



Cheshire Association of Groundsmen

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Minutes of CAG meeting 18/Mar/19

Present Richard Cragg, Dave Twiney, Paul Agar, Ian Schora, Andy Horsfield, David Humpage, Nick James

The meeting did not follow the published agenda to allow for introduction and contribution from our guests, David Humpage – chair of the 4Cs and Nick James – pitch inspector.

David gave some background to the 4Cs and said he felt that it was important that the CAG make every effort to contact and involve all the clubs in Cheshire including those not a part of either of the main Cheshire leagues. Jim Rafferty and Mike Haspbury are good contacts for those clubs.

Richard gave an overview of the service we felt CAG could offer to clubs with poor playing facilities. These would be mainly clubs in the lower divisions of the UKFast league. David felt we should involve the UKFast chairman, Selwyn Stevenson, to devise a way to make this happen. Patrick Hutchinson's inspection team could play a big part in such an arrangement. We should involve John Bygate with the scheme.

Nick and Paul summarised the kind of inspections they could do with associated fees. Nick also advised the meeting that he was likely to leave the area in the next 6 months so we should contact Ian Mather-Brewster to see what additional Pitch Inspector help could be made available.

We then went back to the meeting agenda –

Last Meeting Minutes - accepted

Chairman's Report.

Richard has made contact with Gareth Moorhouse to get a copy of his contacts database – hopeful to soon have a complete set for all 133 clubs. No luck with contacting Matthew Merchant – Lancashire groundsman.

Secretary and Treasurer's Report.

We expect 5 attendees at the replacement "Spring Preparation" course to be given by Paul and Nick on 26/Mar.

Open Day Report.

Ian and Andy reported that everything was arranged, they were disappointed with feedback so far. Ian will claim for expenses up to £50.

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Richard thanked David and Nick for their attendance and felt it had been a valuable meeting

Andy suggested the website was in need of modernisation. He will get some quotes from web writing companies.

Nick felt his outfield PQS scheme had not been supported through the league's websites and newsletters. David will investigate.

Next Meeting:- Richard and Dave will organise the next meeting to involve Selwyn Stevenson. Date to be announced.

Date

Signed