

**Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at  
Pages Park Pavilion**

Present: Margaret Brown, Roger Stroud, Len Buckingham, John Cundell,  
Tony Wells, Ann Smith

- 1 **Apologies** Tony Stammers, Bryan Ferris, Val Jeffers, Irene Davis
- 2 **Minutes of meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2008** were approved and signed.
- 3 **Matters arising**  
3: Club Roles: Add Handicapped Setters – John Cundell and Len Buckingham  
10: Margaret Brown is in contact with Ronnie Richardson and if she goes to EACF AGM Margaret will go with her.
- 4 **Secretary's Report** Roger will send email to John Connew to book lawns for normal sessions. John Cundell will send copy of newsletter giving all other events. Roger will speak to Howard Bottomley and suggest two Sunday morning dates in May or June for one-ball croquet demonstrations.  
**The Mayor, Cllr Adam Fahn, has agreed to open the season on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Margaret Brown has written a piece about the club at the request of the Editor of 'Near Hear', a village newsletter.**  
*Correspondence:* Margaret has received letter asking for representative for Town Mayor's Civic Service at 3.00pm on 13<sup>th</sup> April at All Saints. John will put in newsletter – anyone interested to contact Margaret.
- 5 **Membership Secretary's Report:** 36 members have renewed their membership. Reminder will be in newsletter for those who have not yet rejoined. (Total probably about 45)
- 6 **Treasurer's Report**  
£3886.29 in hand. Last year we spent about £700 on lawns, The materials to re-organise and decorate clubroom cost £60/£70 and sign for the shutter will cost £110. Council are paying for other signs.  
We may need to buy more balls and hoops, and also may need money for maintenance of third lawn. No proper agreement with Council, will continue to enquire about lease or licence.
- 7 **School Sports Partnership / Sports Council**  
Summer holiday sessions for young people arranged on four Wednesday afternoons – 6<sup>th</sup> /13<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August 2.00 – 3.30pm. Taster sessions for children under Leighton Linlade Sports Council £10 for whole course. Information will go to all schools. Help needed to take children round, contact Margaret.  
Community Sports Network – Alan Whatmore representative of Sports Council – Margaret Brown deputy.  
Chris Bordman advised that CRB checks are free for volunteers. She is trying to get us accepted by schools as volunteer coaches.
- 8 **Lawns, clubroom, score stands, signs.**  
Council are putting notices on fences and on clubroom on Friday. Len cannot get reply regarding work on third lawn. Clubroom is finished - grateful thanks to John Cundell and Len Buckingham for the wonderful job done.

Lawns have been lined and are ready for use. Four score stands in clubroom and four more in boiler room.

**9 Club events**

Diana would like us to have the Garden Party at her home as usual and 16<sup>th</sup> August was suggested.

Fun day 6<sup>th</sup> July, Club handicapped singles 12<sup>th</sup> July.

Club doubles 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> September, singles 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> October.

**10 Tournaments/events**

Tony Wells has arranged dates and these will all be in newsletter.

Handicapped system has changed. John Cundell has updated all our cards, etc.

Len thanked John, on behalf of us all, for all his work doing this.

We are affiliated to Croquet Association. John to find out what benefits are to be affiliated. Should a member of the committee become a full member?

**11 Any Other Business:**

a) AGM – Roger will book Northall Hall – 14<sup>th</sup> November if possible.

b) 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Club next year. This will be in newsletter. Any suggestions to celebrate this to Secretary.

c) Difficult to get anyone from Club to train to be a coach. Margaret suggested we might try and get a course here.

**12 Dates of next meeting:**

Please note change of date, it is now to be June 11<sup>th</sup> at 1.00pm.