

# Minutes of General Committee Meeting

12.06.02

1. Present G. Lawson (in chair) M. Brown (Sec) L. Buckingham (Treas)  
E. Buckingham, A. Bunn, M. Dilley, J. Floyd, M. Lawson, D Phelps.
2. Apologies J. Slow, R. Keighley
3. Minutes of 22.4.02 Agreed with no corrections
4. Matters Arising
  - a) West Park Mellets: A. Bunn to return them via Markinfield
  - b) May Fayre / Jubilee: These events were very successful. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Joan Slow for the wonderful props (flamingoes and hedgehogs) she had produced.
  - c) Under-age children: L. B. is still awaiting response to his enquiry from our insurance company. The children originally discussed have not appeared this season.
  - d) First-aid supplies: After discussion it was agreed to accept E. B's offer to arrange for a suitable selection.
  - e) Urn: L. B. has obtained a second kettle and, as an urn would only be necessary about twice a year, it was agreed not to follow this up
  - f) Keys: Some new members may need keys whilst some ex-members still have theirs. L. B. will possibly ask the Jones' for theirs unless they intend to re-join shortly. M. D. returned hers as she finds the shulker too heavy to operate. N. Brett has not re-joined yet but has a key.
5. Secretary's Report
  - a) Correspondence
    - i) Thanks were received from the Mayor, Row Table - re May Fayre and Town Council - re Jubilee.
    - ii) I. Davis had been given a letter and visited re the return of her m. fee " of no evening sessions. She has resigned membership
    - iii) All members had received 'Stags Fiers' letter re Jubilee and all 'contacts' had been invited to attend the picnic.
    - iv) John Beverington had offered that our club members who wish to use West Park group membership could attend and play. M. Brown holds the L.L.C.C. group key. Fee for group membership to their treasurer.
    - v) All sick members had been contacted and their condition reported to committee. Judy Anderson also contacted.
    - vi) Jean and Bob Walmley had been invited to join us for games and to Jubilee. (They did attend to Jubilee Park.)
    - vii) The club has been invited to S. Books consultation on "Sports Development". M. Dilley agreed to attend the meeting.
  - b) Newsletter - the next edition should be produced shortly
  - c) Bookings - June bookings until 30th, July bookings to be on the same basis.
  - d) Membership - no new members since previous Newsletter. Sec to publicise club at next U3A meeting. Members phone list passed out.
  - e) Publicity - no photo of Jubilee in paper, though 'Alice in Wonderland' event mentioned in newspaper and in Town Council's leaflets. Sec. has sent letter and photo of the event to the Croquet Assoc. Gazette Editor.
  - f) Attendances. Sec. distributed analysis of attendances at sessions as follows: - April 136, May 107. Saturdays 77 / Wed. am 62 / Sundays 58

Secretary's Report cont.  
and Thursday am 46. Wet weather affected several sessions.  
Average attendance 7.56 per session overall.

g) a letter had gone to Chair of Sports Council re the 'loss' of our grant application. No reply received.

6. Treasurer's Report a) In bank £1,284.12 £198.16 spent so far this season. L. is looking into the possibility of achieving a better interest rate Premium Bond scheme not feasible. J. Slow to be asked what her expenses were for the Jubilee props. Sec. also asked to submit expenses.

b) Grant Application - had been handed to chair of L.C. Sports Council but subsequently 'lost'.

c) L. had written a letter about the vandalism etc. at Rages Park to L. Hindson and asking that our fee be reduced by up to half its present rate in view of our loss of membership/use of the lawns. It was agreed that this be sent on Club paper by the Treasurer.

7. Future Events: Friendlies. M.D. to fix a date with Dunstable USA group (R. Richardson) and to contact Edmé Robinette re possible visit to Burg-St. Edmund Club.

Tournaments. A. Bunn reported that 4 people were entered for the Nat. Trust at Anglesy Abbey and she had submitted 5 names for the Tackworth singles event.

Crass Rocks It was reported that I. Davis was not, after all, submitting a team for this tournament. A.B. to enquire if it is possible to enter a team of 8 from our club this year. Agreed the club will underwrite any shortfall in entry fees. Regional heats will be in July/August, final at Solihull on 8th Sept. It was further confirmed that we should enter the competition next year as L.C. club.

Scout Fellowship M+G. Lawson, M. Dilley and M. Brom agreed to host this event on June 18th. \*\* (see below)

8. Sports Council Meetings 3 members attended the May meeting. M.B. to attend on June 17th for the AGM and awards meeting. Future meetings are on July 29th and Sept. 9th both at 8pm at the White House.

9. Any Other Business 1) Joan has mentioned the possibility of resigning as Chair. G.L. agreed to step in if necessary. We all hope J. will soon be feeling better.

2) Sec. pointed out that she will only be able to serve for one more year, if appointed, and felt that the rôle needed to be subdivided. It was agreed that a list of sub-astors (e.g. newsletter, publicity, minutes, social, membership etc.) be published in the newsletter asking if anyone would be prepared to help with any aspect of the job.

10. Date and Place of Next Meeting. Wednesday, August 28th at 7.15 for 7.30 pm at Audrey Bunn's home, (or M+G. Lawson's if unavailable)

The meeting closed, with thanks to Eve and Len for hospitality, at 9pm. Thanks also to George who stepped in as Chairman.

\*\* This event was subsequently cancelled by J. Slow.

Signed  Chair

D. no 12/10/03

M. J. Brom - Hon Sec