduce themselves. Jean Murray attended as a proxy for WA.

Agenda Item 2 – Roll Call

The President, Senior Vice President, Vice President, Treasurer, Executive Director / Secretary and all Delegates were present.

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Agenda Item 3 - Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the 60th Annual General Meeting held at The Master Builder's Association 52 Parramatta Road, Forest Lodge NSW 2037 on Monday 30 March 2009 at 10.30am.

A copy of the minutes is provided with the Council Pack and has also been published on the ACA Website since May 2009.

Motion

That the Minutes of the 60th Annual General Meeting held at The Master Builder's Association 52 Parramatta Road, Forest Lodge NSW 2037 on Monday 30 March 2009 be accepted as a true record.

Moved	Ross Preston (QLD)
Seconded	Pam Hamilton (TAS)
Carried	

Voting

Carried unanimously	Yes
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Agenda Item 4 - Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

1. Business arising from the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
2. Max Murray said that the issue of holding extra Council Meetings was raised at the last AGM. The States were emailed regarding this issue and the response was that these extra meetings should be held only if necessary and possibly by teleconference. A teleconference was held recently and proved to be very economical. The ACA will use this facility more during the year.
3. Review of ACA Constitution: Max reported that he had not had the time to progress this but Jim Saunders has now taken on the task and is also ACA Insurance Officer. Jim has produced a draft outline of the Constitution for the Executive and is working on the feedback he received. States will be kept informed as to progress.
4. Meritorious Service Award: Wilma Bath from Drysdale Croquet Club in Victoria has been selected as the first recipient of the award.
5. Last Year the ACA convened an Events Committee with Steve Jones as Chair and Peter Freer working together with the ED on all aspects of organising ACA Events.; Anna Miller has now joined the committee.
6. Referee Accreditation: Owen Edwards is not standing for re-appointment as National Director of Refereeing after serving for 13 years in the position. There is no replacement for NDR at the present time. Part of the workload involves completing the national accreditation course with the ASC. It may be necessary to split the job. The ACA would be happy to receive any suggestions.

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7. Croquet Australia Magazine: This was discussed at the President's Meeting on Friday 26 March and is on the Agenda for discussion later in this meeting.
8. ACA Tournament expenses and claims: ACA produced a form for all host states to complete when bidding to host ACA Events and to make a formal claim post-event. States must complete these forms and forward them to the ACA for approval.
9. Format for 2010 GC ISS: A teleconference was held in early March to discuss this issue. A decision was made to adopt Paragraph 9 of the paper produced by Tony Hall. The matter of single-gender or mixed-gender doubles was outstanding at the conclusion of the teleconference and states voted by email. The States voted 3 all. The ACA Executive voted for mixed-gender doubles. Therefore the format for the 2010 ISS will include mixed-gender doubles.
10. The Status of Referees: This matter was discussed and resolved at the President's Meeting. Will be addressed as Agenda Item 10b.

Agenda Item 5 - Correspondence

The Executive Director reported that correspondence had been dealt with during the year. Correspondence is available for perusal in electronic format upon request.

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Agenda Item 6 i.

ACA President's Report

The President's Report has been circulated.

Max Murray explained that Jim Clements has agreed to accept appointment as Assistant Treasurer and Jim Saunders has been appointed as Insurance Officer.

The ACA Handicap Events have been moved to Perth (GC) and Hobart (AC).

Motion

That the President's Report be accepted.

Moved	Ian Smith (TAS)		
Seconded	Val Brown (VIC)		
Carried			

Voting

Carried unanimously	Yes
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Agenda Item 6 ii.

Appointed Officers and Committee Reports

The Appointed Officers and Committee Reports have previously been circulated

Motion

That the Appointed Officers and Committee Reports be accepted.

Moved	Robyn Wallace (NSW)		
Seconded	Neil White (SA)		
Carried			

Voting

Carried unanimously	Yes
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Agenda Item 6 iii.

State Reports

State Reports have previously been circulated

Motion

That the State Reports be accepted.

