



# LEIGHTON - LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

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## General Committee Meeting - 20th July 2001

Present: J.Slow-Chair/M.Brown-Sec./B.Walmsley-Treas.

A.Bunn/M.Dilley/M.and G.Lawson/I.and P.Stevens/J.Walmsley

1) Apologies: E.Buckingham/ J.Floyd

2) Minutes of 24.5.01: Agreed as correct and signed.

3) Matters Arising: a) Park keepers details were obtained by sec. and are displayed on notice board. He to be contacted by 'phone only in emergency.

b) Stanbridge Rd. Site. No definite news yet. B.W. has agreed to join the Sports-Council committee so that our interests are represented.

c) Car-boot Sale. Agreed to hold another sale on August 19th or, if wet, on the 26th. Items remaining after that to be disposed of to charity shops etc..

4) Secretary's Report: Correspondence-various <sup>minor</sup> items reported. The Croquet Ass. has to leave Hurlingham in about a year and is looking for a new venue for its admin. H.Q. B.W. reported that officials had been interested to hear of the developments proposed for Stanbridge Rd. site.

Newsletter. Recent issue had been distributed. Date of next issue to be a.s.a.p. to include news of the Barbecue and the future fixtures.

Publicity. Sec's article had appeared in the LBO and the Citizen. She will submit another piece with the snap taken at the Anglesey Abbey tournament.

Keys. Had been issued to the Jones and the Pengelly's. Two more are available.

Bookings. July booked. Future bookings deferred to item 5.

5) Treasurers Report: Grant. Sports Council donated £100 for future expenditure. Treas. has written letter replans for this.

Present Financial position. INCOME £1647

(this includes £84.07 carboot profit

£100 grant

£70 barbecue money so far.)

EXPENDITURE £1,130.90

BALANCE £517

Projected expenditure; -Rent July/Aug. £364 (not booking Mon. ppm.)

Rent Sept. approx. £115 BALANCE c.£38

Plus various admin. expenses

This unsatisfactory situation was discussed as relating to the non-replacement of lost members. AGREED 1) will offer £15 fee for remainder of season to new players or usual £5 for two tries.

2) Will attempt to recruit new members -e.g. speak to contacts; via U3A newsletter; notice in cricket club re vacancies; from session with B and J. W. as they coach members of the Dunstable U3A group at Pages Park on a Monday ppm.

Future Bookings-(Deferred from item 4) Agreed: To book August (dropping Mon.ppm)

to book Sept.until Wed. ppm 5th and then only daytime sessions, ending on Sept, 22nd. This could be reviewed if weather and finances allow.

N.B. Sat. 11th Aug.(day of barbecue) to book only two hour session.

6) Fixtures Secretaries a) Reported that the Dunstable U3A fixture had gone well and D. would like a return match - they to supply refreshments. Agreed to invite them for 22nd. Sept. b) Overseas visitors - no-one came.

c) National Trust Tournaments: Anglesey Abbey - D. Phelps and M. Brown had represented the Club on July 14th. Ickworth Hall - see item 6 (minutes of 24.5.01). Seven people had expressed an interest in playing, more may have signed up. A.B. and M.D. to contact the organiser, E. Anglian Fed., to book our club into the tournament. There may well be a limit on how many can play as about a dozen clubs may take part. d) Knockout Tournament. - it was agreed that this be held for Club members on August 18th, using handicaps, and followed by a light tea. A.B. and M.D. agreed to organise this.

7) Handicap system. I.S. reported that 17 members have been allocated H's. 10 more may have not yet been set. I. outlined the system, including 'promotion' and bisques (extra strokes) Most players are H. 6, two are 4 and one is 2. I. and P. were thanked for their work on this.

8) Croquet Assoc. report. No further report as E.B. away.

9) Barbecue. Planning group held a productive meeting. Menu and cooking equipment sorted. Directions to be put in Newsletter.

10) Any other business: a) Waterways marathon for McMillan nurses. Most members seem to be involved and are asked to arrive early for their allotted hour. There are still some spaces. b) Some concern was expressed about 'turn-taking' during practice sessions. It was agreed that a guide to etiquette re use of lawns 1 and 2, and changes of partner, be typed up by B.W. and submitted for the Newsletter. This to include procedure re 'giving-way'.

c) Sec. commented on disappointing state of the lawns - e.g. flowering patches of clover. It was Agreed that I. and P.S. would attempt to see the park-keeper on Monday to discuss the matter.

d) Re-marking of Lawns. Sec. reported that several members had complained about the new layout. A discussion followed about the principle of such decisions being made outside the Club committee. G.L. pointed out that it is important to discuss and agree the implications of committee decisions so as to avoid 'emergency-type' actions. (E.g. It was agreed to hold a handicapping session but the need to enlarge the lawn to near-standard size was not discussed at the May meeting). Members felt that we need to make changes to progress the Clubs activities, as necessary. Others felt however that changes which affect all members must be agreed as one person's 'improvement' may not be another's.

e) An invitation to join in the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations had been received by the Club. After some discussion, including suggestions that we should play a game of Alice-in-Wonderland type croquet with flamingoes!!!!, it was Agreed that 1) Sec. will contact Town Council to see what the town is planning - will there be a Town Meeting? - and say that we would like to contribute in some appropriate way. 2) B.W. will raise at the Sports Council committee meeting.

11) Next Meeting: - to be held on Thursday, 30th August at 7.30p.m. at the home of Jean and Bob Walmsley. Phone 01582 668440

2, Ellesmere Close, Totternhoe, LU61QU

The meeting was then closed with grateful thanks being expressed to Margaret and George Lawson for their hospitality.

M.J. Brown

Signed B. Blow Chair  
Date 30.8.01