

Leighton-Linslade Croquet Club

Minutes of a General committee meeting held on 10th March 2005.

1. Present : George Lawson (Chair), Margaret Brown, Len Buckingham, Sally Clay, John Cundell, Erica Fogg, Edna Hickman, Richard Keighley.
2. Apologies : Val Jeffers, Diana Phelps.
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 20/01/05 were approved and signed.
4. Matters Arising:
 - a. CA Coaching course : 24/04/05.

MB confirmed that the course had been fully subscribed by our own Members, and there were 3 names on the reserve list. JC would send all those taking part a copy of 'Basic Laws of golf croquet'. RK would enquire if the coaches would appreciate lunch being provided, and EF would kindly provide cake during the afternoon. Jennet Blake was willing to organise another course locally, if there was sufficient demand.
 - b. Pavilion Step.

The Council had erected scaffolding around the Pavilion for re-roofing. No access for building the step, and new date awaited.
 - c. 3rd Lawn

LB had spoken to Linda Hindson, who was encouraging. RK had written to her.
 - d. Stanbridge sports area

MB reported on a recent public meeting. She would attend a Sports Council meeting on 22nd March, and also monitor the Council's Consultation process.
 - e. Young members.

RK had written to PE Teachers at local schools via Chris Bolton, the Youth Sports Development Officer for South Beds. He had offered demonstration at the school, and perhaps a tournament on a Sat morning in May if there was sufficient interest. MB confirmed Van Dyke School had Specialist Sports College status.
5. Secretary's Report
 - a. Correspondence.

CA Gazettes available for distribution.
 - b. Newsletter. RK and JC proposed to publish the 2nd Edition for 2005 before Easter at the latest.
 - c. GC Referee course

Course to be held at Southwick on 5th April (GL to consider).
 - d. Letchworth.

To create 2 new lawns, thanks to grant aid from a Foundation.
 - e. Wrest Park

The February newsletter contained a number of matters of interest

including a vacancy for a catering rota manager, the availability of old club balls and the singles and doubles tournaments for which we would offer help.

6. Membership Secretary's Report:

** Please see attached**

Owing to adverse weather/road conditions, she had not been able to attend EACF AGM and had tendered apologies.

7. Treasurer's Report :

Balance of Club funds £2,347.35. Expenses of £71.66 incurred to date with income of £1309.26 together with £1109.74 brought forward from 2004.

(NB>Consideration of a 5 year plan postponed until May/June)

4 correct entries for his Crossword received from Audrey Bunn, Judith Cundell, Edna Hickman and Una Pengelly. Each to receive a bottle of Wine. Joy Bown had one wrong clue- how unlucky!

8. Club Programmme :

- a. Opening on 2nd April by Town Mayor, subject to lawns being ready. EF would arrange for tea & biscuits. Pre-publicity in Observer/Citizen.
- b. Come and Try Day on 1st May between 2-5pm.. Posters to be distributed with March newsletter. MB to cater (t&b).
- c. Weekly sessions. As for last season including Tuesday afternoons(2-4.30pm). Sundays to be from 2-5pm.

9. Tournaments:

- a. National Trust. Both days to be at Ickworth, Doubles on 9th July and Singles on 4th Sept.
- b. Ladies Doubles. A new tournament at Abingdon on 12th August. Details awaited.
- c. Grass Roots/Centre Stage. Entries to be made by 21st May. Decided to hold a Club day on 11th June.
- d. All England Handicap. Entry (4 players) by 20 May. Regional final on 6/8/05 and National Final on 24/25 Sept at Nailsea.

11. AOB

- a. JC to kindly provide a scoring table.
- b. MB to provide time clock and whistle.
- c. In March newsletter, a request would be made for a host for the garden party.

13. Dates of Committee Meetings :

The next meetings would take place at the home of Len Buckingham on Thursday 26th May and chez Erica Fogg on 28th July. Then 6 September.

Edna Hickman was thanked for her kind hospitality and the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Chairman.....

