



BEVERLEY & EAST RIDING CROQUET CLUB

AGM Minutes 2017 Rowley Manor Wednesday 15th February 2017

Present; Mike Kirby (MK), Keith Bremner (KB), Derek Knight (DK), Carol Knight (CK), Janet Richardson (JR), Debbie James (DJ), Terry Hillyer (TH), Pat Hillyer (PH).

1. Apologies for absence were received from Tom Judge, Jim Gillespie, Andy Davies, Alan Locket and Colin Fletcher.
2. The minutes of the previous AGM 2016 held at Rowley Manor on Wednesday the 27th January were read and agreed. These were Proposed by JR and seconded by KB, they were signed by Chairman MK.
3. Matters arising
KB asked if contact had been made with Beverley U3A. This had not been done.
4. Chairman's Report.
Attached
5. Secretary's Report
Attached
6. Treasurer's Report
See attached accounts as of the 31st January 2017
The Treasurer reported a cash balance of £2,315.93 which is approximately £1,233.06 down on last year. The accounts were proposed by MK and seconded by KB. CK explained the main reasons for the fall were;
a small fall in subscriptions by members -£280
a small fall in Cottingham U3A fees -£176
purchase of the Sarel spiker £808
This had largely been budget for and we were within £100 of the expected position.
CK said that the U3A fees now made a significant contribution to club funds almost 40% of total income.
CK also noted that we had an outstanding insurance claim for £234 for the repair of the equipment store roof which would appear in next year's accounts.
DK said that the accounts showed that we had 23 paid members, including social members and he will circulate an updated membership list.

7. Subscriptions

The meeting discussed the subscription levels and all were in favour of keeping the subscriptions at the current levels. It was felt that £100 was a psychological top level above which we would deter members.

Single member	£100
Joint membership	£160
Far Country	£60
Social member	£25

This was proposed by CK and seconded by TH.

8. Election of officers.

MK having reached the end of his three-year tenure is standing down as chairman.

DK after seven years as secretary is standing down for health and personal reasons.

There was only one nomination as chairman that of Keith Bremner proposed by DJ.

There was only one nomination for the post of secretary that of Debbie James.

The meeting unanimously endorsed these proposals.

The full committee will now be:

Chairman Keith Bremner

Secretary Debbie James

Treasurer Carol Knight

Committee Derek Knight' Alan Locket and Mike Kirby.

KB thanked MK and DK for their hard work on behalf of the club over the years. He looked forward to working with the group in his new role.

9. Any other business

- There was much discussion about recruitment of new members covering:

National Croquet Day June 4th DJ suggested that we have a pop up lawn in Beverley possibly at Norwood to give people a taste of the game.

Beverley U3A MK suggested that we run bespoke introductory courses in Association Croquet costing £20 which would be refundable if they decided to join the club. KB said he had contacts there and would help with this project. MK also suggested that we try to contact the new Kirkella U3A group again for association.

TH raised a personal point when he said he felt aggrieved by his handicap reduction just days before the delayed 2015 singles final. He felt that this had unfairly disadvantaged him in a game which he might otherwise have won.

This raised further discussion about handicaps and it was decided to ask Andy Davies to review all handicaps and to explain the process, to make it more transparent. DK said he would ensure that a supply of cards was made available so that all members could start to keep one both short and full lawn.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Chairman's Report.

Having now completed his three-year tenure Mike was now stepping down from his role as chairman.

He had enjoyed his time and will continue to support the club both as a playing member and as webmaster.

Mike Kirby
January 2016

Secretary's Report

Membership was static at 23 paid members but only 16 of those were active players.

Attendance at club days has been static but enthusiastic. A new feature of randomised play was adopted for the first and last Mondays of the month. As always we need to attract more members if we are to remain a viable club.

All of the planned club competitions were completed.

Thanks must go to:

Keith Bremner who organised the singles and doubles competitions.

Andy Davies who organised the handicap advanced day.

Alan Locket who organised the short day.

The winners of the 2016 competitions were:

Handicap Singles	Robin Edwards
Handicap Doubles	D James/ D Knight
Advanced Singles	Dr C Fletcher
Advanced Doubles	A Davies/ J Gillespie
Harry Tattersall Trophy	A Davies
Arnold Bowles	n/a
Short Cup	R Edwards
Short Bowl	Debbie James

The external competitions

Yorkshire Full lawn, played 6 won 3 lost 2, drawn 1, making us second in the league.

Yorkshire Short lawn, played 5 won 2 lost 2 drawn 1 making us second equal in the league.

This is our best performance for many years.

A combined team with Sheffield won the team short event at York.

Thanks to Robin Edwards who organised the short league.

Thanks to Andy Davies who organised the long league.

The U3A continue to use the lawns on Thursday and Friday.

Cottingham average 7 players. (M Kirby)

Swanland average 28 players. (D Knight)

These are enthusiastic groups who add a significant contribution to our financial reserves. They have fallen slightly in numbers we need to refresh them.

We arranged lunches at the Altisidora to present the cups and these were successful events.

Special thanks must go to Penny Kennedy for her work to improve the lawns. Andy Davies for setting out the lawns and maintaining the white lines every week, to Mike Kirby for maintaining the web site and Debbie James for all the work she put into publicity.

As to the future, the committee have talked much about how to increase membership. We have also looked at alternative sites within Beverley where recruitment might be easier but so far with no success.