

**Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held on 19th January 2006 at
2 St Mary's Glebe, Edlesborough.**

Present: Margaret Brown (Chairman), Len Buckingham, John Cundell, Erica Fogg,
Edna Hickman, Val Jeffers, Richard Keighley, Diana Phelps, Tony Wells.

Apologies: Sally Clay.

1. Chairman's Opening statement..
MB welcomed TW to his first Committee Meeting and looked forward to a busy and exciting year. She was keen to stress that the Committee had corporate responsibility to develop the Club. Individual Committee members had agreed to perform specific roles and tasks.(See attached note)
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd Sept 2005 approved and signed.
3. Matters arising:
 - a) Coaching days. The Wrest Park course on 18th June was full with 4 L-L members taking part. Spaces still available on Watford course on 18th May and TW wanted to enrol. Courses for prospective coaches to be held at Henley on 29/30 April and at Edgbaston on 8th/9th July.
 - b) Town Council events. Agreed not to take part in May Bank Holiday Monday event but still interested in Twinning Sports day on 8th July which would coincide with Carnival. No float to be entered.
 - c) Public Liability Insurance. CA had persuaded our brokers that an affiliated club such as ours was responsible for payment of separate premium, and LB confirmed this had been paid.
 - d) Club Supper. A small sub-committee(SC,EF,EH,DP & TW) had arranged a supper at the Hunt Hotel on 3rd Feb. To date, 31 bookings received.
 - e) Cushion floor for clubhouse. MB had kindly offered this, as an alternative to re-painting it.
 - f) Missing Club balls. One set had turned up but one set still missing.
4. Matters arising from AGM:
 - a) Proposed Social Club.
LB reported sufficient interest to organise sessions on 15th Feb and 1st March at 10am on a trial basis. U3A also approached.
 - b) Indoor croquet at Soham.
6 players had taken part and enjoyed the day which was likely to be repeated.
5. Secretary's Report.
RPK had completed forms for an Open Spaces Study at request of SBDC and for Voluntary and Community Action. He and JC proposing to publish Newsletter by end of month.
6. Membership Secretary's Report (see attached)
7. Treasurer's Report (see attached)

8. Club Programme

The following dates were agreed for Club events:-

- a) Opening. Sunday 2nd April or Sat 1st April (Lawn condition permitting) Town Mayor to be invited.
- b) Come and Try Day. Sun 30 April
- c) Grass Roots. Sat 10th June. If sufficient interest, top 4 with handicaps of 6 to proceed to Area/National Finals at Northampton at own expense, but Club to pay balance of entry fee. ? Centre Stage.
- d) Fun Day. Sun 9th July.
- e) Club Handicap Singles. Sun 23rd July.
- f) Club Singles & Doubles. 30th Sept. & 1st Oct.
- g) AGM & Party. Fri. 10th November.

9. Outside Events

- a) EACF League expanding with up to 16 clubs taking part. Hoped that Wrest Park would join our section. Eve Buckingham thanked for framing Winners Certificate. MB & RK proposing to attend EACF AGM on 25th March at Bury St Edmunds.
- b) NT Doubles on 8th July, Singles on 3rd Sept, both at Ickworth.
- c) Wrest Park Singles on 25th June, Doubles on 30th July.
- d) Grass Roots . Area Final on 12th August; National Final on 10th Sept.
- e) All England Handicap. Entries by 19th May. Area Final on 5th August National Final at Parkstone, East Dorset on 23/24 Sept.
- f) B level Tournament at Surbiton on 26/27 August.

10. Future Development of Club

- a) Leighton-Linslade School Sport Partnership. MB had attended meeting at Van Dyke School in November and identified contacts. Club Accreditation required but it was agreed to offer taster sessions as a first step and then to assess whether worthwhile proceeding.
- b) Secretary's role. SC to be asked if she would be willing to become Minutes Secretary to assist RK.
- c) Beginners Course to be considered and advertised. Mick King at LBO to be approached to publicise Come & Try day.
- d) Creation of Website. JC willing to take this on, but following his retirement in 2007.
- e) MB had joined the Town's Sports Infrastructure Working Party.
- f) Gazebo. Agreed to purchase the 'easy to assemble' version from Argos.

11. Dates of Committee meetings

Agreed as follows:- 1. Thurs 23rd March(EH); 2. Wed 24th May(DP);
3. Thurs.6th July(VJ);4. Wed 20th Sept(RK).

12. The meeting closed at 9.50pm and Len & Eve Buckingham were both thanked for their kind hospitality.

J. A. Brown - Chair