

**Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held on 31st May 2007 at
The Old Mill, Aylesbury Road, Wing**

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

1 **Apologies for Absence** None

2 **Minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2007**

Approved and signed with one addition:-

6) Chair to be second signatory

3 **Matters arising**

- a) L-L School Sports Partnership: Richard had received a letter of thanks from Leighton-Linslade Middle School Association for the evening of croquet which had raised £90. This will be used to purchase further croquet equipment. They would also like to run lunchtime sessions again. CRO check forms have been completed. Peter Davies to be approached regarding altering mallets.
- b) Playing sessions: Len contacted Linda Carter regarding the extension of hours for daytime and also Wednesday evenings. There is to be no charge until we see how it works.
- c) Indoor mat: Richard has checked size of mat at Southend. Not very big, also too heavy and expensive. Hard to find a venue. It was decided not to pursue this further.
- d) Coaching: Richard is to set up coaching sessions.
- e) Demonstration of One-Ball croquet. Howard Bottomley has agreed to do this. Suggest 13th and 27th June – evening session.

4 **Secretary's Report**

a) **Correspondence:**

- 1) Letter from Town Council regarding Living History Heritage Day on 13th October. Agreed to participate, either by a "come and try" or by a stall.. Suggestion of All Saints Vicarage Lawn as venue. Ann will speak to the Vicar.
- 2) EACF: Letter confirming the use of electronic mail for all messages. News continually on website. Face East newsletter once a year by e-mail, but hard copy to be put on notice board.
- 3) Margaret has received information about Carnival on 14th July. Agreed not to take part.

b) **Newsletter:** Out early July.

5 **Membership Secretary's Report**

At 15th May there were 42 paid-up members. Full details about the club and newsletter were posted to twelve people who attended the 'Come and Try' day but no applications for membership so far.

- 6 **Treasurer's Report:**
Balance sheet was circulated. Excess of income over expenditure £2166.76
Alliance and Leicester lost six cheques which have now been replaced. Agreed
not to change deposit account – a lot of work for very little benefit. Agreed to
have two signatories, the Chair to be the second one.
- 7 **Report on EACF AGM at Bury St Edmunds.**
Margaret reported on this meeting. Details will be in newsletter. Possible visit
to Bury St Edmunds to play on all-weather lawn. There are small mallets
which we could borrow.
- 8 **Extension of Lawns and possible 3rd lawn:**
Seed growing well. Two quotes received by Len for fencing, both in region of
£4000. Council will pay for this. Possible third lawn being explored. Have
received initial quote for earthworks of £3000 plus VAT. Richard is looking
into grant and Len will talk to Linda Carter.
- 9 **Club events:**
All listed in clubhouse with entry forms. Not playing at Ickworth this year.
Fun day on 8th July will be organised by Tony Stammers. Garden Party at
Diana's on 11th August at 3.00pm.
- 10 **EACF League and Friendly Fixtures:**
All completed and dates arranged, thanks to Tony Wells.
Len will ask Council if we could have roller on lawns as on cricket pitch.
- 11 **Any Other Business** *Margaret Brown*
1. Dunstable need help on 4th August. Tony Stammers is willing to attend.
2. Constitutional change: Proposal to be drawn up for Social Club before the
next meeting ready for AGM.
3. Agreed we should we have a scheme to record the borrowing of club
equipment by members. Margaret will get a notebook for this.
4. The School had paid for the lost ball.
5. It was agreed that Len should produce a letter to be given to all members
asking everyone to help with setting up and putting away equipment, and
also keeping the clubhouse tidy.
- 12 **Next Committee meeting:**
Thursday 2nd August 12.15pm in the Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm and Val and John were thanked for their
hospitality.

M. J. Brown

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