

Nottingham Croquet Club
Charity Registration No: 1205537

Trustee Meeting held on Tuesday 9th December 2025 by Zoom.

Present: Omied Hallam (Chairman), John Davis, Ian Vincent, Catriona Peterson, Alex McIntyre, Viv Staley, William Gee, Lorna Dewar, Bruce Scriver and Ellen Gee.

1. Apologies for Absence

John Filsak, Rob Edlin-White.

2. Any conflict of interest with items on the agenda.

None.

3. Future of Lenton Lawns.

Before the meeting emails with pros and cons to keeping Lenton emails sent by committee members. The overall feeling was that it would be nice to have but not at the costs we would incur. An informed decision will be made by members at the AGM after pros and cons are circulated to the membership.

4. East Lawns and opening celebrations.

It was decided to hold opening celebrations on the Saturday of the European Opens. Nigel and Alex to invite sponsors to the celebrations.

5. Alternate doubles

It was stated that low handicappers did not turn up. After a discussion it was decided to hold alternate stroke doubles approximately once a month. The date set will consider CqE's tournament schedule so members with low handicaps will be available to play. A rota of people to run the afternoon will be created.

Action Viv.

6. Club mark.

The follow items were where we failed

- a) Budgeting – need to have a formal budget in place. John D has progressed, but it will not be published until after the AGM when the members have approved it.
Done.
- b) Risk management – need to have a formal risk register and a process to review it. Rob has created a risk management template which needs the owner of the risk to be added to it.
- c) First aiders – should maintain a list. Catriona as our health and safety person is maintaining a list and actively looking for volunteers. Catriona has found a free online course run by the Red Cross.

Done

- d) Complaints and disciplinary procedure. We need a published policy this will be created over winter. Ellen to ask Beatrice for a copy from a club to form a basis for our policy.
- e) Feedback from leavers Rob sent a copy of an exit poll which needs trimming as there are too many questions for people to respond to. John D. always ask why people have left but gets very few replies. Rob to reduce the exit poll.
- f) We did not state that the buildings are insured by our landlord – the lease states the landlord is responsible for the buildings.

Done

- g) No evidence of progress on the five-year strategy and volunteers involved. John D is progressing and will put it on the website.
- h) Photography policy. Rob produced a draft policy which was accepted by all but he needs to add the Charity Number to it then put it on the website.

Action Rob, Ellen and John.

7. Honours board.

This was thought to be a good idea. There are many different types of boards. Alex will do further investigations.

Action Alex.

8. Swing trainer.

Several members have asked if we will get a swing trainer. These are large items and storage would be a problem. It was thought that storage in the container would inhibit use.

Also raised was should we buy some Invictus Balls as playing with them is different from playing with Sunshiny and Dawson balls. It was decided to revisit at the end of the 2026 season giving time to see how many clubs/tournaments are using the balls.

9. Any other business.

- a) Viv stated Lorna O. would like to buy a second tea urn. Viv to get more details from Lorna.
- b) Alex has met with Dennis Mowers, who are sponsoring our international events. They will be displaying their products on lawn nine and a half.
- c) The club's old telephone number is still displayed if the club is googled. Ian will try to get it removed.
- d) Omied reminded the Committee that he would be standing down as Chairman at the AGM.

Action Viv and Ian.

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on the 12th of February at seven via Zoom.

The meeting ended at 8.15.

.....Signed (Chairman)

.....Date

