

**Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at  
Pages Park Pavilion**

Present: Margaret Brown, Roger Stroud, Len Buckingham, John Cundell,  
Tony Wells, Tony Stammers, Bryan Ferris, Val Jeffers, Irene Davis,  
Ann Smith  
Bryan Ferris was welcomed to his first meeting.

**1 Apologies** None

**2 Minutes of meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2008.** Following corrections were made. a) Item 7 – lines 8/9 Insert “She has got us (i.e. Richard Keighley, Tony Wells and Margaret Brown) accepted by schools as volunteer coaches and will try for some more CRB checks if we need them. b) Item 10 line 2 Deleted ‘ed’ from handicapped. The minutes were then signed.

**3 Matters arising** Item 7 – School Sports Partnership. Margaret Brown reminded committee of plans for summer holiday sessions for young people, now to be part of the ‘Give it a Go’ campaign and publicised via the L.B.Observer. The plans were discussed and the following agreed. Potential participants to contact MB who will explain what is on offer and forward a form to be signed by the parent giving permission for the young person to take part. It will be suggested that it would be best for a responsible adult to accompany the young person and it will state that parents are welcome to observe the sessions. Keeley Glenister of “Team Beds and Luton” has been sent the basic information for publicity in July.

**4 Secretary’s Report:** A request for help from Dunstable Croquet Club was responded to by Roger on his return from holiday but nothing further was heard.

*Correspondence:* Margaret Brown reported the following:

Two people required by Dunstable Croquet Club to assist with scoring/timekeeping etc. for their tournament on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Tony Stammers is willing to attend and Bryan will check if he is available and let Margaret know.

Referees Course on 22<sup>nd</sup> June at Dulwich. Len Buckingham took details.

*Complaints:*

Margaret mentioned three matters raised by members, handicap list, address list and emphasis on competition which made some people feel ‘left out’. Following discussion it was agreed that a few words in the Newsletter could reassure members that their comments were being considered and the Club values its friendly/welcoming ethos.

**5 Membership Secretary’s Report:** 50 members have paid and one complimentary. Attendance sheets to be given to Judith for analysis. There have been several requests to join the club. When we have a third lawn we can accept more members.

**6 Treasurer’s Report**

£4487.33 in hand. Not much expenditure or income since last meeting. Extra £35.98 interest received from deposit account.

- 7 Membership of Croquet Association**  
Lists circulated re Croquet Association membership. We are an affiliated club and pay £25 per year. Full membership is £50 for first year, maximum of £75 for second year and £100 for the third. Our current insurance is £75 per year. After discussion it was agreed we should take full membership which would give more benefits including insurance.
- 8 Third Lawn Progress**  
Len has been ringing Council but there is nothing we can do. Council are chasing the contractors.
- 9 Sports Council - Grant application**  
Len put in claim for work at front of clubroom but it was decided it was a health and safety issue and a concrete apron was put down quickly. Grants are given twice a year. Howard Bottomley said balls are old so a grant towards new balls could be requested.
- 10 Tournaments/events**  
Tony Wells has arranged dates and notices of all matches are in clubroom. Discussion took place about cost of travel and it was agreed we would pay 25p per mile for League and Interclub matches for players and one reserve (one car). Also pay for two cars at the same rate for friendly matches.
- 11 Concrete clubroom apron** - see Item 9
- 12 Numbered cards and peg method of play sequences**  
John and Len had received some complaints about the method of people taking numbered cards. After discussion it was agreed the best method is taking cards at the beginning, with pegs probably used for subsequent games. This will be in the newsletter.
- 13 Number of members** – see item 5
- 14 Dogs near clubroom**  
Some people are frightened of dogs. Roger said they had agreed their dogs would be tied up away from the clubroom door.
- 15 Licence**  
Margaret had asked Richard Keighley for his views. It is not necessary to ask Council for licence at moment. We may need an agreement in writing at some stage but it was agreed to let this matter drop for the time being
- 16 Any Other Business**  
*Garden Party 16<sup>th</sup> August.* John to produce notices this week. Agreed to have afternoon tea, not buffet, - cost £3.  
*Fun Day 6<sup>th</sup> July* – Tony will give details to Len.  
*Thanks* Roger will send letter of thanks to Howard Bottomley.  
*Lawns:* Priority for next year to have lawns levelled. Len will find out cost as soon as possible. When he receives cost he will discuss with Council. All agreed.
- 15 Date of next meeting** 30<sup>th</sup> July at 1.00pm.