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Moved	Alan Sands (WA)		
Seconded	Pam Gentle(NSW)		
Carried			

Voting

Carried unanimously	Yes
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Agenda Item 6 iv.

Business arising from reports

Val Brown addressed the National Handicapper's Report,, with reference to the Handicapping Regulation Review at 3.4.

'it is recommended that handicap changes be possible at the completion of any game'.

Croquet Victoria strongly opposes this change in support of their State Handicapper Doron Gunzburg.

The matter was discussed at the Executive Meeting on 27 March and the Executive reiterated its support for the change as proposed by the National Handicapper

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Agenda Item 7

Finance – Treasurer's Report, including receipt of the 2009 Financial Statements and Auditor's Report".

Tony Hall spoke to his Report. He amended the total membership figure in the first paragraph to 8,670. Tony also explained that at the President's meeting there was agreement to increase the fees and levies for 2011 to \$20 (amend the figure of \$17 in par 6 to read \$20). The Presidents also suggested that a small profit was desirable for ACA Events – entry fees amended. The Hosting Events Fund allowed Australia to host the WCF 3rd World Women's Golf Croquet Championship last year. The event broke even. The Fund will be needed to fund the WCF AC World Championship on 2012.

Tony spoke about the International Events Fund; mentioned that the airfares had been cheaper than anticipated and thanked Steve Jones for arranging cheap accommodation for the MacRobertson Shield Team. He amended the date of the proposed GC TT to April 2011.

The magazine continues to make a loss. An increase of \$1 has been recommended for the annual subscription rate. There is a need for an Advertising Manager and the ACA would be happy to hear from anyone who has the time and skills to take on the position.

The Draft Budget will have to be amended.

The need to replenish the Treasurer's Account 21 times in 2009 has prompted Tony to seek an amendment to clause 7.3.2 of the ACA Handbook to enable an increase in the maximum funds to be held in the account to \$15,000..

The Investment policy is amended and updated on the website frequently.

Tony thanked Judy Evans and Maree Skinner for banking subscriptions and entry fees.

Tony is grateful that Jim Clements has accepted the position of Assistant Treasurer (formal sanction of that position to be dealt with under Agenda Item 10). Both Tony and Jim have the same version of MYOB on their computers.

Tony formally thanked the Auditor and hoped that the states were not inconvenienced by the short notice and distribution of the Financial Documents.

A. That the Treasurer's Report for 2009 be received.

Moved	Tony Hall (ACA)		
Seconded	Mike Cohn (VIC)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously	Yes
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B. That the Financial Accounts for 2009 be accepted

Tony addressed the Financial Statements. He indicated a decrease in members funds.

Income and Expenditure –National Events broke even. Tony indicated the balances of the Hosting Events Fund and the International Events Fund.

The Trading Account recorded a profit of \$3,385.

Moved	Tony Hall (ACA)		
Seconded	Mike Cohn (VIC)		
Carried			

Voting

Carried unanimously	Yes
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Agenda Item 8 - Format for GC Interstate Shield

The matter has been addressed previously (Agenda Item 4).

Agenda Item 9 - Review of ACA Constitution

The matter has been addressed previously (Agenda Item 4).

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Agenda Item 10 - Notices of Motion

10a Motions for Amendments to ACA Handbook

Submitted by Executive

Motion: It is moved that the following amendments be made to the ACA Handbook.

Amend 7.3.2

At present 7.3.2 reads:

7.3.2 Treasurer's Account, which will be used to make payments on a day-to-day basis. This account will be reimbursed only from the General Account and may never hold more than ten thousand dollars or such other amount as may be approved at a General Meeting. The signatory shall be the Treasurer.

Proposed Amendment:

7.3.2 Treasurer's Account, which will be used to make payments on a day-to-day basis. This account will be reimbursed only from the General Account and may never hold more than fifteen thousand dollars or other such amount as may be approved at a General Meeting. The signatories shall be the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer, either one to sign.

