

LEIGHTON - LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

Minutes of General Committee Meeting 22nd. April 2002

1) Present J.Slow- Chair/ L.Buckingham-Treas./M.Brown- Sec.

A.Burn/E.Buckingham/M.Dilley/J.Floyd/R.Keighley/M.Lawson/G.Lawson/D.Phelps.

2) Apoloigies - None

3) Minutes of 14.02.02. Correction- item 4d) delete Mon. add Wed. The minutes were then signed as correct.

4) Matters Arising a) Club badges - deferred b) Beds. County database. Our details are now entered. Address to be found on www.bedfordshire.gov.uk. c) Civic service - four members attended to represent the Club. All enjoyed the event. d) Referee course. G.L. unable to attend the Croq. Ass. course. Following enquiries, it is hoped Bill Arliss of the C.A. will contact G. when another is available. e) Ist. Golf-croquet coaches course. M.B. attended this C.A. 2-day course and received a club-coach award. f) Opening of season T. Brown to be thanked for painting the cupboards. The opening went well - several new members joined and several more 'triers'. Thanks were expressed to the members who arranged and served the excellent refreshments. g) E. Anglian Fed. AGM. J.S. and M.B. were not able to attend this after all. A card and get well message was sent to Judy Anderson (Fed. Sec.) who had another serious operation recently.

5) Secretary's Report - Correspondence a) Grass-roots organisation (Egg Cup) - to send Club info. direct. b) Parish Meeting. M.B. Attended and raised matter of need for evening car-parking near pavilion if it is to be used more fully. c) Wrest Park. J. Bevington has asked that the mallets lent to us be returned if no longer required. A.B. offered to do this, M.B. will inform John. d) copy of new guide to golf croquet out £5 per copy. e) Croq. Ass. Gazette is circulating. The Ass.'s H.Q. is being built at Cheltenham. f) MB commented on coaches course to org. as requested. Asked that further courses should be made available. g) Adverts for croquet hols. and Jacques equipment. h) Town Council - contract for new seson received. We need to submit our new Ins. Cert.. Treas. to contact Ins. Co. Hourly booking fee raised to £3.60 (from £3.50). Agreed we write a letter of concern re the possibility of the skate park being sited at Page's Park. L. Hindson has asked if our members will sponsor her walk in China on behalf of disabled chn..

Publicity. All members had ensured that notices were displayed as agreed. Two short pieces and a photo had been published in press. Attendances of club reps. at community events, courses etc. is helping us to be noticed and acknowledged. M.B. Is working on a draft 3-fold leaflet which, when approved, could be sent to other clubs to invite new members/

Bookings for May will go in when the insurance certif. is available.

Newsletter. Sec. requested items for the May edition

6) Treasurer's Report. Financial Situation. Len outlined the overall position. With the present number of members (23 full and two half-year) he estimated that we should be in deficit unless we can cut costs. Present session bookings would cost £1,159.20 and we have £1,328.62 with several other bills to pay. It was agreed that we need to build up a contingency fund and so should cut out the two evening sessions for May. It was also agreed that the sec. should write to I. Davis explaining the situation and offering to refund her membership fee if requested. R.K. will also contact Irene to discuss her wish to play Assoc. croquet.

Bank account. Nat. West pays no interest on our account. L.B. to investigate HSBC and it was Agreed that he should consider changing over if it would be an advantage.

Grant Application. L.B. has submitted an application for £250 to the Sport's Council to cover the purchase of a shelter and chairs for disabled members and for fees for coaching and referee courses.

Expenditure so far has included Fed. Fee £15/catering and equipment £13.74/£11.66 coaching course/ photocopying £17.75/ telephone £2.05/postage ?

7) Sports Development Course. M.B., G.L. and L.B. took part in these sessions. Although of interest, and publicising our club they were considered to be more applicable to larger concerns.

8) Future Events a) May Fayre May 6th. Agreed Mand G Lawson to take equipment to park circa 8.30^{am} D.P. to lend gazebo./M.B. to provide table for leaflets etc.. M.B. to supply A.Bunn with leaflets etc.to use on the Sport's Council stall. D.P.kindly lent a board for this purpose. A rota of helpers was agreed as follows(to be supplemented with other members as available):-

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| 8.30 - 11am M. and G.L. | 11.00 - 3.00p.m. R.K. |
| 8.30 - 10am M.and T.Brown | 1.00 - 3.00 p.m.M.D. |
| 9.00 - 12noon J.F. | 2.00 - 4.30 p.m.M.B. and T.B |
| 11.00 - 1pm D.P. and A.B. | 3.30 - 4.30 p.m.M.L. and G.L. |

It was agreed that we should wear casual clothes and would need to take own food and drink.

b) Jubilee Picnic. June 3rd Approx. 3.30 - 7.30 pm. Agreed we should play, dressed up for about half an hour then invite public to play. D.P. to lend gazebo/ M.B. to provide table and leaflets etc./ J.S. is to make hedgehog ball-covers and mallet-flamingoes(using club mallets which can then be used by public).M.B. to arrange planning meeting with D.Hughes (council).** Wonderland characters to be Queen of Hearts -?A.B./ Alice -?Sally Clay/ 4 playing cards (costumes by M.B. and T.B!) - J.Floyd and 3 others. Possibly a white rabbit??? Hoops and balls will be needed and four further mallets.

c) Tournaments A.B. and M.D. are organising bookings for Nat. Trust and grass-roots(this yr. only as part of I.Davis' group). M.D. will contact Edme Robinette re her invitation for some of our me mbers to play at B.St. Ed's club. A.B. will give details of entries etc. for newsletter.

9) Sport's Council meeting. L.B./M.F. and D.P. attended and reported on the meeting.

10) Club Development. The position of underage children was discussed. L.B. agreed to contact the parents of the two unaccompanied 10 yr olds to explain the position to them. The poss. partnership with w-side junior f-ball club was explained and discussed briefly.

11) Handicapping Scheme Agreed that I.Stevens offer to continue doing this job be accepted.

12 A.O.B. a) Suggestion of using tennis courts as lawns not to be pursued.

b) 1st Aid Supplies. J.S. to check.

c) J.S. L.B. and D.P. all to enquire re suitable small urn for club.

d) Keys. R.K. requested key. Ex-members should be approached to return theirs. e) Scout Fellowship game. J.S. to arrange this event on Wed. 19th June from 7-9p.m.. Some members are asked to assist- about 10 people.

13. Next Meeting It was agreed not to hold a May meeting. There will be an informal review re June bookings. The next comm. meeting will now be on Wednesday 12th June at 7.30p.m. . E. and L. Buckingham will host it - 2. St. Mary's Glebe, Eddlesborough. ('phone 221079) D.P. kindly agreed to collect J.F. and J.Slow.

The meeting ended with thanks to Diana and Jim for their hospitality.

G.T.B.

** Donna Hughes will meet us at the May Fayre - we can probably use the same 'pitch' for the Jubilee Party.

Signed [Signature]

Chair

Date 12/6/02