

**AUCHINCUIVE CROQUET CLUB AGM
THURSDAY 30th April 2026**

**Auchincruive Croquet Club Lawns
Minutes (1st draft) 10/5/2026**

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Joyce Arnot (Chair/Membership Secretary) Malcolm Smith (Secretary/Treasurer)
Kenny MacIsaac (Captain) Joy Rivett-Gill (Minutes Recorder) Ian Price, Marion
Imrie

Mary Shaw, Mary Hunter, Elizabeth Shaw, Liz Ritchie, Steve Rivett, Liz
Chenhall, Frances Fyfe, Carolyn Stewart, Kevin Firth, Adrienne Crawford, Alex
Crawford,
David Johnston, Sue Johnston, John Crone, Michael McLachlan, Elisabeth
Hanson,

Apologies

A) Maggie Farrow, Dave Farrow, Lorna Colgan, Mike Colgan, Linda McLachlan,
Scott Arnot, Susan Crone, Sheena Spence, Rosalind Smith, George Imrie,
Margaret Orrell, Edith Cheung, Marion Lauchlan, Alan Rankin, Wendy Rankin

4 people had given their vote by proxy as follows:

Sheena Spence to Joyce Arnot, George Imrie to Marion Imrie, Linda McLachlan
to Michael McLachlan, and Susan Crone to John Crone.

Joyce Arnot (chairperson) welcomed attendees and opened the AGM
She thanked Joy Rivett-Gill for agreeing to record the minutes.
As there were over 40% of the membership attending, the required quorum
was present.

Joyce asked that attendees sign in and also check the members details and
indicate they were correct and also indicate if they hold a key for records.
Apologies as noted above and proxy votes received.

B) The draft minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated and were
approved as a fair and accurate record. -

Proposed by Steve Rivett seconded by Alex Crawford

C) Matters Arising:

We now have a record of previous Singles competition winners on the trophy.

Two full sized lawns established - more on this to follow.

First Aid box has been updated and "whatthreewords" code on the notice board
in the pavilion, for emergency services should they be necessary at any time.

D Review of 2025 Season

Chairperson's Report

Joyce thanked all the volunteers who have helped in the running of the club, from emptying rubbish to welcoming new members and everything inbetween. as it is what makes our club so special. Special mention to the lawn maintenance team without whom we would have no lawns to play on, Ian, Michael, Malcolm, Marion, Steve, Kenny, the club is indebted to you. The lawns are looking fantastic for so early in the season, thanks to spending money on tining earlier in the year, more from Malcolm in his report.

Joyce reported that the success of the club is a team effort and any help is appreciated, and that the last season was a happy and rewarding one, despite the rain. Club sessions were well attended which will continue this season hopefully, with an emphasis on enjoyment and encouraging people new to the game.

Joyce explained the few changes that were proposed as amendments to the Constitution, and apologised for the delay in getting this out to club members. This document should be reviewed regularly to reflect the Club's requirements. The bulk of the document would remain but with the proposed amendments, she felt would giving the Club a more robust document.

The proposed amendments are:

Number of members no longer fixed in the Constitution but reviewed annually.

Subscriptions reviewed annually by the Committee and changes voted on at the AGM.

Introducing, in line with other clubs and to comply with Health and Safety requirements, a visitors book to record visitors to the Club. A nominal fee to be introduced for visitors over 18, (under 18's free)

Increase Committee members "up to seven" and to reallocate roles to spread the load.

Treasurer's Report

The accounts and proposed budget had been distributed to all members before the meeting.

Malcolm explained the expenditures over last season and the current balance. A major expenditure has been made the at the beginning of this year (2026) with the hiring of professional services to hollow tine the lawns. This was at a cost of £1000, which does not appear on the 2025 accounts as this was done in 2026. It was suggested that we might hire a machine next year and do the job ourselves, at a much lesser cost.

Mulching and top dressings was done in March.

OiR will be paying £2/person/session for 2026 season, bringing in a projected income of +£400

2026 budget is tight. Discussion on contingency if finances needed to be raised quickly, such as for an expensive purchase ie lawn mower. A levy could be raised in this instance but the club is then reliant on everyone paying their fair share and was considered unwieldy. The option to increase annual subscription was discussed.

Committee agreed at last meeting to raise subscription to £45 and brought this recommendation to the club to vote at the AGM

Proposed Malcolm Seconded Joy

Unanimous vote to raise the subscription for the 2026 season to £45 for adult membership.