Rationale: In 2009 the Treasurer needed to reimburse the Treasurer's Account on twenty-one (21 occasions including three (3) times in October and three (3) times in November. Each time it was necessary to provide a Treasurer's Report to the Executive and normal payments were disrupted for a week while a cheque was posted to a second signatory for counter-signing and deposit and then waiting for it to be cleared. By increasing the amount to \$15,000 it is expected to reduce the frequency of disruption to about once a month. A new position of Assistant Treasurer is recommended and that person will need to be a signatory to be able to act in the absence of the Treasurer.

Moved	Tony Hall (ACA)		
Seconded	Alan Sands (WA)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously	Yes
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Amend 7.5

At present 7.5 reads:

7.5 The Treasurer shall maintain within the books a Tours Fund, which shall be credited with Tours Levies received from States and from which expenses are debited for the MacRobertson Shield, Trans-Tasman and WCF World Championship events and other international events approved by the Executive Committee.

Proposed Amendment:

7.5 The Treasurer shall maintain within the books a Tours Fund and, separately, a Hosting Events Fund. The Tours Fund will be credited with Tours Levies received from States and from which expenses are debited for the MacRobertson Shield, Trans-Tasman and WCF World Championship events and other international events

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approved by the Executive Committee. The Hosting Events Fund will be credited with Hosting Events Levies received from the States and from which expenses are debited for hosting international events and national events as approved by the Executive Committee."

Rationale: This requires that the Hosting Events Levy be separately identified and accounted for, as suggested at the 2009 Annual General Meeting of Council.

Moved	Tony Hall (ACA)		
Seconded	Pam Gentle (NSW)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously	Yes
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Amend 25.6.1 (commences 'The Honorary Treasurer shall')

25.6.1.2 reads

".2 attend to payment of all accounts at the direction of the Council or Executive Committee, or in extra-ordinary circumstances, the President.
Signatories for this purpose always shall be the President, Senior Vice-President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, with any two to sign;"

The last sentence should be deleted and replaced by "See clause 7.3 for accounts and signatories;"

Moved	Tony Hall (ACA)		
Seconded	Mike Cohn (VIC)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously	Yes
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Amend 25.6.1.6

25.6.1.6 reads:

".6 recommend to the Council or Executive Committee the lodgement of funds to ensure suitable return on funds held within the guidelines of Trustee Investments."

That should be deleted and replaced by "invest surplus funds in accordance with clause 7.4;"

Moved	Tony Hall (ACA)		
Seconded	Dean Paterson (SA)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously	Yes
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Amend 25.6.1.11

25.6.1.11 reads:

".11 manage the insurance policies and programs, and"

That should be deleted (and inserted in Hon Sec duties, see below) and replaced by "ensure that monies collected for the International Events Fund (Tours Fund) and the Hosting Events Fund are identified separately within the accounts;"

Moved	Tony Hall (ACA)		
Seconded	Valda Wintzer (QLD)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously	Yes
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Amend 25.6.1.12

25.6.1.12 reads:

".12 perform other duties as may be required."

That should be re-numbered as 25.6.1.13 and the following inserted: "25.6.1.12 maintain a record of all property owned by the Association including trophies, playing equipment, gateball equipment and office equipment;"

Moved	Tony Hall (ACA)		
Seconded	Ross Preston (QLD)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously	Yes
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A new sub paragraph should be inserted in the Honorary Secretary's duties:

"**25.5.28** supervise the Insurance Officer in managing the ACA's risk management and insurance policies and programmes;"

Amended Motion:

25.5.28 "Receive and disseminate to the Executive Committee, reports from the Insurance Officer in relation to the ACA's risk management and insurance policies and programmes."

Moved	Robyn Wallace (NSW)		
Seconded	Ian Smith (TAS)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously	Yes
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Rationale for the amendments to clauses 25.5 and 25.6

These amendments reflect changes to clause 7 and changes in responsibilities which have been in place for some time. The changes will bring the Handbook up to date with administrative practicalities.

Amend 28.12

At present 28.12 reads:

28.12 Australian Gateball Promotions (AGP)

Proposed Amendment:

28.12 Gateball Australia

Rationale: The registered name of Gateball has changed.

