

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday 15th January 2013
At 3.00 pm - Page's Park pavilion

Committee Members: -David Ball (chairman), Roger Stroud (secretary), Len Buckingham (treasurer), Eve Buckingham, John Cundell, Malcolm Kirby, John Thorp, Val Jeffers, Tony Stammers, Peter Cole

Minutes

1. Welcome

David opened the meeting at 3.10pm.

2. Apologies for absence

No apologies.

Due to the change of meeting time and that Peter Cole was not shown on the list of committee members on the agenda, Peter was not aware of the new time and could not attend at the new time.

3. Minutes of meeting held on 12th September 2012

No comments and David signed our copy of the minutes.

4. Matters arising & review of Actions (if not included below)

No matters arising

5. Reports: -

5.1 Secretary's report

Nothing to report

5.2 Treasurer's report

Len handed out a current Balance Sheet.

He said that £10 has been paid for membership to the Sports Council and that we are awaiting a cheque for £300 from the Sports Council.

5.3 Membership Secretary's Report

John Cundell was speaking on behalf of Judith.

John said that membership cards will not be posted to members this year due to the increased cost of postage; instead they will be circulated at the Social Club, the Annual Dinner and at the Clubroom when the season commences. Members will be advised that their subscription has been received by email or telephone.

Indications are that we may be losing some members.

6. Specific duty appointments

John Cundell said that the list of specific duty appointments is included in the first newsletter which will be sent to members shortly; also making the point that there will not be an appointment for 'School Liaison' this year.

7. Fixtures: -

7.1 EACF League

John Thorp made the point that it is not known yet who is organising the league. John Cundell said that there is a note in the newsletter regarding the revised league rules for this year.

7.2 Friendly Matches

Stony Stratford – John Thorp made the point that the confusion surrounding the fixture in the 2012 season was unfortunate and that we ought to keep the fixture in the coming season. John Cundell said that we must ensure that members know the format of the event as it is not usually a competitive event between the clubs and more of a social day's play. This is to be made clear in the entry form.

8. Diary Dates

8.1 Opening Day

Roger said he will contact Christine Barrow (Leighton Linlade Town Council) to invite the Mayor to our official opening on the 6th or 7th April.

8.2 Diary dates for the year

John Cundell said that a list of known diary dates for the year will be published in the forthcoming newsletter. This list will of course be added to as other events are planned.

John mentioned some dates from the list: -

July 20 / 21	Hunstanton / Leighton Linlade Challenge
July 22 nd	U3A Dunstable (since this meeting now changed to 29 th July).
Aug 15 th	Dunstable Croquet Club Fun day

9. Lawn Maintenance

John Cundell has written a detailed section on lawn maintenance in the forthcoming newsletter.

John also said that he is happy with what the Council did on lawn 2 and that we might have to put some fertiliser on lawn 3. In addition, there is a need to aerate the lawns more frequently, and continue with moss treatment which is a major problem on lawn 2 due to flooding.

10. Newsletter / Membership Forms & renewals

John Cundell said that the first newsletter of 2013 will be going out shortly – it will include a 'get well' note for John Guest who has been ill.

David mentioned that there are some spaces at the annual dinner on March 15th and asked John C to promote this in the newsletter.

11. Any other business

11.1 Val

Val said that she cannot make the next meeting.

11.2 Len

Len recently saw Lisa Jarvis (LL Town Council) regarding the condition of the toilets in the pavilion. Lisa asked Len what needs doing. Len specified a hand dryer, soap dispenser and to be professionally cleaned. Lisa suggested that the toilets are left for now and this work to be carried out when the football season is over.

11, 3 Tony

Tony offered to put preservative on the posts and rails that go around the lawns. The committee decided to leave it for now as it is the responsibility of the Council, but thanked him for the offer.

11.4 Malcolm

Malcolm raised the point about having 'stop boards' to go round the lawns. The committee decided that it would be too expensive.

11.5 John Cundell

Following a request from Lisa Jarvis of LL Town Council John C put together a spreadsheet regarding our club equipment and storage requirements. At a recent meeting with Lisa she arranged storage for us in the Pavilion with regards to 'Social Club' equipment; and further confirmed that we will have use of the Referees Room to store our maintenance and other items during our playing season, as soon as the football season finishes. We may also continue to store large items in the Groundsman's green container.

John also mentioned that the shutter doors to get to the toilets have a new auto operation which is mentioned in the newsletter.

11.6 David

David said that towels in our clubhouse should be changed at least twice a week. It was decided that Tony Stammers would organise a rota of people to do this.

The meeting was then closed at 4.07pm.

Date of next Committee Meeting

After a short discussion it was agreed that the next meeting would remain as 19th February, commencing at 5.00pm, although Len will try to have this moved forward to 3.00pm if possible.