Junior Membership to remain at £10 for under 18's.

Treasurer's report Proposed by Kenny Seconded Ian

Committee has previously discussed introducing a "Visitor Fee" for any guests that members bring along. This is due to the fact that visitors are using club mallets and equipment, which require maintenance.

Ian proposed £5 fee for visitors. Seconded S Rivett

David Johnstone put in a counter proposal of £3 Seconded Kenny

Put to the club to vote.

18:6 in favour of £3 for visitor fee.

Money to be paid either via bacs transfer, or cash paid to a Committee member.

NO money is to be left in the hut.

Visitor details to be entered in the Visitor book, as "Guest of"

Captain's Report

Kenny reported on a successful season both here in the club and outwith as follows -

May: Meadows Open Kenny reached the Final

July: Meadows Ladies Tournament Winner Joy Rivett-Gill

August: Meadows C Level GC Open - Winner Joy Rivett-Gill

Runner Up Michael McLachlan

B level GC Open Semi-Finalist Steve Rivett

Balgreen Edinburgh Tournament - Winner Ian Price

Semi Finalist Steve Rivett

ACC Singles Competition Winner - Michael McLachlan Runner Up Ian Price

Doubles Competition Joint Winners - Steve and Joy & Ian and Michael

SCA GC Inter Club Competition - Winners Auchincruive 1st Team - Steve and Joy
Runners Up Auchincruive 2nd Team Kenny
Malcolm, Ian & Kevin

2026 club competitions: Currently have 10 doubles pairs and 7 singles have put their names forward for this years leagues games. Closing date 8th May for anyone else wishing to enter.

Captain's report proposed by Alex Crawford Seconded Malcolm Smith

Entries for this year's AC and GC Inter-club events have been submitted to the captain: 1 AC team and 2 GC teams

Despite numerous invites for friendly against Glasgow at Auchincruive dates could not be arranged and efforts will be tried again this year.

E) Constitution Revision

Proposed amendments to the Constitution had been circulated to Club members ahead of the AGM.

Propose removing the number of members from Constitution, and the mention of a subscription rate to allow for changes in the future to be recommended by the Committee and voted on at future AGMs.

Propose increasing the number on the Committee to "up to seven"

Ian price raised an objection to the proposed amendment section F. It appears that we have an issue with the version that is published on the website, with the version that the Committee have been working with and allegedly the version that was distributed to Club members ahead of the AGM. Some members expressed dis-pleasure in not being able to access the members area of the website, to read the pages designed for them.

There was some discussion as to which version of the proposed amendments had been circulated.

Joyce proposed the Club adopt the amendments to the Constitution Seconded Malcolm

Steve Rivett proposed that the Club accept what has been sent out with the proviso that the Committee can tweak section F David Johnstone seconded Unanimous vote

Election of Committee

Joyce reported that Kenny has indicated that he wishes to step down as captain and that the roles of Treasurer/Secretary was to be separated into 2 roles. Malcolm to continue as Secretary. Joyce proposed Ian takes over as Treasurer. Seconded Michael

Nominations for Captain Michael proposed by Ian, seconded by Kevin

Joy proposed by Steve seconded by Elisabeth Hanson

Vote in favour of Michael to take on the role as Captain.

All other Committee members willing to stand for the 2026 season.

Chairperson Joyce re-elected Michael proposed Marion seconded

Secretary Malcolm re-elected Joyce proposed Kenny seconded

Lawns, Progress And Works

Now that we have two full sized lawns it was felt by the Committee that we could increase our membership numbers. Discussion on the upper limit that the Club could accommodate between 50 and 60. It was pointed out that we had already gone over the 40 upper limit in the 2025 season, and that increasing our numbers to 50 was not that great.

Kenny proposed an upper limit of 60 Marion Seconded Unanimous vote

Bookings to continue as previously.

Iain, Kenny and Steve have agreed to manage the booking process. Lawns can be

booked one week in advance for friendly games and two weeks in advance for Competitions. Booking hours to remain as previous.

When booking lawns members should indicate whether Hedge or River lawn.

AOB

Spring Fling planned for Sat 2nd May bring some food to share.

Singles day Sunday 17th May 11-3pm for those who would like to play a game or two of singles. Open to handicapped and non-handicapped players. Bring a packed lunch.

Neogen Corporate session on Friday 22nd May arranged by Joy on behalf of ACC and Neogen 1-5 pm

Mid Summer Day Saturday 20th June 2026

Meeting closed at 18:15