Moved	Tony Hall (ACA)		
Seconded	Alan Sands (WA)		
Carried			

Voting

Carried unanimously	Yes
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Insert the following new sub-paragraphs:

28.18 Official Representative on the WCF Golf Croquet Rules Committee (GCRC)

The Official Representative shall;

- .1 represent Australia on the WCF Golf Croquet Rules Committee;
- .2 liaise with the ACA Executive, Laws Committee, National Director of Refereeing and other relevant officials on issues that may be dealt with by the GCRC;
- .3 advise the ACA Executive and Laws Committee of proposals by the GCRC to seek amendments to the WCF Golf Croquet Rules;
- .4 ensure that the WCF Golf Croquet Rules (including the Regulations) and Commentary are made widely available in Australia;
- .5 report to the Annual General Meeting."

Rationale: This corrects an omission in the Handbook. It allocates similar duties to those of the Official Representative on the ILC.

Moved	Tony Hall (ACA)		
Seconded	Pam Gentle (NSW)		
Carried			

Voting

Carried unanimously	Yes
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"28.19 Assistant Treasurer

The Assistant Treasurer shall:

- .1 assist the Treasurer and understudy him;
- .2 be aware of systems, procedures and the current position on all financial matters,
- .3 retain electronic copies of the Association's accounts as back-up to the Treasurer;
- .4 perform duties allocated by the Treasurer, such as stocktakes, etc."

Rationale: The requirement is to have someone who is aware of systems, procedures and the current financial position and able to deputise if the Treasurer is ill, overseas, resigns or dies.

Moved	Tony Hall (ACA)		
Seconded	Val Brown (VIC)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously	Yes
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Amend 51.17

At present reads:

51.17 Players and Officials must wear suitable, predominantly white, sportswear, or their approved club or state uniform. The Executive Committee may amend these rules if necessary. Appropriate footwear must be worn

Proposed Amendment:

51.17 Players are to wear predominantly white clothing and appropriate footwear. Club, State or National Uniforms are also permitted. Predominantly white clothing is defined in WCF Sports Regulation 22.5.6 which states: "Predominantly white means any article with more than 75% of its surface area white. Clothing which does not meet this criteria, will be subject to rejection as unacceptable. White means white, not grey/off white. This condition does not apply to wet weather clothing, hats or caps." A player presenting at the venue in unsuitable attire will be given the opportunity to dress appropriately or will not be permitted to participate in the event. See TR 24.

Rationale: The ACA feels that this clause requires more precise definition to enable TM's to effectively deal with players who do not abide by the dress code.

There was considerable discussion in relation to this issue. Clear guidelines are needed. In QLD there has been much debate about people wearing sandals – need to define footwear. Insurance issues were raised. The Tournament Manager has discretion.

John Levick sought and was granted leave to address the meeting. He said all-whites look like 'old people'. Should have multi-coloured clothing – attracts more attention.

Amended Motion:

51.17 Players are to wear predominantly white clothing and appropriate **enclosed** footwear. Club, State or National Uniforms are also permitted. Predominantly white

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clothing is defined in WCF Sports Regulation 22.5.6 which states: "Predominantly white means any article with more than 75% of its surface area white. Clothing which does not meet this criteria, will be subject to rejection as unacceptable. White means white, not grey/off white. This condition does not apply to wet weather clothing, hats or caps." A player presenting at the venue in unsuitable attire will be given the opportunity to dress appropriately or will not be permitted to participate in the event.

