

**Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held on 23rd January 2008 at
Pages Park Pavilion**

Present: Margaret Brown, Len Buckingham, John Cundell, Val Jeffers, Tony Wells, Tony Stammers, Irene Davis, Bryan Ferris, Roger Stroud, Ann Smith

1 Welcome Bryan Ferris and Irene Davis were welcomed to the Committee. It was proposed by Tony Wells and seconded by John Cundell that Roger Stroud be co-opted on to the Committee as Secretary. All in favour.

2 Apologies None

3 Club Roles

Chair	Margaret Brown
Secretary	Roger Stroud
Treasurer	Len Buckingham
Vice Chair	John Cundell
Membership Secretary	Judith Cundell
Minutes Secretary	Ann Smith
Fixtures Secretary	Tony Wells
Social Secretary	Judith Cundell
Catering Organiser	Val Jeffers
Quartermaster	Eve Buckingham
Competition organisers	John Cundell, Len Buckingham, Tony Wells
Sports Council Reps	Margaret Brown, George Lawson
Newsletter	John Cundell
Registers	Len Buckingham
Archives	Tony Stammers
School Sport Liaison	Richard Keighley, Margaret Brown

4 Minutes of meeting held on 27th September 2007 were approved.

Matters arising:

3b. Agreed – Roger Stroud to ask Howard Bottomley to come again once season has started, probably on a Sunday morning.

3c. Steps were given to Julian, who made a donation of £10 to the Club.

9c. Living History Day: John Cundell has written to the Vicar thanking him and all concerned.

5 AGM draft minutes Let Roger Stroud know of any corrections.

6 Secretary's report: Richard has passed all information to Roger and names of all contacts.

Correspondence: Margaret received a card from the Mayor with best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. Also, letter of thanks received from Marjorie Cliffe for the plant in lieu of her acting as Auditor.

Copy of amended Constitution will be sent out with March newsletter. New members also to receive a copy.

7 Treasurer's Report

£2312.08 in hand. Only Social Club operating at moment – money held prior to accounts becoming one - £442.07, less £60.34 spent, therefore contributed £381.73. Insurance has been renewed with same company.

8 Club developments

Score stands: Nigel Clark has made 8 score stands. We can store these in boiler room. Roger will write to him offering free membership for next season to him and his wife. Only four stands needed at moment so four can be advertised for hire.

Lawns: Len wrote to Linda asking if it would be allowed to put signs up announcing the club's name over the clubroom door, plus on the fencing stating lawns only for croquet or similar. John Connew has told both John and Len to get signs done, then ground staff will put them up, and send the invoice to him.

Equipment: Margaret has put LLCC on mallets made by Peter Davis.

Fencing: Completed. Letter of appreciation to be sent to Council for all the work they have done.

Third lawn: Dependent on weather, it will be done as soon as possible ready for seeding. Fencing will be put round this also.

Club room: Len Buckingham and John Cundell will organise a renovation, probably March/April.

9 Club events

Dinner: 38 people booked, plus waiting list.

Opening date: Open for members 29th March, dependent on weather. Invite Mayor to officially open 5th/6th April or the following weekend if necessary.

Sessions: As last year – Tuesday 2.00pm – 4.00pm, Wednesday and Thursday 10.00am – 1.00pm, Saturday 2.00pm – 5.00pm, Sunday 10.am-12.00 and 2.00pm – 5.00pm. Mondays and Fridays to be kept free for competitions. Tuesday afternoon and Sunday morning basically for singles and handicap play.

Come and try: Probably do not need this as 48 members at present. Review nearer to season opening.

10 Outside events/tournaments

EACF: Christine Howell has taken over as Golf representative.

Last year our club decided not to support National Trust events; too far, and no-one was interested. To be put in news letter giving members opportunity to go – 5th July and 7th September. EACF AGM 29th March. Tony to arrange League games and then friendlies. Members to be asked if they wish to play in League. John Cundell and Len Buckingham to organise. Best team will be chosen.

Leighton Middle School wishes to continue lunchtime coaching sessions and would like to hold a tournament at Pages Park. Richard Keighley, Margaret Brown and Tony Wells are in touch with the school and are CRB checked. Gilbert Inglefield School has also expressed an interest in croquet.

11 Sports Council: Margaret Brown and George Lawson attended meeting on 7th January. A representative of the 'School Sport Partnership' was present and urged clubs to 'tap into considerable funding available to encourage youngsters to take part in sports'. The Sports Council is to organise a series of taster sessions for children in the summer holidays and asked if our club could offer some. Following discussion it was agreed to offer 4 x 90 minute sessions on Wednesday afternoons during August. This offer will go to the March meeting of the Sports Council so that the programme of 'taster sessions' can be widely publicised. Details of fees etc. yet to be decided. Extra helpers will be required with the children.

12 Any Other Business:

- a) Need volunteers to train on 'how to be a coach' and also referee training. To be in next newsletter.
- b) Irene and Bryan willing to have CRB checks – Margaret Brown will obtain the forms.
- c) Reminder in newsletter that **flat** shoes must always be worn.
- d) All members to be encouraged to help at events.

13 Dates of next meetings:

March 19th at 12.30pm.

Provisional:

June 4th 1.00pm

July 30th 1.00pm

September 17th 1.00pm

Roger Stroud will enquire availability of Northall Village Hall for the November AGM.