



LEIGHTON - LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

Founded 2000

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General Committee Meeting

14.02.01

1. Present
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| J.Slow - chair | J.Floyd | J.Walmsley |
| B.Walmsley-treasurer | E.Buckingham | I.Stevens |
| M.Brown - secretary | M.Dilley | P.Stevens |
| | G.Lawson | M.Lawson |
- J.Floyd was welcomed to the committee

2. Apologies A.Bunn

3. Minutes of 26.09.00 Agreed and signed

4. A.G.M. Draft minutes These had been seen by chair and appeared correct.

5. Matters Arising

a) Constitution The E.Anglian Federation had asked that their title be corrected. Agreed to accept changes and will ratify at 2001 AGM

b) Golf-croquet handicapping Agreed to adopt the internationally approved system. B.W. agreed to purchase copies of latest rule books at C.Assoc. for individuals to buy. I. and P. Stevens agreed to organise a system for club members and to liaise with M.Field who raised the matter. Sec. to write to M.F. about result of discussion.

c) visitors book R.W. to purchase as agreed at AGM

d) Keys to clubroom shutter Agreed M.B. to obtain 4 more. J.F. agreed to hold one which members could collect from her when necessary.

J.Slow will also hold one. A list of key-holders will be issued to members. Total keys will then be 12.

e) April coaching - courses Agreed, as before, that it would be useful if some members qualified as 'basic-level' coaches. B & J.W. will obtain further details.

f) C.Ass / E.A. Fed Newsletters E.B. agreed to take these from secretary and organise their circulation to other members. She will raise items at committee-meetings when appropriate.

g) Reference lawns at Stanbridge (ex-RAF site)
B.W. explained that when the Sports Council Trust develops the centre we have expressed our interest in acquiring lawns there.
B. represents us to the Trust.

6. Secretary's Report - Correspondence

a) Cards/letters to /from Cr. Assoc.. E.Newman, I.Davis, J.Jones, J.Bevington, the Mayor, L.Hindson.

b) An invitation to the Mayor's Civic Service for community-workers had been received. M.B. agreed to attend.

c) Invitation to E.Anglian Fed. of Croquet Clubs AGM Joan Slow and M.Brown to attend. Agreed information to be sent to Fed. for publicity.

d) Indoor carpet for croquet. This could be the subject of a lottery grant. M.B. to get more details - size, weight, cost, etc.

e) Wrest Park has been asked to host the final of All-England Golf - croquet tournament in September. The club suggests that our club should hold preliminary rounds (at either venue) with W.P. members joining in. Secretary to express our willingness to take part. Should our members have handicap status ?

f) National Trust Golf - Croquet tournament Agreed we should take part. Secretary will obtain entry form and hand to Fixtures Secretary.

7. Treasurer's Report

- 1) Present position much as in AGM report.
- 2) E. and L. Buckingham have donated £50 raised at evening snooker meetings. They were warmly thanked.
- 3) Draft Budget for 2001

Rent (22 weeks at £3.50)	£ 840
Admin (ins/post etc.,)	£ 200
Equipment - Hoops	£ 178
- Alternative balls	£ 175 (2 sets)
	£1,393

After discussion it was agreed that 1 set of alternate coloured balls, 1 set of hoops be purchased.

We need to encourage new members so that the basic costs can be met by fees. e.g. 24 members would cover rent. There is a reserve of £400.

- 4) South Beds. Council Grant - Treasurer will apply
- 5) L.L.Sports Council Grant - Treasurer will apply
- 6) Insurance It was pointed out that new equipment will have to be insured by us. The original sets of balls and hoops are covered by Town Council insurance. Other mallets, pegs, flags, etc., are not.

8. Newsletter M.B. to produce newsletter in March. It was agreed that contributions from committee and other members are very helpful.

Fee reminder and news of agreed sessions to be included.

9. Fixtures/Bookings Margaret Dilley agreed to take on bookings for tournaments and arranging friendly matches with other clubs/groups. She will ask Audrey Bunn to assist.

10. New Season 1) Bookings for April M.Field's letter was discussed. Secretary will contact him re the outcome. It was agreed that sessions should initially be booked as follows :-

Mon. Evening	6.30 - 8.30 pm
Wed. Morning	10 - 12 noon
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Thurs Morning	10 - 12 noon
Saturday Afternoon	2 - 5 pm
Sunday Afternoon	2 - 4 pm

2) New members playing on Sunday's should join as £ 5 members until it is confirmed that the session is viable.

3) Opening session to be 2pm Monday 16th April (Easter Monday) (weather permitting). Mayor to be invited to 'strike the first ball'. L.Hindson to be approached re use of pavilion for refreshments. M.D. & J.Floyd to organise refreshments with help/donations from other members.

4) Publicity J.S. to produce posters re - club including date of opening 'come and try' session. J.F., E.B. and M.D. also agreed to display posters (libraries, churches, village newsletters). Secretary to inform newspapers and "What's on in Beds". as well as people on original mailing list, who will be sent enrolment slips. Slips also to be issued to committee members which should be returned to secretary or treasurer with payment when completed.

11. Security Potential problems with unruly youngsters were discussed.

Suggestions included 1) Obtaining the 'Tel No of the head groundsman who had offered to come out if necessary.

2) Obtain a name and Tel No of a policeman. Use of a mobile 'phone (or in real emergency 'phone in the pavilion kitchen).

12. Other business 1) J.S. asked if session for Scout Assoc. group of about 12 could be held on Tuesday June 19th. Several members would be needed to introduce beginners to the game. charge would be based on agreed visitors fee. Agreed.

2) J.S. suggested fund-raising event. Agreed to ask Tony Brown to organise car-boot sale stall in summer. E.B. and others agreed to help. J.F. offered a trestle table.

3) Dunstable USA croquet group have been contacted. They are seeking coaching from Wrest Park players. We could arrange a friendly match with them and offer our membership details.

13. Next committee meeting to be held at 49, Rosebery Avenue. at 7.30 pm on Thurs April 5th

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm.

Thanks to Margaret Dilley and family for their hospitality.

Signed B lw (chairman) Date