Moved	Neil White (SA)		
Seconded	Ross Preston (QLD)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously	No		
Queensland	Yes	Western Australia	No
New South Wales	Yes	President	Yes
Victoria	Yes	S/Vice President	Yes
Tasmania	Yes	Treasurer	Yes
South Australia	Yes	Vice President	Did not vote

Amend Clause 51

No changes are proposed to 51.1 to 51.7. **Proposed amendments are shown in red.**

51.8 All players must furnish the Tournament Manager with the address and telephone number at which messages may reach them during the event. **See Tournament Regulation (TR) 24;**

51.9 Regulation hoops and ACA approved balls, either primary, secondary or tertiary colours, shall be used;

51.10 Courts on which the tournament is to be played may be available for practice a few days before the tournament commences at the discretion of the club concerned;

51.11 Matches shall begin daily at 8.00am unless otherwise decided by the Tournament Manager following consultation with the ACA Events Manager;

51.12 Any player not in readiness to commence play at the appointed time may be disqualified at the discretion of the Tournament Manager. **See TR 24 ;**

51.13 Players shall play at the venue and on the courts allotted. Players must report to the Venue Manager on arrival and before leaving the venue. **See TR 24;**

51.14 After the toss players are permitted a five minute warm up with the balls to be used in that match and on the court to be used. **See TR 24;**

51.15 On courts being used for the tournament for the day, players may only practice at the discretion of the Venue Manager. **See TR 24;**

51.16 Players may be allowed breaks between games as determined from time to time and published in the Tournament Conditions, approved by the Executive Committee for each competition conducted by the Association **See TR 24;**

51.17 Players and Officials must wear suitable, predominantly white, sportswear, or their approved club or state uniform. The Executive Committee may amend these rules if necessary. Appropriate footwear must be worn. **See TR 24 and see proposed amendment to this clause on previous page;**

51.18 Players withdrawing from an event are entitled to a full refund until the closing date for entry. Players withdrawing after the closing date are entitled to 50% refund of the entry fee. The refund does not include the administrative fee. **See TR 24;**

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Further Amended to read:

Players withdrawing from an event are entitled to a **full**-refund until the closing date for entry. Players withdrawing after the closing date are entitled to 50% refund of the entry fee **at the discretion of the Events Committee**. Any refund does not include the administrative fee of **\$10**. See TR 24;

Amendment moved Tony Hall **Seconded** Neil White. Carried Unanimously

Secretarial note: TR 24 also needs to be amended to reflect Clause 51.18 of the ACA Handbook.

51.19 The Tournament Manager in consultation with the Events Manager may make any judicious alterations to the program, draw or other arrangements as are necessary in order to complete the Tournament in the time available.

All Amendments Clause 51

Moved	Tony Hall (ACA)		
Seconded	Ross Preston		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously	Yes
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ADD NEW CLAUSE 65A:

65A CONDUCT OF SPECTATORS

A match in Association Croquet is intended to be a contest between the skills and intellect of the players alone. Spectators are to avoid giving advice to players during a match, either deliberately or by mistake. To avoid misunderstandings they should not position themselves near a player or remain nearby if they could be thought to be offering advice. Infractions may be dealt with by the Manager and could result in the offender being required to leave the venue. See TR 25

Rationale: This change is the result of an investigation into a complaint arising from Australian Open Championships in 2009.

Moved	Tony Hall (ACA)		
Seconded	Ross Preston (QLD)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously	Yes
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10b The Executive also submits the following Notice of Motion

Rationale: To accord with current International practice, the current ACA Policy is to appoint Referees on Request to all ACA Events excluding Handicap and Golf Croquet Events. This practice is supported by Law 55 of the current (Sixth Edition) of the Laws of Association Croquet which requires that where the interpretation of a law is uncertain, reference should be made to the Official Rulings on the Laws of Croquet (ORLC). The ORLC ruling is that where no definitive ruling is available players and referees “should have regard to the traditions and spirit of the game” and that players acknowledge the Official Rulings of the Laws of Croquet (ORLC).

ORLC 50.1 (re Law 50 Advice and Aids) states:

“50.1 This law deals with the issues raised when a third party interferes with a game by announcing that an error has been committed which has hitherto been unnoticed by both players. The settled policy is that croquet is a private contest between the players and that a game should not be influenced by the eyes, ears or intelligence of other people”.

