

Leighton-Linslade Croquet Club

Minutes of a General committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2005.

1. Present: : George Lawson (Chair), Margaret Brown, Len Buckingham, John Cundell, Edna Hickman, Val Jeffers, Richard Keighley, Diana Phelps.
2. Apologies : Sally Clay, Erica Fogg.
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 16/09/2004 were approved and signed.
4. Matters Arising:
  - a. Hoops.  
It was decided to continue to hire a set from EACF for £20 per season.
  - b. Badges.  
JC reported that 21 had been sold at £3.50 each. He would promote them in the January newsletter and he was thanked for his efforts.
  - c. CA Coaching course.  
RK confirmed that this would take place at Pages Park on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am. It was decided to charge £10 per head to cover expenses and to allow Club members until 28<sup>th</sup> February to sign up, before opening it up to members of other clubs.
  - d. Pavilion Step.  
LB confirmed that the Council was willing to provide materials. He would speak to Linda Hindson about disabled access and liase with Julian Brown and John Connew.
  - e. Civil Liability Insurance. LB had renewed policy for a premium of £105.15.
5. Matters arising from AGM :
  - a. 3<sup>rd</sup> lawn. LB would raise this informally with Linda Hindson. If her response was encouraging, RK would write to her.
  - b. Stanbridge sports area. MB reported on a recent Sports council meeting and she was pessimistic about the prospects of croquet being played there.
6. Secretary's Report
  - a. Correspondence.  
CA Gazettes available for distribution.
  - b. Newsletter. RK and JC proposed to publish the first Edition for 2005 next week.
  - c. EACF. MB would try to attend the AGM at Bury St Edmunds on 5<sup>th</sup> March.
7. Membership Secretary's Report:  
\*\* Please see attached\*\*
8. Treasurer's Report :
  - Balance of Club funds £1,307.79. Expenses of £27.72 incurred to date with income of £62.27 together with that brought forward from 2004.
  - Consideration of a 5 year plan postponed until May/June.

9. Club Programme :

- a. Opening of 2005 season. The Town Mayor had kindly agreed to strike the first ball on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 2pm, subject to groundsman confirming to LB that lawns would be ready.(GL to be contact).
- b. Come and Try Day. Sunday 1st May
- c. Club Singles/Doubles. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> October. A handicap tournament to be arranged later. Winner to be presented with a cup to be kindly donated by the Chairman.
- d. AGM. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November.
- e. Match Programme. Home matches, both Friendlies and League , to be arranged on Fridays and Mondays if possible.

10. Tournaments:

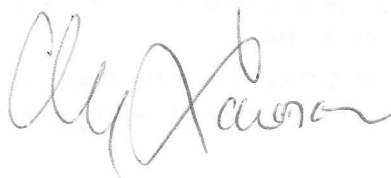
No details yet except that the Area Final of the All England Handicap would be at Newport on 6<sup>th</sup> August and National Final at Nailsea(Bristol) on 24/25 September.

11. AOB

1. The Club would be represented at the Mayor's Service on 6<sup>th</sup> February.
2. VJ's new phone number 01296 681938.
3. MB keen that offers be made to the PTA's at Leighton's Upper Schools to put on croquet events at fetes etc.

13.Dates of Committee Meetings : The next meeting would take place at the home of Edna Hickman on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Later meetings confirmed for 26 May, 28 July and 6 September.

Diana and Jim Phelps were thanked for their kind hospitality and the meeting closed at 9.45pm



10<sup>th</sup> March 2005