



# LEIGHTON - LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

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## Minutes of General Meeting 3.10.01

- 1) Apologies - none
- 2) Minutes of 30.8.01 - signed as a correct record.
- 3) Matters Arising
  - 1) Car boot sale 3 raised a profit of £8. Remaining goods to be donated to charity shops. J.S. suggested booking the 'charity stall' to raise funds next year.
  - 2) MacMillan appeal. The total raised to date by I. Davis has reached £2,225.
  - 3) Club badges J.S. and M.B. reported their findings re cost, availability etc. and Julian Brown's designs were shown. After much discussion it was Agreed that a) B.W. is to ask the USA supplier if he could supply separate badges as well as the T-and Sweat-shirts.
    - b) The committee's suggestion of badges to be reported, but not debated, at the AGM. The committee will have to make the decision once all the facts are assembled.
  - 4) Extension to lawns. Sec. had spoken to L. Hindson (town council) re the need for more space. Her suggestion of using the ex-grass tennis court did not seem feasible to the committee. B.W. put forward a revised plan for the present playing area, with three options. After debate it was Agreed that option 3 be adopted, i.e. 2 lawns of equal size (22 yds across) with a 4 yd. overlap for general club sessions. For matches and Association croquet a full-sized lawn would be available with a small practice lawn remaining.
- 4) Secretary's Report
  - 1) Membership is 31 with several potential new members.
  - 2) Correspondence. Letter to E. and L. Buckingham/C. Ass.'s Austrian croquet holiday.
  - 3) Newsletter No.5 out. Next edition should be February with news of the AGM and plans of new committee, etc..
  - 4) Storage of equipment. Agreed to gather at Pages Park on Oct.31st at 10 a.m. to clear up and take gear into storage for the winter. Hoops - Stevens; balls - Lawsons; Mallets - M. Dilley, A. Bunn and M. Brown
- 5) Treasurer's Report
  - 1) Finance - Income £1,895.91  
Expenditure £1,489.72 Balance to date £406.19 of which about £119 is Sept's rent, £100 grant to be spent on equipment. The barbecue raised £125, membership and other playing fees raised £1,073.
  - 2) Equipment E.B. offered to lend the Club a set of good quality hoops and she donated a cash-box for visitors' fees for which she was warmly thanked. It was therefore Agreed that the Sport's Council grant be spent on two sets of standard balls from the Hurlingham shop; receipts to be copied to the S's Council.
- 6) Fixture's Sec's
  - 1) Ickworth - two members played. Next year the organisation will be changed so that possibly 4 or 8 players could join in over two days.
  - 2) M.D. is to circulate local clubs offering to play friendly games either on Sat. or, where appropriate, during morning sessions.

7) AGM Arrangements 1) Nominations from present committee. The following agreed to stand again:- J. Slow-chair; M. Brown-sec.; E. Buckingham; A. Bunn; M. Dilley; G. and M. Lawson. J. Floyd, I. and P. Stevens and J. and B. Walmsley will be standing down. All were asked to 'sound out' other members who might take on the treasurer's office or stand for the general committee. A.B. will contact R. Keighley.

2) Reports from officers and Audited accounts need to reach the sec. a.s.a.p. but at the latest by 20th Oct. so that they can be prepared for circulation with the AGM papers on the 29th.

3) Membership Fees 2002 It was Agreed the committee will recommend that a) the fee be set at £45

b) membership be open to young people aged 12 - 18 yrs. for a fee of £15 provided that a parent gives permission on the application form and states that the applicant is in full-time education.

c) that children under 12 yrs. be accompanied by a responsible adult member and play as a guest.

4) Playing Sessions 2002 After lengthy discussion and consideration of M. Field's survey / and the attendance analysis for 2001, it was Agreed that the committee will recommend sessions be as follows:-

Wed. and Thurs. 10-12noon ) for golf croquet

Sat. 2-5pm; Sunday 2.30-4.30pm )

Wed. and Fri. 6.30-8.30 ppm-for mainly Association croquet using full-size lawn. The

sessions to be reviewed after a few weeks. A view was expressed that Tues and Thurs should be tried rather than Wed. and Thurs. but it was felt that several active members would be excluded in that case.

8) End of Season Party Hall booked and paid for. A returnable 'damage deposit' of £30 is payable. The catering group is meeting. M.D. to give sec. the text of the invitation for circulation with the AGM papers. Games - A. Bunn needs a 'baby' picture of each comm. member for her competition; E.B. and J. Slow also offered to organise a 'pastime'. T. Brown is organising the raffle- prizes to him please. Guests- Sec. to invite L. Hindson and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rogers (Sp's Council chair.) to the party.

9) Any Other Business 1) Sport's Council Meeting:- Sec. read report of meeting attended by B.W. and herself. Agreed our requirements relating to the Stanbridge Rd. site. These to be relayed to Chair of Council-P. Rogers.

2) Beds. Sports Facility Strategy. B.W. summarised his response to this consultation document.

3) Golden Jubilee celebrations. No news from the Town Council. J.S. assured the committee that she could produce the Alice in Wonderland props if it becomes appropriate as our contribution to the town's plans.

10) Date/Place of next committee meeting The first meeting of the new committee will be on WEDNESDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2002 at 7.30pm at Tudor Grange, by kind invitation of Audrey Bunn.

Thanks were expressed to Margaret and George Lawson for their hospitality. The meeting closed at 10.15pm.

M.J. Brown -Hon. Sec.

Signed JB Law

Date 3. 10. 01