



# LEIGHTON - LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

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## GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING 30.8.01

- 1 Present J.Slow, M.Brown, B.Walmsley  
A.Bunn, M.Dilley, J.Floyd, M.Lawson, G.Lawson, I.Stevens, P.Stevens
  2. Apologies E.Buckingham, whose letter suggested several points to raise.
  3. Minutes of 20.7.01 Were agreed and signed.
  4. Matters arising
    - i) Barbecue - It was agreed that this had been a most successful/enjoyable event. Thanks were expressed to A.B., M.D., and M.L. for their contributions to the food and a letter of thanks to be sent to the Buckingham's for their generous hospitality.
    - ii) Car-boot sale 2. Rained off but £9 profit made by 9.15am will try again.
    - iii) Waterways marathon. A number of members took part. The final total raised for McMillan Nurse appeal will probably reach £2,100.
    - iv) "Grass Roots" tournament. A.Bunn and M.Field were joint 5th in the heat but no-one from our club is able to proceed to the final in Solihull.
    - v) Knockout competition. M.Field played M.Brown in the final and won 7-4.
    - vi) Etiquette. Points from E.B's letter were read out. Her suggestions and those previously raised i.e. that players should change lawns and partners wherever possible, were agreed. B.W. has been unable to satisfactorily sum up the code of practice in writing so it was agreed to spread it by word of mouth and by a note in the newsletter.
    - vii) State of lawns. Good at present. Most moss has been treated and the groundsman intends to re-seed later on.
- Secretary's Report
- a) Membership 31 including 4 recently joined. 5 more interested/possibles in contact.
  - b) Bookings. until weekend of 22nd/23rd Sept.. It was agreed to hold a final club session with light refreshments on Sunday 23rd.
  - c) Sessional Analysis. A summary of attendances for each month and each session was distributed. A graph of sessional attendances shows that Wed. a.m., Sat p.m., Thurs. a.m. and Sun p.m. were most popular though Wed. p.m. attendance has recently increased with members playing Assoc. croquet. It was agreed that the result of the current ballot be considered at the next comm. meeting and the committees recommendations re 2002 sessions be taken to the A.G.M. These should reflect the wider interests of the club and not only the existing members preferences.
  - d) Newsletter. A 5th issue will be produced in Sept. Committee members were asked to give sec. items relating to their areas of interest a.s.a.possible.
  - e) Publicity. Items had been submitted and appeared in the L.B.O. and Citizen newspapers and the USA newsletter. Publicity for the 2002 season should be considered in good time in order to bring in new members and younger folk.
  - f) Town council. No formal reply re Golden Jubilee but council is now considering the matter and knows we are willing to take part.
  - g) Kettles. Both are faulty. Agreed we need to replace it/them before the new season.

Treasurers Report a) Income £1,843.91 Expenditure £1,290.40 to date.  
Balance £553.31 but Aug. and Sept. rent and secretarial expenses to pay. Estimate approx. £266.51 to carry fwd.

b) Discussed £100 Sports Council grant for equipment. Agreed that set of quality hoops, a kettle and set of standard Jacques balls are all needed/desirable.

7. Fixtures. a) Dunstable U3A match. M.D. reported that this has been arranged for 22nd Sept.. They will bring ten players and the food. The club will provide drinks. B.W. will erect a gazebo and a table will be needed for the food.

b) Ickworth. Two ~~members~~ invited. Most have now dropped out but J. S. and M.B. agreed to represent the club. A.B. reported that the organisation had left a lot to be desired!!

c) Future fixtures. It was agreed that M.D. would approach local clubs re. the possibility of friendly matches next season.. It was also agreed that the club should estimate how many matches we could plan for - a suggestion of 1 per month, either Sat's. or morning sessions where appropriate was made.

8. Handicapping I. and P.S. reported that all active players are now 'handicapped', new players will wait until next year. I. felt it important that the club should develop and expand its activities. She emphasised that the majority of members at present prefer golf croquet.

9. Club Badge A discussion took place re T-shirt/sweatshirt and separate badges. It was agreed that J.S. would enquire about prices of badges and that M. B. would ask Julian Brown to produce some examples of designs based on his original club logo.

10. A.G.M Arrangements The sec. listed details of timing of notices, nominations etc. and some of the matters which will have to be raised. Agreed to book Northall village hall for Wednesday 21st. or 28th November if possible - or other day in those weeks. Committee members were asked to consider whether they are willing to stand again, before the Oct. meeting., and to approach others to come forward for election.

End of Season Event It was agreed to hold a "Bring and Share" party after the AGM. M.D., A.B., J.F. and M.L. to form nucleus of planning group - other members to be invited to join the group by notice in Newsletter. Raffle:- Prizes required - Tony Brown to be asked to run the raffle. Games: suggestions invited, could ask the Davis' to lend one or two of theirs.

11. Any other business a) Unaccompanied child players. Discussed George, aged about 12. Should he join the club? Would this include him in our insurance cover? Agreed to consider this situation in preparation for next season, especially as we hope to attract more younger players.

b) Golden Jubilee. Agreed to await Town Council's plans. Could hold own "themed" barbecue or similar.

c) Lawns. E.B.'s comments re preferring two similar-sized lawns were raised. Martin Field's suggested revisions were outlined by I.S.; G.L. suggested a different modification and B.W. reported on the present measurements. These were all discussed. It was commented that this is a contentious issue, not easily resolved and requiring compromise. The need for more space overall was evident and it was agreed that the sec. should contact Linda Hindson to discuss the possibility of a further lawn or extension if the Stanbridge site is to be delayed beyond next year.

12. Date/Place of next meeting Wednesday 3rd. Oct. at 7.30p.m. at 7, Taylors Ride. The Chair expressed thanks to Jean and Bob for their hospitality. J.S. also thanked M. and G. for agreeing to host the committee next time just before they go away.

The meeting closed at 10.05p.m.

Signed M. Blow

M.J.B.

Date 3-10-01