

LEIGHTON - LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

Minutes of General Committee Meeting 28.08.02

- 1) Present . G.Lawson - in Chair, L.Buckingham - Treas., M.Brown - Sec., A.Bunn, E. Buckingham, R.Keighley, M.Lawson, D.Phelps
- 2) Apologies J.Slow (chair) J.Floyd. Absent M.Dilley.
- 3) Minutes of 12.06.02 Agreed as correct and signed.
4. Matters arising a) First Aid - E.B. has purchased minimum requirements and placed them in Clubroom cupboard.
 - b) Keys - L.B. had asked the Jones and M.B. Nick Brett for return of keys - neither has been returned.
 - c) Sports Consultation meeting - no report from M.D. but sec. tabled a summary of discussion issued by S.Beds. Sports Development Dept. They are to produce a Sports Devel. Policy in Jan 2003.
 - d) Jubilee Expenses - J.S. was asked but does not require expenses. Agreed to make a small presentation to her, D.P. to arrange.
- 5) Secretary's Report a) Correspondence 1) Several items from the Croquet Assoc. were reported.
 - i) info. re. Charity Registration passed to L.B.
 - ii) Agreed sec to ask if photocopier is still available and charge.
 - iii) Directory etc., placed in club house.2) Various adverts had been displayed - the possibility of acquiring an indoor mini-carpet was briefly discussed.
 - 3) Sport England grant information passed to L.B.
 - 4) Erica and John Fogg had responded to the appeal for help with the Archives and Newsletter respectively. E.F. has agreed to prepare a display for the AGM. J.F. is prepared to assist with the printing / distribution of the Newsletter.
 - 5) Golf Club, Stewkley, Chris Smith's phone call was reported. His invitation to play on the area they are preparing was discussed. L.B. had spoken to Alan (a director) who said the area was approx 100 X 40 yds. Agreed L.B. to arrange with helpers i) to mark out the pitches with string and ii) to check that some members could play there on Wed 18th Sept. 10am - 12 noon. If appropriate, then notice can be given in Newsletter and on board in Clubroom.
 - b) Publicity 1) Various items / photos had appeared in the Press
 - 2) Leaflet Copies of draft passed out for comment. Julian Brown had 'set' the text and John Fogg had produced photos for possible use. Agreed i) both to be thanked. ii) Discussion / Approval of leaflet and its distribution to be sought at the AGM
 - c) Newsletter Next issue early September. Copy required.Agreed A.B. to do summary of fixtures and future events. G.L. re Solihull / D.P. re Northampton / R.K. re Ickworth
 - d) Membership 28 full members (plus Stevens' in abeyance) and one 'potential'. Several non-playing members may not renew. It was Agreed that the club must continue to recruit new members. No firm plans were made.
 - e) Lawn bookings August and September as usual (i.e. 4 sessions). Discussed re playing on into October. M.B. to enquire groundsman's views on this. If agreeable, members could "play and pay" on an informal basis until about 3rd wk. of Oct. (BUT see 8 (b) below)
 6. Treasurer's Report a) Financial Situation . £ 853.35 in bank. A summary of expenditure was circulated. Expenses until August £715.80. Income had all been from fees this year, no fundraising. Lawn fees will be reviewed by the Town Council in 2003.
 - b) Insurance L. described his efforts to get answers to his queries about the cover in relation to working with unaccompanied children. In the circumstances it was Agreed a) to pay the premium as before and b) to approach the C.Assoc. and the S.Beds. Sports Dev. staff for future guidance.
 - c) Grant Applications None at present. Agreed to apply e.g. to LL.Sports Council, next season, possibly for hoops, publicity, seating etc. R.K. offered to work with L.B. as he has had successful experience of applying for 'Sport for All' grants.
 - 7 Sports Council Meetings M.B. has attended and reported apparent lack of progress on Astral Park project (former RAF site). Yet another letter is to go to the Council urging that the site be available in time for next season. Several comm. members will try to attend the next meeting (Mon. Sept. 9th at 8p.m.) A.B. may be able to cover the Oct. meeting.
 8. Fixtures A.B. reported on the various events in which as many as possible of our members have been encouraged to take part. Stony Stratford have made us very welcome. further match to take place on Sept. 11th. Val Jeffers is to organise the food to be taken. Three L.L. folk have joined as temporary members. We are to offer a return match next season.

End of season event. Agreed this to be on Sat. 28th Sept. with tea. M.D. to be asked to help.

Winter storage . L.B. offered to empty the cupboards and list contents during October. Comm. members to help store equipment over winter.

The Chairman thanked Audrey on behalf of the Committee for all her work on the arrangements.

9. AGM It was Agreed the date to be Thursday Nov. 21st (or 19th) at 7p.m. for 7.30 start. Place to be Northall Village Hall if available. Guests to be L.Hindson; Chair and Sec. of Stony Stratford; M.Cliffe, auditor; John Connew and partner, groundsman. Refreshments-the ladies of the committee agreed to organise this; M.B. to supply tablecloths; A.B. flowers. Entertainment-It was felt that not much was required. E. and L.B. to 'look out' some games; T.Brown to be asked to run the raffle (prizes to be 'entry fee' for members); M.D. to be asked to supply music source.

10. Any Other Business a) Discussed memb. fee for 2003. No change recommended. The C.Assoc full capitation fee would be payable next season. M.B. to enquire if individual membership (e.g. of the Club officer(s)) would bring in similar information etc. to be shared by the members. The Decision to re-join or not would have to be put as a resolution to the members at the AGM.

available. b) Soham indoor golf-croquet tournament, 9th/10th November. Members to be asked if interested when details available. c) M.B. to try to get year-planner for club-room next season.

d) Alice in Wonderland props. A.B. is interested in using some of these. M.B. to pass them on.

e) Sec. asked comm. members to indicate their willingness to serve next year. L.B., M.B., G.L., D.P. and R.K. all available. A.B., E.B., M.L. not sure. Nominations will, of course, be invited from all members.

f) G.L. pointed out a mistake in the 'phone list- the correct no. for the Foggs is 375787.

11. Next Meeting will be the AGM at which the date for the first meeting of the new committee will be set.

The acting Chairman thanked Audrey for her hospitality and closed the meeting at 9.40p.m. George was thanked for standing in for Joan at short notice.

Signed



Chair

M.J.B./Sec



Date 27-02-03