



# LEIGHTON – LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

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## GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING 5<sup>th</sup> April 2001

1. Present J. Slow Ch. B. Walmsley Tr. M. Brown Sec.

A. Bunn/ M. Dilley/E. Buckingham/J. Walmsley/M. and L. Lawson/P. Stevens/J. Floyd

2. Apologies I. Stevens

3. Minutes of 14.02.01 agreed and signed

4. Matters Arising a) visitors book – B.W. Agreed to be a loose-leaf folder for casual players and to record the collection of the £2 fees. A, B's offer of a book to be used for official visitors/visiting teams etc. accepted with thanks.

b) keys – J.S. and J.F. now hold keys, as do all comm. members. There are three spare keys in reserve for other members requesting one.

c) coaching course – agreed J. and B.W. to attend at Surbiton on 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> April. Comm. to fund fees (£15 each) if requested.

d) E. Anglian Region AGM – J.S. and M.B. attended. L.L. Club were congratulated on their first year etc. J.S. reported on the meeting. Noted memb. fee to be raised to £15 from £10 next year/indoor carpet available to borrow/one nearby club is St. Albans/C.A. has a special project fund to help memb. groups from which we might, in future, seek a grant/20 clubs belong to the region of six counties.

e) Wrest Park C.C. AGM our offer to hold preliminary rounds of the national golf-croquet tournament was received with gratitude. Wrest Park players to take part if they wish.

f) bookings of lawns – April and May booked as agreed. Have requested use of pavilion for opening session. Town Council must be sent copy of Insurance Certificate when due in May.

g) security J. W. agreed to contact L. Hindson to discuss this matter.

h) car-boot sale – Tony Brown agreed to organise this with comm. help on May 27<sup>th</sup> (or June 3<sup>rd</sup> if weather unsuitable. All to collect/donate articles for sale, preferably with suggested prices marked on. Items can be stored at 40 Miles Ave if necessary. J. F. agreed to lend her table. T.B. to collect just before sale.

5) Secretary's Report a) various items had been passed to treas./fixtures sec's/ handicapping gp./newsletter distributor as appropriate.

b) bookings April 16<sup>th</sup> – May 27<sup>th</sup> made. 87 hours at £3.50 as agreed.

c) publicity – notices/articles had been sent to Citizen/L.B. Observer and L.B. on Sunday inc. the 'Diaries'. Copy has also gone to C.C.s "What's on in Beds."

d) Mayor to open first session, to be greeted etc. by chairperson.

e) mini-carpet info. passed around. Could be subject of a grant application in future.

f) some comparative statistics relating to other clubs were quoted – e.g. fees from £150 - £15/lawns up to 10/members from 167-20.

6) Treasurer's Report Alternate set of balls/set of hoops and rule-books etc have been purchased as agreed. C. Assoc. membership fee (£50) paid. Projected budget, based on 27 members, would result in a small loss and we need to end the season with a surplus of £300 to meet charges and admin costs. Therefore should try to recruit some new members and fund-raise.

Present financial situation – small surplus, as before new season's memb. fees, i.e. income £472 – expenditure £434, surplus £40.

Grant applications – Sports council – to be decided in June/ South Beds. a possibility if we have specific requests/Croquet Assoc. 'Townsend Award' a possibility. Possible items to be funded include more equipment (e.g. hoops)/coaching-training/publicity to increase membership.

Stanbridge road site development. Steering group not yet finalised but B.W. will be keeping in touch. The proposed pavilion will have to become self-supporting so will, for example, have a bar.

7) Newsletter – Next edition in mid-May. Various comm-members to send contributions so we can publish before the car-boot sale.

8) Fixtures M.D. and A.B. have worked on the info. re tournaments and have been in touch with the organiser's of the Town's May Fayre on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Agreed that they will organise, with B.W.'s assistance, an 'exhibition' game and stall to interest the general public. All comm. members to attend if possible in whites. If possible the slot will be at about 2.30p.m. – M and A to let everyone know if different time – place is Parson's Close.

Members may enter the Grass Roots tournament – heats at Wrest Park. Fixture's sec.'s will collect names and forward to Irene Davis. We have expressed interest in entering the National Trust competitions

9) Handicapping Group P.S. reported that M.F. did not seem to be interested in helping. P. and I. will ask members if they want to be 'handicapped' when the season begins. If people wish to become coaches or to enter certain competitions they will be required to quote their handicap.

10) Opening Session refreshments- in hand, contributions of cakes would be welcomed by M.D. and A. B.

B.W. has plates, cups and paper napkins.

New members G. and M.L. agreed to man the table and sign up new (or old) members, explain when the sessions are held etc..

Equipment everyone who has been storing equipment will need to take it to the pavilion

Preparation of lawn – B.W. has agreed to purchase new can of spray-paint to mark holes etc.

Preparation of clubroom. All who can to meet at 2.p.m. on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April to clean up and prepare for action. B.W. has kindly agreed to make an extra centre peg and carry cases for the new balls/hoops. It was agreed that a safer step is required and that M.B. would purchase a caravan double step to meet our requirements.

11) Any Other Business It was suggested that a Damart white sweater, with logo, could be considered for club use in future

A.B. suggested, and agreed to make red arrows to draw members attention to items on the notice board.

M.B. felt it important that all comm. members take responsibility when they are present to see that a register of players is kept for the record. M. will supply these. This was agreed. Sec. now has a laminator for membership cards and notices.

12) Next Meeting This will be on THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MAY at 7.30p.m. at TUDOR GRANGE, HEATH COURT, off Plantation Rd., the home of Audrey Bunn  
The meeting closed at 9.50 pm with many thanks to Margaret Dilley and family for their hospitality.

M.J.Brown – Hon. Sec.

Signed JBLOW Chair  
Date 24.5.01