



LEIGHTON-LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

Founded 2000

2012 - 13th Annual General Meeting

Held on Friday 9th November at Northall Village Hall

Minutes

1. Welcome by Chairman

David Ball, our Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and said he was pleased to see such a good turnout. David also asked members to please sign the attendance sheet.

2. Receive apologies for absence

Roger had received 6 apologies for absence: -

Rose Gillett, Erica Fogg, Irene Davis, Val Jeffers, Florrie Jeater & Bryan and Joan Ferris.

3. Approve minutes of the 13th AGM

David asked if he could take the minutes of the last AGM as an accurate record of the meeting.

Don Barrett proposed and Tony Stammers seconded that we agree the previous minutes – everyone at the meeting then agreed with the proposal and David signed a copy of the 2012 AGM minutes.

4. Adopt reports of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer (inc. Annual Accounts)

David said that he hoped that everyone had received the AGM information pack and had read these reports.

4.1 Chairman's Report

David Ball said that we had enjoyed a successful year in competition outside the club starting with the March Soham Indoor which was won by John Cundell and Richard Keighley, and continued throughout the season by many other members. David also said that the various awards won were on display alongside our usual cups and trophies.

David also asked the members to show appreciation for all members who have done so much to help the running of the club.

4.2 Secretary's Report

Roger Stroud said that this was the first year where we had responsibility of maintaining our lawns. We had built up equipment and knowledge as the year progressed and due to the excellent work of a small number of members, our lawns are looking as good as they have ever been.

4.3 Treasurer's Report

Len Buckingham had earlier circulated our annual financial report and asked if there were any questions related to the accounts. Len went on to say that in the current economic climate, the Council can only provide what is required due to our Licence terms and no more.

Len had attempted to negotiate a change to our 5% annual increase of the yearly rent – however, this was rejected at a Council meeting. Apart from mowing and white lining which is handled by the

Council ground staff during the season, we are responsible for all other aspects of lawn maintenance. Len also said that the only way we can keep our annual fees down is for as many members as possible to help John Cundell and John Thorp carry out this work. Ross Bagni asked if we had considered trying to obtain a higher rate of interest for our capital funds – after a brief exchange it was agreed that Ross would forward to Len some relevant information. Peter Cole proposed that we adopt the reports of the Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer which was seconded by Tom Miller and approved by all members present.

5. Chairman's Thanks

David then read out a letter from Bryan and Joan Ferris, members for many years, who have now moved to Kent. They stated how much they will miss the club, both the croquet in the summer and the social club in the winter, where Bryan was a regular attendee. They have already located a croquet club in Kent and also a retirement with many attractions.

The Chairman thanked all officers and committee members for their sterling efforts in the last year. He then stepped down and handed over to Vice-Chairman John Cundell, who, after examination of the nomination forms, declared that David Ball was the only nomination for Chairman proposed on a number of forms. David was duly elected by a unanimous show of hands.

6. Membership Fee for 2013

Len had earlier said that we have no increase in our subscription for the 2013 season. He also requested that as many members as possible should try to attend our Wednesday morning social as the £2 charge goes a long way to boosting our funds.

Len proposed that the membership fee for 2013 remains the same, seconded by Margaret Lawson and approved by all members present.

7. Appoint an Auditor

Len had earlier explained that Marjorie Cliffe has been examining our accounts for twelve years now and she has decided that she would like to retire. Len thanked Marjorie for her continued support over the years and at this point David Ball presented Marjorie with a floral tribute and some chocolates. Len went on to say that he had been fortunate in finding a neighbour, Terry Marsh, who was willing to take over the task of examining our accounts as from this year.

8. Election of Officers and Committee

David resumed the chair and conducted the appointment of officers and committee for 2013. David then read out the list of Officers and committee members: -

Officers

Secretary	Roger Stroud
Treasurer	Len Buckingham

Ex Officio Members

Vice Chairman	John Cundell
Fixture Secretary	John Thorp

Committee Members

Val Jeffers, Eve Buckingham, Tony Stammers, Malcolm Kirby and Peter Cole who has taken on the role of our Sports Council representative.

Ross Bagni proposed that we accept the officers and committee members which was seconded by Sally Clay and approved by all members present.

9. Presentation of awards

David invited founder member, Margaret Brown, who has performed almost every post in the club since its inception, to step forward and present the following awards. This year, as well as the club awards, we decided to 'present' trophies and awards won by members outside the club to allow all present to see how successful we have been this year.

Soham GC Doubles	John Cundell & Richard Keighley
Mix 'n Match Doubles Handicap	Tony Stammers & Roger Stroud
Runners up	Peter Cole & Tony Wells
Ladies Doubles Mix 'n Match	Pauline Lefrere & Judith Pengelly
Runners up	Jean Ball & Sheila Guest
Wrest Park Singles -	John Cundell
B-Level Wrest Park -	John Thorp
EACF Handicap Singles (8 – 12)	John Guest
Club Singles Handicap	David Ball
Runner up	Pauline Lefrere
Wrest Park Doubles -	Jean Ball & David Ball
B-Level Newport -	John Thorp
Hunstanton Invitation Handicap Singles	Roger Stroud
Hunstanton Doubles Challenge	John Cundell & Mary Coombs
The John Fogg Trophy	David Ball & John Cundell
Runners up	Richard Keighley & Malcolm Kirby
B-Level Edgbaston	John Cundell
LJB 70 plus Trophy (Main)	John Thorp
LJB 70 plus Trophy (Plate)	David Ball
Club Championship Doubles	John Cundell & Richard Keighley
Runners up	Jackie Cole & Peter Cole
Club Championship Singles	Richard Keighley
Runner up	Ross Bagni

10. Any Other Business

Judith Cundell reminded members that she had negotiated a supply of club branded clothing from a local supplier. The quality is excellent and orders as low as one item can be made. Available are fleeces, sweat shirts, polo shirts and baseball hats. Contact Judith for more details. Judith also added that the club now has a supply of sew-on or iron-on club badges which can be obtained from David Ball.

David asked Roger Stroud to minute thanks to Malcolm Kirby for keeping up the archives which were on display next to the trophies.

Margaret Brown pointed out that a number of members, for instance, the Membership Secretary, are not committee members, but they all carry out the many tasks that keep the club moving along.

The Chairman then gave his closing remarks and reminded members that they should have received by email and post details of the annual dinner scheduled for Friday 15th March at Leighton Buzzard Golf Club – and also that we managed to negotiate a slightly lower cost than 2012.

The meeting was closed by David at 8.20pm who wished all present a Merry Christmas and a Happy Croquet New Year, after which the party commenced.