

**Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2007 at  
Pages Park Pavilion**

Present: Margaret Brown, Richard Keighley, Len Buckingham, John Cundell,  
Diana Phelps, Tony Stammers, Ann Smith

1 **Apologies for Absence** Val Jeffers, Sue Cross

2 **Minutes of the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2007**

Approved and signed with one addition:-

11) 1. Tony Stammers **and Margaret Brown** will help on 4<sup>th</sup> August.

3 **Matters arising**

- a) Playing sessions: Wednesday evenings to be discontinued as very low attendance. Extended hours not often used but will leave as it is. Higher numbers on Tuesday afternoons so will start another singles session on Sunday mornings immediately.
- b) Coaching: Many thanks to Richard for his coaching. Report in news letter.
- c) Demonstration of One-Ball Croquet: Howard Bottomley came once and it was a very good evening. A letter of thanks to be sent. Maybe another demonstration on a Sunday morning.
- d) Borrowing Club equipment: To be in next news letter – anyone wishing to borrow equipment to ask John Cundell or Len Buckingham.

4 **Secretary's Report**

**Correspondence:** Tony Marks has resigned as Golf representative of EACF. Richard wrote to the Chairman about this but Tony has decided to stand by his decision. Richard will write to Tony advising him of Club's action and that we would welcome him back as Golf rep.

5 **Membership Secretary's Report**

At 1<sup>st</sup> August there were 45 paid-up members. Clarification needed on fees for those joining later in the season. It was agreed that reduced subscriptions would be available from 1<sup>st</sup> July at £8 per month.

6 **Treasurer's Report:**

Balance sheet was circulated. Still approx £400 to be paid for lawn rent. It was agreed that members should pay £6 in advance when entering the Centre Stage competition next year.

7. **School Sports Partnership:**

- a) Playing sessions: Successful tournament with 14 from Leighton Middle School playing at Pages Park. Details in news letter. Very little interest in playing during holidays, insufficient to justify running further sessions after two last week.
- b) Children's mallets: Have obtained four mallets on loan through EACF. Only paid postage. Free for this season with a hire charge next year if we keep them. Mallets from Peter Davis not really suitable. Richard to speak to him.
- c) Formation of Junior section: Too early for this. Maybe next season possibly on Saturday morning.

- 8     **Lawn extensions:**
- a) Update on fencing etc: Not much progress. Len will try to arrange meeting to get something definite.
  - b) Third lawn: Linda applying for a loan from the government for a general park improvement scheme which would include a third lawn. Cannot apply until September. Quote received for £3200 plus VAT for earthworks. We need to make application for grant. Projected sum we could contribute £1000 plus £250 from Sports Council. Margaret pointed out we are putting a lot of money into this with nothing in writing. Richard to write letter to Council regarding security of tenure.
- 9     **Club events:**
- a) Garden Party 11<sup>th</sup> August – 22 people at present.
  - b) Club singles/doubles – good entry
  - c) Living History Heritage Day 13<sup>th</sup> October: Informal meeting at The White House on 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. Len and John to meet with the Vicar before this meeting regarding Croquet on Vicarage Lawn.
- 10    **Club constitution:**
- General discussion took place. Agreed that objects clause should be amended to include ‘and associated social activities’. This would cover the Social Club.
- 11    **Update of EACF League and Friendly Fixtures:**
- EACF League details on Website. Richard to suggest League provides for home and away matches against each team in the area, and that games be given a 45minute time limit. Two friendly matches left to play this season. Thanks to Len and John for all the work they do. George Lawson is Club representative at Edgbaston on 9<sup>th</sup> September for Centre Stage National Final.
- 12    **Any Other Business:**
- Clubhouse: Margaret asked if this could be tidied up. Len and John will look into this.
- 13    **Next Committee meeting:**
- Thursday 27 September 12.15pm in Pages Park Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 2.05pm

*M. J. Brown*