It is the duty of referees to act only in respect to matters on which they are requested otherwise the outcome of a game may be unfairly influenced. We seem to have drifted away from the original intent of the game. The practice of appointing Supervising Referees was originally intended for games between high handicapped players only and is only used in Australia.

For ACA events it is proposed that there are three referee categories. These are:

RoR Referee on Request. Is available to be called before a questionable stroke is to be played or after a stroke has been played. The referee has no power unless called by a player or players.

SuR A Supervising Referee is to be assigned to be in charge of several games and allows the referee to intervene if there has been an infringement of the Laws.

This status is only to be used where high handicap games are being played (e.g. 10 to 20 handicap range).

RiC Referee in Charge. As the title implies this category refers to a referee in charge of one game only and requires the referee to act as a vigilant adversary for both sides. **This status only to be used on request of one of the players or the Tournament Referee for a particular reason.**

Players as Referees. In accordance with Law 48 the players themselves are required to be joint referees.

There has been a growing trend for more intervention by referees who are attempting to rectify perceived errors of play not in accordance with the Laws of the game. Most often such errors are unrealised by the player.

There are several problems

- 1 The trend for TR's to appoint Supervising Referees (in Charge) SuR, to games at all levels.
 - 2 Unappointed (but qualified) 'Referees' (acting as pseudo 'Spectator Referees') are intervening to rectify errors that they have observed (or think they have observed) from the sidelines
 - 3 Referees when appointed as Referees on Request RoR acting as SuR.
- If Australia is to compete on the international scene our players need to play the game the same way and under the same conditions as all the other countries. We need to use the same officiating methods, policy and practice. Maybe we can contribute to a worthwhile change but we will be in grave error if we adopt a different officiating policy and ethics from those used by the other ILC countries. If Australia wants to make a change it should be done by way of a recommendation to our Laws

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Committee Representative to try to influence other countries. If we go it alone we would seriously disadvantage our players in international events. If we wish to attract international events and continue to be recognised as a suitable venue for international events we need to be perceived as mature in all aspects.

Amended Motion:

“That the motion regarding the status of referees passed at the AGM in 2009 be rescinded”.

Rationale: This is in recognition of the fact that the issues raised in this motion are adequately covered in the existing ACA AC Tournament Regulations. This matter will be referred to the Laws Committee for their sanction.

Moved	Neil White (SA)		
Seconded	Ross Preston (QLD)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously	Yes
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Agenda Item 11

Finance - Approval of 2010 Budget, including approval of the Schedule of Fees, Payments and Honoraria and receipt of the Schedule of Entry Fees and Prizes.

Tony Hall explained the increases in entry fees; he also addressed Schedule of Fees payments and Honoraria.

A. Motion: That the Schedule of entry fees and Prizes for ACA Events 2010 be received.

Moved	Tony Hall (ACA)		
Seconded	Alan Sands (WA)		
	Carried		

Voting

Carried unanimously	Yes
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B. Motion: That the 2010 Budget and the Schedule of Fees, Payments and Honoraria 2010 be approved.

Moved	Tony Hall (ACA)		
Seconded	Alan Sands (WA)		
Carried			

Voting

Carried unanimously	Yes
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Tony will provide amended documents after the AGM

Max Murray asked if Council felt that the budget amounts are 'set in concrete.' Council agreed that there should be fluidity between sections of the budget to account for profit and deficit.

The Treasurer seeks Executive approval for any expenditure above the budgeted amount.

Agenda Item 12 - Players Meeting Recommendations

Players Meeting in Adelaide November 2009. Refer to the minutes supplied with the Council Pack for the AGM (and published on the ACA website).

1. Agree – aim for blocks of 8. Agree to modify the plate to Swiss if can get a manager to run.
2. Agree to play-offs for tied block positions if there is time.
3. States should be informed at the time of asking for bids as to the speed/quality of courts required. Too difficult to enforce the setting of the hoops precisely as suggested. Players can set hoops as long as venue managers are happy to have help.
4. The ACA Events and Tournament Committees are largely composed of Senior Players and this is where the liaison should remain.
5. Agreed.
6. Agreed. Trial 5 minute warm-up before each match – subject to tournament schedule.
7. Not Carried.
8. Not Carried
9. Agreed.
10. Agreed - plate for Open Doubles.
11. Agree – Hoops can be reset at any time subject to approval of the double-banked player on court. The double-banked player on court may not reasonably withhold permission unless he is in a break within 3 hoops of the hoop in question.
12. Agreed.
13. Agreed.

