

# Leighton Linslade Croquet Club

## Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting held at Northall Village Hall on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 7.30pm.

### Present:

Chair, acting secretary( Margaret Brown) Treasurer and 38 other members and their guests.

The chair, Margaret Brown welcomed everyone present especially Linda Carter the deputy town clerk, who has been particularly helpful over the years and Marjorie Cliffe our auditor.

### Apologies:

Irene and Peter Stevens, Diana Phelps, Dierdre Ellins who sent her grateful thanks for the warm welcome she received after her break from the club. Richard Keighley apologised for having to leave directly after the proceedings. Mr & Mrs Nigel Clark and Howard Bottomley who although moving from the area, congratulated the club on it's achievements and will keep in touch.

### Minutes

Of the AGM held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2007 were circulated. These were approved and duly signed.

### Matters arising:

The children of Leighton Middle School had not prepared their own lawn and the tournament was not arranged. Richard Keighley and Tony Wells will contact the school in the new year. Roger Stroud was co-opted as secretary and was officially elected at the first meeting of the committee in 2008. John Cundell was thanked for his sterling work in producing the excellent newsletter.

### Adoption of Officers' reports:

Reports by the chair/secretary and accounts were circulated prior to the meeting

Margaret added that she had served the committee for 9 years the last three as chair and felt that it had been a privilege to do so. As acting secretary she also reported that the officers met with Linda Carter regarding several matters. Since that meeting a letter has been received informing LLCC that the sub-committee has agreed to an annual payment of £1200, which we will pay in advance. Linda Carter then said the club could play flexible hours and days as long as we were sensible in avoiding hindering the groundsmen at their work.

The treasurer Len Buckingham, presented audited accounts for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008.

The hoops had been sandblasted and powder coated and now look pristine at a cost of £120 00 for the eighteen hoops. Six sets of competition quality balls need to be purchased at a cost of £1260.00. Grants have been applied for through Grassroots and also from the Leighton Linslade Sports Council to help with the cost.

He also reported that Leighton Linslade Croquet Club are now members of the Croquet Association and would now be covered by their insurance which means that any social or corporate events would also be covered.

Richard Keighley expressed his pleasure regarding the flexible playing times.

Peter Davies gave a vote of thanks to Len for his excellent report and layout of the accounts.

The closing balance was £3448.42 00.

### Annual Subscriptions.

Len Buckingham proposed the annual subscription increase from £50.00 to £55.00. and was seconded by John Cundell.

### Auditor.

Marjorie Cliffe was thanked for her willingness to continue to audit the accounts for a further year.

# **Election of Officers and Members of the General Committee:**

## **Chairperson:**

Tom Miller had been nominated by Diana Phelps and seconded by Sally Clay  
He was duly elected as 5<sup>th</sup> Chairperson.

The secretary, Roger Stroud and the treasurer, Len Buckingham were elected en bloc on a unanimous vote from the floor.

## **General Committee:**

There were eleven nominations, from which eight were to be elected. Judith Cundell kindly acted as teller. Those duly elected were as follows:

John Cundell, Val Jeffers, Tony Wells, Tony Stammers, David Ball, Margaret Lawson, Eve Buckingham, and Peter Davies.

## **Presentation of Awards:**

As guest of honour, Linda Carter was invited to present the trophies under the guidance of Margaret.

Club Handicap Singles to -----Tony Stammers

Runner up Shield to -----George Lawson

Club Doubles Trophy to -----John Cundell and David Ball

Runner up Shield to -----Caroline and Roger Stroud

Club Singles Trophy to -----Una Pengelly

Runner up Shield to -----David Ball

## **Other Presentations:**

Posies were given to Eve Buckingham for being an excellent quartermistress, Val Jeffers for her catering and organising abilities and to Judith Cundell for her services as both Membership secretary and welfare officer.

Buttonholes were presented to Irene Davies for managing the scoring rota, Ann Smith for her services as minute secretary, Len Buckingham and John Cundell for their continued work on the lawns and Tony Wells and Tony Stammers for organising the fixtures and the funday respectively.

A garden voucher and a plant was given to Linda Carter for her help over the past year.

Linda thanked the club for inviting her to the proceedings and for her gifts.

Margaret Brown retired, allowing Tom Miller to take his new role as the fifth chairperson. Tom then invited Irene Davies to the floor who thanked the present committee for building on and maintaining such a solid and friendly croquet club. She then thanked Margaret for her sterling work as chairperson. She gave a brief history regarding the formation of the club, which started with a conversation between

herself and Margaret in October 1999 and came to fruition on May 6<sup>th</sup> 2000 with the opening of the croquet club as it is today.

Margaret was then presented with a plant in recognition of her services.

Tom also thanked Margaret for her work over the years.

Tom Miller then introduced himself officially being aware that many may not know him. He hoped that those which did not would introduce themselves to him, therefore putting the onus on him to remember their names.

Most attendances throughout the year:

Martin Field 61 appearances

Sally Clay 62 appearances

David Ball 66 appearances

## **Closing of meeting:**

The meeting closed at 8.35 and was followed by the annual party.