

**Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held on 27th September 2007 at
Pages Park Pavilion**

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

1 Apologies for Absence Tony Stammers

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd August 2007
Approved and signed.

3 Matters arising

- a) Playing sessions: Sunday mornings – Approx. 12 have attended.
Will try these again next year.
- b) Demonstration of One-Ball Croquet: May ask Howard Bottomley
back next season on a Sunday morning.
- c) Tidying of clubhouse: Will organise this better before next season.
Steps to be given to Margaret Brown's son, Julian.

4 Secretary's Report

Correspondence: Tony Marks, EACF Golf Croquet rep, has confirmed his
decision to resign from the Committee although he will organise Soham
indoor events. New dates in the newsletter.

Note from Croquet Association - next Gazette will be later than usual. Jennet
Blake has received Coach of the Year award.

Treasurer's report to CA AGM showed two items of interest

- 1) Strong demand from clubs for development grants
- 2) CA Secretary thanked for efforts in obtaining cheaper Public liability cover
for Full Member clubs. Richard to enquire re affiliated clubs.

5 Membership Secretary's Report

At 26th September there were 48 members. Degree of interest from potential
members. Thanks to Sue Cross for producing figures of attendance.

6 Treasurer's Report:

Balance sheet was circulated. £2439.19 in hand – this month's rent to be paid-
estimated £272.00. Renewal for insurance received which has increased.
Richard will look into this.

7. School Sports Partnership:

Children's mallets: Richard has ordered two mallets from Peter Davis at £25
each. Four mallets still on loan from EACF. Three more have been given to
Len which may be suitable. New mallets to be marked LLCC.

8 Lawn extensions:

- a) Update on fencing etc: John Connew said fence should be up in 2/3
weeks.
- b) Third lawn: John Connew has asked for two more quotes. Len will try
and get these. The ground should be levelled shortly. The club could pay
£1000 towards third lawn. Should try and get grant. Linda looking into
security of tenure. Margaret will ring Linda for update.

- 9 Club events:**
- a) Garden Party: Thanks to Diana and Jim for hosting this. Consider having cream teas next year.
 - b) Club singles/doubles – Doubles Sat. 29th and Singles Sun. 30th September. May try random doubles next year and handicapped singles and doubles.
 - c) Living History Heritage Day 13th October: ‘Come and Try’ on Vicarage Lawn, charge 50p per person. Members to help on the day. Set up on Friday – provide some information on the history of the game.
- 10 EACF League and friendly games:**
All these will be in news letter.
- 11a Annual General meeting:**
Booked for 9th November at Northall Village Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm.
Richard would like Officer’s reports. Guests to be invited – Marjorie Cliffe, Linda Carter and husband, John Connew, Elaine Newman, John Bevington. Also ask Howard Bottomley to present trophies. Diana to get plant for auditor and Richard wine for presenter of trophies. Need proposal for change of constitution – Richard to agree with Margaret. Len to propose and John to second.
Membership fee to remain the same.
Election of committee: Richard not standing for re-election for committee or as Secretary again. Diana Phelps and Sue Cross also not standing again. John Cundell, Len Buckingham, Val Jeffers and Tony Wells will continue. Other club members to be approached.
- 11b Party after AGM:** Small group to meet with Val to organise food. Len will buy prizes for raffle (six maximum) – ask Brian to organise.
- 12 Any Other Business:**
Social club to start again on Wednesday 10th October: 10.00am- 12.00noon..
- 13 Next Committee meeting:**
To be confirmed at AGM. Suggested date 18th January at Len’s home.
(Len since withdrawn his offer as we are now holding meetings at Pavilion)