

**Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at  
The Old Vicarage, Wingrave**

Present: Margaret Brown, Richard Keighley, Len Buckingham, Val Jeffers,  
Tony Wells, John Cundell, Diana Phelps, Sue Cross, Tony Stammers.  
Ann Smith (Minute Secretary)

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** None
- 2 **Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2007**  
Approved and signed with one addition:-  
**AOB – add g)** John Cundell and Len Buckingham agreed to continue as Club Handicappers.
- 3 **Matters arising**
  - a) **L-L School Sports Partnership:** Leighton Middle School have a Family Games evening on Friday 27 April, 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Invitation received to organise croquet. Tony, Diana, Val and Richard will attend. CRO check forms must be completed. Have been advised not to buy small mallets but to cut down full size ones. Tony Stammers informed Gilbert Inglefield School is also interested.
  - b) **Extension of lawns:** No progress yet. Margaret will contact Linda Carter, Deputy Town Clerk.
  - c) **Sports and Social Club:** Average about 9 people. Closing 28<sup>th</sup> March. £140.13 in hand; may be able to buy further equipment next year.
  - d) **Indoor mat:** Richard has made enquiries. Full size mat very heavy, storage problems. He will investigate further.
- 4 **Secretary's Report**
  - a) **Correspondence:**
    - 1) EACF - New Web Site
    - 2) Voluntary and Community Action invited Club to 'Learning to Fly' event on 27<sup>th</sup> March. Not of relevance to our Club.
    - 3) Croquet Association Newsletter: Coaching at Eynsham 6<sup>th</sup> June; B Class Tournament on 22<sup>nd</sup> July at Newport, Essex.
  - b) **March Newsletter**  
Brief edition out soon.
- 5 **Membership Secretary's Report**  
As at 7<sup>th</sup> March 26 members have paid subscriptions for 2007, including two new ones. Twenty of last year's members have not yet renewed.
- 6 **Treasurer's Report:**  
Balance sheet was circulated. Excess of income over expenditure £1709.82 but no expenses yet. Need to change signatories. Len looking into possible better deposit account.

- 7     **Club events**
- a) Club Dinner: This was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Tony. Probably at Hunt next year.
  - b) Opening Events of 2007 season. Official opening 14<sup>th</sup> April. Mayor has been invited. Invitation acknowledged but no reply from Mayor yet. Lawns to be booked from 1<sup>st</sup> April to start play as agreed. Come and Try day Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Need posters distributed, also notice in paper.
- 8     **EACF League:**  
Fixture list incorrect. League and friendly dates to be confirmed.
- 9     **Outside tournaments/events**  
Agreed not to enter National Trust events, in the absence of interest.  
New event: Croquet Association organising National Garden Croquet Classic. Would club be willing to host an event? Good idea but difficult to commit ourselves in view of situation with lawns.
- 10    **Any Other Business**
- a) Garden Party 25<sup>th</sup> August. Diana and others away. Proposed 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> August. Diana to confirm.
  - b) Come and Try Day refreshments: Drinks and biscuits sufficient.
  - c) Coaching lessons. Richard will offer coaching to members after 20<sup>th</sup> April.
- 11    **Next Committee meeting:**  
31<sup>st</sup> May. Margaret will be away – John Cundell to chair.

The meeting closed and Richard and Jean were thanked for their hospitality.