Ross Preston recommends the Stimpson Method for measuring court speed. The Plummer method does not require equipment.

Val Brown commented that Victoria does not favour Swiss Plate Events.

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Agenda Item 13 - Australian Croquet Championship arrangements for 2010 and 2011

Tony Hall summarised future (planned and proposed) events with the aid of a bar chart he had produced.

The Inaugural GC President's Eights will be held at the Victorian Croquet Centre on 11 – 14th February 2011. Tony outlined the format.

The GC Patron's Trophy will be considered if the AC Patron's Trophy is successful.

The Executive Director will be emailing states after the AGM asking for bids for forthcoming events and a form for estimating tournament costs will be sent out at the same time.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.55am for Lunch

The meeting resumed at 1.05pm

Agenda Item 14 -Other Business of which due notice has been given

1. NSW Motion re GC Selection Committee

NSW sent a motion to the ED prior to the AGM to the effect that "the ACA form a GC Selection Committee."

Unfortunately the ED overlooked the motion and it was not included in the Council Pack. After some discussion it was agreed that the motion and rationale would be emailed to states after the AGM for a vote to be taken.

2. Funding Australian Croquet

This matter was discussed at the President's meeting.

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Agenda Item 15 - ACA Appointments

No appointments are required to be made by Council.

Tony Hall mentioned that the Librarian and Archivist positions should be separate.

Lowen Clarke sought and was granted leave to address the meeting. He would like to apply the position of National Director of Schools Croquet. Max Murray asked him to put an expression of interest in writing to the ACA.

Events Manager	Steve Jones
National Coaching Director	John Riches
National Director of Refereeing	Vacant
National Director Gateball	Gilon Smith
Magazine Editor	Carolyn Ribone
Magazine Subscriptions Manager	Carolyn Ribone
National Director Golf Croquet	Anne Quinn
Equipment Officer	Shirley Hallinan
Librarian/Archivist	Vacant
Insurance Officer	Jim Saunders
National Handicapper	Stephen Meatheringham
Member Protection Information Officer	Maree Skinner
National Schools Coaching Director	Lowen Clarke
Aus Rep on International Laws Com	Max Hooper
Aust Rep WCF GC Rule Com	Tony Hall
ACA Webmaster	Stephen Meatheringham

Secretarial Note: Lowen Clarke has been appointed to the position of National Schools Coaching Director since the AGM.

Agenda Item 16 - Elections

Executive Committee

The following nominations have been received within the requisite constitutional timeframes.

President	Max Murray (NSW),
Treasurer	Tony Hall (NSW)
Snr Vice President	Steve Jones (QLD),
Vice President	Anna Miller (VIC)

Honorary Secretary/ Executive Director Maree Skinner (SA)
Accordingly the nominated officers for all positions are duly elected.

Selection Committee – 3 positions

Nomination within the constitutional timeframe:

Trevor Bassett (VIC)

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Peter Landrebe (NSW) as the most recently elected Australian Captain of the MacRobertson Shield Team is automatically appointed to the Selection Committee. The ACA President is ex-officio on the Selection Committee but has no vote.

Martin Clarke (WA) and Anna Miller (VIC) were nominated from the floor and duly elected.

Elected

Name	State
Trevor Bassett	NSW
Martin Clarke	WA
Anna Miller	VIC

Laws Committee – 3 positions

Nominations within the constitutional timeframe:

George Karoly (VIC)
Ken Hopkins (VIC)

Max Hooper was nominated from the floor and duly elected.

Elected

Name	State
George Karoly	VIC
Ken Hopkins	VIC
Max Hooper	NSW

The meeting was closed at 1.35pm.